

# The Catholic Church in Fordingbridge and Ringwood

The Sacred Heart  
& St. Thérèse of Lisieux  
The Close  
Ringwood BH24 1LA

New Forest Pastoral Area  
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Our Lady of Sorrows  
& St. Philip Benizi  
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## The Thirty Third Sunday of the Year

Father Paul writes....

Our readings this weekend, and for the next few weeks, invite us to reflect in prayer on the journey and process in which creation and humanity is involved. The Gospel this Sunday, considers the moment in the history of creation when “the sun will be darkened” and everything, including us, will find completion and fulfilment in the life and joy of God.

The term often used for what St. Mark and I are trying to describe is the ‘end of the world’ but that term is misleading and not too helpful. The Gospel narrative describes cosmic events, using poetic images, which indicate a huge change in creation as we know it. But it is a change and not an end. A change which has already begun in the death and resurrection of Jesus. In his description of Jesus’s death, St. Mark tells us that “there was darkness over the whole land, when the sun’s light failed”. The life, death and resurrection of Jesus marked that major change that will culminate in the completion and perfection of creation and humanity in the life of God. It is not something we can begin to imagine, so perhaps we should not try. Our task, instead, is to prepare for the Second Coming of Christ by living in love, respecting the gift of creation and working for unity and peace between human beings.

**The New Translation:** Our readings this week and next, the Solemnity of Christ the King, prepare us for the First Sunday of Advent on the 1<sup>st</sup> December. On that day, we shall hear Luke’s version of the event which Mark describes today. The readings will be proclaimed using the Lectionary which provides a new translation of the scripture. The translation is called the English Standard Version which the bishops of England and Wales have decided is the best translation for us.

New Mass books with the ESV translation will be available in both churches. Anyone wishing to purchase their own Mass Book may do so at a cost of £19.95. These books may be ordered on line either from: [www.ctsbooks.org](http://www.ctsbooks.org) (The Catholic Truth Society) or from: [www.rpbooks.co.uk](http://www.rpbooks.co.uk) (Redemptorist Publications)

## Public and YouTube Celebrations of Mass

*Both our churches are open daily for prayer*

### Sacred Heart, Ringwood

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFTmHlkg-4M7rTwOB-Wxysw> or search on YouTube for Catholic Parishes of Ringwood and Fordingbridge

(All masses livestreamed at this link unless otherwise noted)

Sunday	November	17th	11am	⊗	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	⊗	People of Ringwood Parish
Wednesday	November	20th	10am	⊗	Feria (33rd Week in Ordinary Time)	⊗	
Friday	November	22nd	10am	⊗	St. Cecilia	⊗	

### Our Lady of Sorrows, Fordingbridge

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Saturday	November	16th	6pm	⊗	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	⊗	People of Fordingbridge Parish
Sunday	November	17th	9am	⊗	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	⊗	Kenneth Torba
Tuesday	November	19th	10am	⊗	Feria (33rd Week in Ordinary Time)	⊗	Liturgy of the Word
Thursday	November	21st	10am	⊗	of the 33rd Week in Ordinary Time	⊗	

*Confessions will be available on Saturdays at 5.30 in Fordingbridge. In Ringwood before and after the Wednesday Mass. If there is no Mass there will be no confession.*



Ringwood - Wednesday 27th November after 10am Mass  
Fordingbridge – Tuesday 3rd December after 10am Mass

### 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** – Daniel 12:1-13

**Responsorial:** Psalm 15:5, 8-11

**R. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.**

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 10:11-14, 8

**Gospel:** Mark 13:24-32



### Christmas Food Packages

Both Churches are once again collecting food for those in need at Christmas time. Fordingbridge is supporting Poitier. Their request list and instructions can be found in the hall. Ringwood is supporting Churches Together in Ringwood which distributes food through schools in Ringwood and Fordingbridge. Their wish list and instructions can be found in back of the church.



### Loaves and Fishes

Our Facebook group is a great way of keeping in touch with other parishioners. Ask to join here:

<https://www.facebook.com/1397210003927764/>



## Christmas cards

Christmas cards are now for sale in Ringwood. Packaging has changed a bit this year - less 'real' boxes but mixes of good quality cards in cardboard 'cut out boxes'. Thank you, Barbara  
There is a selection of Cards in the Hall at Fordingbridge, too. Please have a look.

## Catholic Truth Society (CTS)



We have just added some new CTS books which, hopefully you will find very interesting: Artificial Intelligence, How to Overcome Distraction in Prayer, A Catholic Prayer Book, Finding God in Times of Stress, Saint Theres of Lisieux Prayers and Devotions and others. They can be found at the back of church at Sacred Heart and in the Hall at Our Lady of Sorrows.

## World Day of the Poor—17 November

Sunday 17 November 2024 is the eighth World Day of the Poor, with the theme from the Book of Sirach, "The prayer of the poor rises up to God" (Sir 21:5). The poor hold a privileged place on God's heart. He knows the suffering of his children because he is an attentive father and as a father, God is "impatient" until he has rendered justice to them. This Sunday challenges us to listen to the prayer of the poor and become aware of their presence and needs. For more information visit <https://caritasportsmouthdiocese.org.uk>

## Ringwood Foodbank is looking for Volunteers

If you can spare a couple of days a month for 3 hours and can lift bags please get in touch with Claire Skelley—07760390685  
[clarieskelley@ringwood.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:clarieskelley@ringwood.foodbank.org.uk)

## Friendship Group Sacred Heart

Meetings on Wednesdays after 10am Mass. We look forward to seeing you for a coffee and a chat...- Barbara



## Forty Days and Forty Nights....

### your parish magazine

Send contributions and feed back for future editions to: [crisbasha@aol.com](mailto:crisbasha@aol.com). The Forty Days deadline for the Christmas edition is the 25th of November. December's deadline will be the 30th.

## Standing Order information:

Please continue to support your parishes through your donations. The best way, is to set up a Standing Order via your bank. The parish bank details are:

**Account Name: CPD Ringwood Sacred Heart or CPD Fordingbridge St. Mary and St. Philip**  
**Ringwood:** Sort Code: 30 93 04 Account Number: 00886336  
**Fordingbridge:** Sort Code: 30 93 04 Account Number: 00878309

## Fordingbridge and Ringwood Contact Details

**Office hours:** Fordingbridge Tues & Thurs 9-12 and Ringwood Fri 10-1  
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## Safeguarding Co-ordinator:

Fordingbridge: Helen Thomas email: [safeguarding@olosfordingbridge.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@olosfordingbridge.org.uk)  
Ringwood: please contact Helen Thomas details above

## Oppose Assisted Suicide

Unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose assisted suicide

Attempts are being made in parliament to legalise assisted suicide – so-called assisted dying. This would undermine the sanctity and dignity of human life.

Use your smartphone camera to scan the QR code to visit the Right to Life UK website. There you will find an easy way to contact your MP and ask them to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law.



*"Speak out against this sinister proposal, and pray earnestly that our legislators and our society will see common sense. For once this line is crossed, our society will never be the same again."*  
(Bishop Philip Egan)



**PRE-CHRISTMAS FILM NIGHT: 7.30pm**  
on **SATURDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2024** in Fordingbridge Town Hall, SP6 1AS.

Churches Together in Fordingbridge & District are delighted to be showing two wonderful films. A church in America encouraged one of their congregation to make a film about Christmas. "The Shepherd" (just 20 mins) was the result. It had such an impact that his church encouraged him to do more, and "The Messengers" (about 40 mins) followed. Both films portray, in a fresh and moving way, what happened at the time that Jesus was born. The producer and director of these films went on to create "The Chosen" Series, covering the life of Jesus, as seen by those who knew him. We have permission to show these films in Fordingbridge provided we do not charge. Don't miss it! Free refreshments available.

To help us know numbers, please book a free ticket online at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/newlife> or pop in and collect from The Branch or the AVCM Charity shop, both on Fordingbridge High Street. [Episodes from Series 2 of "The Chosen" will be shown monthly in 2025 in the Town Hall beginning in February.]

**Thank you for your financial support: please, if you can, continue to support your parishes via standing orders. OCTOBER offerings to Parish bank accounts**

	Ringwood	Fordingbridge
SO	£ 2320	£ 2841
Cash/online	£ 993	£ 507

## For an Urgent Matter —For an urgent call to a priest if Fr. Paul

cannot be contacted, please call a priest on one of the numbers below:  
Fr. Darryl Jordan: Iford St Thomas More

Fr. Kevin Hoiles: Southbourne Our Lady Queen of Peace (01202424960)

Fr. Paul Obada: Immaculate Conception & St. Joseph (01202483340)

More details on the website: [www.avonstour.co.uk](http://www.avonstour.co.uk)

**Hospital Chaplain** (B'mouth & C'Church): Fr. Darryl Jordan contact at: 03000194221 (Chaplaincy Office)

(Salisbury Chaplaincy Office) : 01722429271

(Southampton Chaplaincy Office): 02380777222

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