

# 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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Parish Priest:  
Rev Mgr Canon Paul Townsend

Our Lady of Sorrows  
& St. Philip Benizi  
15 Salisbury Road  
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## The Fifth Sunday of the Year Father Paul writes.....

I am grateful to our 'Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion' and their coordinators in our two parishes. With the generous gift of their time, they help with the distribution of Holy Communion both at Mass and by taking Holy Communion to the sick and housebound who are unable to come to Mass. This is a crucial ministry in all parishes.

With their help we have been able to reintroduce Holy Communion from the chalice. At our Masses on Sunday and on some weekdays, as well as receiving the 'Body of Christ' there will now be the option of receiving the 'Blood of Christ' from the chalice. It is sufficient to receive Holy Communion either as the Body of Christ or as the Blood of Christ. While everyone has a right to receive both the Body of Christ and the Blood of Christ, to receive one without the other is entirely acceptable because we receive the fullness of the risen Lord in either kind. To be clear, we do not have to receive the Blood of Christ from the chalice, only the priest must do that.

If you think you have a cold or that influenza is on its way, please refrain from receiving the Blood of Christ or the 'Precious Blood' as it is also called.

The Church provides guidelines on the reception of Holy Communion, which I will include here for information:

We are invited to bow or genuflect before receiving Holy Communion. Those who wish may also kneel before receiving Communion. This applies to the Body of Christ and the Precious Blood.

The priest or minister will hold the Body of the Lord or the chalice so that we can look at it in faith and he will say "The Body/Blood of Christ" to which our response is "Amen".

We may receive the Body of the Lord either on the tongue or in the hand. Those who, receive in the hand must consume the 'host', as the Body of Christ is called, within sight of the priest.

To receive the Precious Blood from the chalice, take the chalice in both hands and take a sip.

We are not permitted to practice 'intinction'. This involves taking the Body of Christ to the chalice and dipping it before consumption.

Anyone who is not receiving Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing. To indicate that wish simply fold arms across the chest in the form of a cross.

## 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	February 9th	11am	✘	<i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	✘	Holy Souls
Wednesday	February 12th	10am	✘	<i>Feria (5th Week in Ordinary Time)</i>	✘	People of Ringwood Parish
Friday	February 14th	10am	✘	<i>St. Cyril and Methodius</i>	✘	

### Our Lady of Sorrows, Fordingbridge

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Saturday	February 8th	6pm	✘	<i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	✘	People of Fordingbridge Parish
Sunday	February 9th	9am	✘	<i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	✘	Mike Kerrigan RIP
Tuesday	February 11th	10am	✘	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	✘	
Thursday	February 13th	10am	✘	<i>Feria (5th Week in Ordinary Time)</i>	✘	

*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.*

**Father Paul is asking for you to bring your old palms so that they can be burned for Ash Wednesday. Please leave in the entrance areas of the churches. Thank you!**

## Reminders Fordingbridge



There are disabled parking spaces and parking bays along the drive to the church. They are spaced so that an ambulance can get by. Do not park anywhere else along the drive. If the parking lot is full please park on the street.



There is a green bin on the left for cemetery green waste next to the Hall, at the top of the cemetery. The black bin on the right hand side is for general rubbish. Please use the correct bins so that Father Paul doesn't have to sort it every time..



**Ringwood - Wednesday 26th February after 10am Mass**  
**Fordingbridge - Tuesday 4th March after 10am Mass**



**Tuesday 25th February at 7.30pm** sees another Spirit-filled evening run by CHARIS Portsmouth with the theme of *Hope in this Jubilee year*. Our speaker will be Rosanne Walker, the Children and Youth Worker in St Peter and the Winchester Martyrs parish. To register for the evening, please [https://us06web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?meetingid=91fX\\_tQBGMhhFL6uwt3A#registration](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?meetingid=91fX_tQBGMhhFL6uwt3A#registration)

## Escorted Jubilee Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025. £799.00 pps.

Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights' in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Ballintubber Abbey, Quiet Man Museum. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).



### CAFOD RECYCLING INITIATIVE:

#### Important notice

Circumstances mean that the CAFOD group can no longer collect stamps or printer inks.

We are clearing the latest collections and

then there will be no more facility to process them.

**Please don't stop recycling** – good for the planet and therefore for all of us in this fragile world – there are other initiatives in

Ringwood and Fordingbridge you can support.

We thank you for your support in the past.

## Looking for Rental Accommodation

The Allegri's have been told they need to find other accommodation. If you know of a 3 bedroom property going for rent please contact Marco or Felicity at 07838759536 or email [alle@gmx.com](mailto:alle@gmx.com). Your help is greatly appreciated.

## REACHING THE UNREACHED

A wonderful new book on the Life of Brother Lionel Kimpton, a saint and founder of Reaching the Unreached, will be on display at Mass on Sunday in Ringwood. This new edition will be able to be purchased for £10. 00



## Job Openings with the Diocese

There are some exciting opportunities across the Diocese for a variety of roles. Please help us to fill these vacancies by mentioning to family and friends. Our vacancies may be found at <https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs/>

### 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

**Parish Priest:** Rev Mgr Canon Paul Townsend

Tel: 01425 653131 Email: [ptownsend@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:ptownsend@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Administrator:** Melissa Hildreth

Tel: 01425 653131 Email: [shandolos@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:shandolos@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Safeguarding Co-ordinator:**

Fordingbridge: Helen Thomas email: [safeguarding@olosfordingbridge.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@olosfordingbridge.org.uk)

Ringwood: please contact Helen Thomas details above

## Our Church Bell - update

The parish has so far raised £1400 towards the cost of restoring the bell - a fabulous show of generosity. It was originally brought down for safety reasons. We very much hope to see it restored high above our church by the summer.

Our final (!) fund-raising music event for the bell takes place on Saturday 12th April in the hall. For one night only 'The Bell Boys' have all readily agreed to play (no coercion necessary) and in addition to the music there will be a draw plus a 'themed' competition.

All are welcome. Tickets will be available soon.

Please do let me know if you are able to offer help with organising this event in any way. Catch me after Mass or at the address below.

Here's to the first new chime.....



Larry Bartel - Chair, PPG

[lawrencebartel@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lawrencebartel@yahoo.co.uk)

## Donate your Un-needed Christmas Gifts!

If you have any un-needed Christmas presents please would you consider donating them to the bring and buy table in the hall at Fordingbridge. They then magically turn into funds for our church. Last year we raised £204.14 in this way. Thank You.



## 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 next edition will be the 25th of February.

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

	Ringwood	Fordingbridge
SO	£ 2145	£ 2826
Cash/online	£ 374	£ 228

## 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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