

# The Catholic Church in Fordingbridge and Ringwood

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

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Our Lady of Sorrows  
& St. Philip Benizi  
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## The Second Sunday of Lent Father Paul writes.....

This weekend we welcome Fr. Brian Oswald. Fr. Brian is a Mill Hill Father who will speak to us about the work of 'Missio' which is Pope Francis's charity for world mission. It is also the time for the Cafod Family Fast Day Collection.

Today 'Missio' makes an impact in 1,070 countries. Through our support Missio can transform lives by listening to local needs and by acting in the most effective way. Missio creates infrastructure in impoverished and remote areas; it helps to build chapels, schools and orphanages; it facilitates dispensaries and clinics, and it creates hubs from which the young Church can flourish and grow.

Fr. Brian will explain the 'Red Box' initiative and the contribution to Missio of the Mill Hill Missionaries. Our two parishes have been 'Red Box' parishes for many years and many homes already have a Red Box. Thanks to Elizabeth Walker who was the Coordinator in Fordingbridge until her death. Thanks, as well, to Mary Richardson, who has been running the Red Box appeal in Ringwood for many years. Elizabeth's son John has kindly agreed to be the Red Box Coordinator in both Fordingbridge and Ringwood. The idea is that a household would have a Red Box and gradually make donations into it.

**Reception into the Church:** Please keep Felicity Allegri and David Price in your prayer as they prepare for reception into the Church at Easter. They will attend the Easter Triduum which will be celebrated in Fordingbridge. The Easter Triduum is a single liturgy which is made up of the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the liturgy of Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. We are to be present at the whole Triduum.

Readings at Mass on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sunday of Lent: We will use Cycle A readings on these Sundays. That is a special provision for those parishes who have candidates for reception. The Gospels speak of that conversion which is growth into a relationship with Jesus.

**Happy Birthday** to Canon Peter Wilkie on Saturday 24th February. Canon Peter is resident at Allenbrook Care Home and is keen to help with Confession for which he is always available.



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## Public and YouTube Celebrations of Mass

*Both our churches are open daily for prayer*

### Sacred Heart, Ringwood

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

(All masses livestreamed at this link unless otherwise noted)

Sunday	February	25th	11am	✘	<i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	✘	Paul Hackshaw
Wednesday	February	28th	10am	✘	<i>of the 2nd Week of Lent</i>	✘	Holy Souls
Friday	March	1st	11am	✘	<i>St. David</i>	✘	

### Our Lady of Sorrows, Fordingbridge

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Saturday	February	24th	6pm	✘	<i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	✘	Margaret Bates RIP
Sunday	February	25th	9am	✘	<i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	✘	Katherine Guy RIP
Tuesday	February	27th	10am	✘	<i>of the 2nd Week of Lent</i>	✘	Liturgy of the Word
Thursday	February	29th	10am	✘	<i>of the 2nd Week of Lent</i>	✘	

**Confession times:** Confession will be available at 5.30pm on Saturdays in Fordingbridge. In Ringwood confession is available after Mass or by appointment.

**The Easter Triduum:** The arrangements for the Easter Triduum this year for the two parishes will be as follows: **Holy Thursday – The Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7.00pm in Fordingbridge, Good Friday – The Lord's Passion: Fordingbridge at 3.00pm, The Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter – Fordingbridge at 7.00pm.** If you would like transport to Fordingbridge from Ringwood, please see elsewhere in the newsletter for further information.



## Don't Forget! Stations of the Cross this Friday

On each Friday during Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross at **11.30am** followed by a **Lenten Lunch**. This will happen in both Ringwood and Fordingbridge. **In Ringwood, the Stations will begin immediately after the 11.00am Mass.**

## Missio Appeal 24/25 of February

Please welcome Father Brian this weekend. He comes to speak to us on behalf of Missio.



**Ringwood** - Wednesday 28th February after 10am Mass  
**Fordingbridge** – Tuesday 5th March after 10am Mass



Tickets are now available for **'A Little Trite Music'**, at Our Lady of Sorrows hall on 16th March. Please note that, due to the capacity of the hall, tickets need to be booked in advance. There is no set fee for a ticket as the purpose is to encourage Parish and Pastoral Area participation; in its place there is a nominal suggested donation of £8, however, please feel free to donate what you can. All proceeds will be presented to the Poitiers Project to aid their work for vulnerable and struggling families. For enquiries and to reserve tickets please contact Larry (lawrencebartel@yahoo.co.uk or 07771852670). Many thanks.



## CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 23rd February

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Give today using the envelope or online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families.

### Understanding Church Bells

Would you like to learn about church bells? The bells in St. Mary's Church, Fordingbridge are rather special. Would you like to know more? If so we have arranged a session for members of the Catholic church to visit St. Mary's church on the evening of Thursday 7 March 2024. If you join us you will learn about church bells and bell ringing, watch the bells being rung if you can manage the stairs to the ringing chamber, but wherever you are in the church listen to the bell ringers at work. If you would like to attend please let John Elliott know via [jelliott@btinternet.com](mailto:jelliott@btinternet.com) as soon as possible as places are limited. This is a free event: there is no charge.

### Unwanted Christmas Gifts

Both Church communities are collecting unwanted gifts. They can be placed on special table in the Hall in Fordingbridge or in the House in Ringwood. Those items already received will be on display for purchase by donation in the money basket or jar. Funds raised in Ringwood will be shared between CAFOD and church funds. Funds raised in Fordingbridge will be put towards church funds.

### 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 is the 25th of February.

### 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:** Tues (OLS) 9-12 Friday 10-1(SH)  
**Parish Priest:** Rev Mgr Canon Paul Townsend  
 Tel: 01425 653131 Email: [ptownsend@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:ptownsend@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)  
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 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

### Salisbury Cathedral Interdenominational Talks

Salisbury Cathedral are offering a series of interdenominational talks about General Election Issues beginning with a look at the environmental crisis, on Mondays throughout Lent at 7.30 to 9.00 in the Cathedral. I have just attended the first one on the environment given by a Methodist minister and it was very good. The next one will tackle Health and Societal issues and is on the 26th February. You can park for free in the Close and there is no charge for the event. The evening concludes with Compline if you want to stay. There will be fuller details for the remaining talks in Forty Days.

### Caritas Online Networking Lunch

**Date for Your Diary:** If you or your parish are interested in living more simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the poor, come along to the Caritas Online Networking Lunch on **Tuesday 5th March from 12:30-1pm** where we will be joined by Jo Lewry from CAFOD to tell us more about the **LiveSimply Award**. Everyone welcome, please register here : <http://caritasportsmouth.org.uk>

### The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat 2024

To be held at ST MICHAEL & ST GEORGE, The Cathedral Church of the Bishop of the Forces, Queen's Avenue, Aldershot Hampshire, GU11 2BY on Saturday 9 March 2024 from 11 am to 4 pm led by the Marian Fathers.

The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information

### Easter Tridium Rides

If you are planning to attend any or all of the services of Easter (Thursday, Friday or Saturday) in Fordingbridge and are prepared to give a lift to one or more please let David Saunders know (01425 480052). Also, if you would like a lift to Fordingbridge please let David know. Initially, it is expected that lifts will be given from the Church in Ringwood 20 or 25 minutes before Service times. Any particular requirements/details can be discussed in advance.



**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	£ 2413	£ 3166
Cash/Env	£ 629	£ 372
DONA/online	£ 295	£ included above

### 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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