

The Catholic Church in Fordingbridge and Ringwood

The Sacred Heart
& St. Thérèse of Lisieux
The Close
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Our Lady of Sorrows
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Palm Sunday

Father Paul writes.....

This weekend we celebrate 'Palm Sunday'. The Gospel from St. Mark describes how Jesus approaches the gate of Jerusalem as he descends the Mount of Olives. Since that dramatic entrance, when Jesus entered Jerusalem for his trial, crucifixion and resurrection, Christians have recalled the event each year. Standing with palms and processing with them, we relive in liturgy of Holy Week, not only that event, but all the events that led to Jesus's death and resurrection.

These events of the Last Supper, the crucifixion and the resurrection, have their clearest and most intense presence and focus in the celebration of the Easter Triduum. The Triduum is a single liturgy spanning three days. That is why the fasting and abstinence from meat on Good Friday is, in a sense, part of that liturgy; it is a way of keeping our minds and prayer on the mystery of the Lord's Cross.

Baptism joins us to the death and resurrection of Jesus, which is why we renew our baptismal commitment at Easter. As part of that renewal, in which we all take part, Felicity Allegri and David Price will be received into the 'Full Communion of the Catholic Church'. Let us welcome them with joy and an assurance of prayer.



Please do all you can to attend the Easter Triduum and to support our two candidates for reception into the Church.

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be available at the normal times and in Ringwood on **Saturday 23rd March between 11.00am and 12 noon**. There will also be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Canon Peter Wilkie is also available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Allenbrook Care Home at 34, Station Road, Fordingbridge. He is available during daylight hours.

On Maudy Thursday there will be a 'watching' and adoration at the Altar of Repose until 9.15pm starting after Mass. The time will end with Night Prayer.

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	March	24th	11am	✘	<i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	✘	David Wallace RIP
Wednesday	March	27th	10am	✘	<i>of Holy Week</i>	✘	Funeral Mass of Ronald Taverner

Our Lady of Sorrows, Fordingbridge

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Saturday	March	23rd	6pm	✘	<i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	✘	Daniel Quirk and Anne Clark RIP
Sunday	March	24th	9am	✘	<i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	✘	People of Fordingbridge Parish
Tuesday	March	26th	10am	✘	<i>of Holy Week</i>	✘	Liturgy of the Word
Thursday	March	28th	7pm	✘	<i>Maudy Thursday – The Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>	✘	
Friday	March	29th	3pm	✘	<i>Good Friday – The Lord's Passion</i>	✘	
Saturday	March	30th	7.30pm	✘	<i>The Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter</i>	✘	

On Maudy Thursday after Mass will be a 'watching' and adoration at the Altar of Repose until 9.15pm ending in Night Prayer.

✠ Good Friday Stations of the Cross in Ringwood

Sacred Heart has invited all the congregations within Churches Together Ringwood to come on Good Friday 29 March to the Stations of the Cross at 11.30, particularly for those who cannot manage the 'Walk of Witness'. Please join us on that day.



Easter Offering

The Easter Day Collection supports our parish priest directly, in grateful thanks for his dedication, service and witness throughout the year. If you would like to give a gift to support Father Paul in his mission and ministry this Easter, please give using the DONA machine or by cash or cheque on the donation plate.



Easter Triduum 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.

✠ Please Pray for Our Dearly Departed ✠

Ronald Taverner

Funeral Mass at
Sacred Heart on
27th March 2024 at 10:00am

Cyril Peter Hughes

Funeral Mass at
Sacred Heart on
12th April 2024 at 11:00am

Good Friday Collection for Christians in the Holy Land - 29 March 2024

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection supports the Christian community in the Middle East.

This last year has been particularly challenging for this small community which seeks 'to be the salt, light and leaven of the Gospel' in the region, often living in difficult circumstances.

Here is the link to the Give As You Live page for this Good Friday:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/good-friday-collection-for-christians-in-the-holy-land>.



Red Box Holders

Please bring your full Red Boxes to church anytime over the coming month of March and leave them with Father Paul. John Walter is aiming to return the boxes to you by the first week in April. You will be able to pick up your empty box from the church porches.

Poitiers Care – fund raiser

Sincere thanks to everyone who was able to contribute to Saturday's fund-raising event – 'A Little Trite Music' – in aid of Poitiers Care. A capacity audience gathered for a musical evening comprising a cello recitation with a difference from Jonny Foyle – The Cosmic Cellist – followed by a set of popular music from Phat Larry's Big Roll Band (who managed to include a medley of Irish classics on the eve of St Patrick's Day).

A small army of helpers ensured everyone attending had a fine time. Special thanks to Julian and Debbie, Melissa, Stephanie, Teresa, David, Norman, Anne, Dawn, Ben, Helen, Marco and Felicity for a fine volunteering effort and to everyone who generously donated a prize for the draw on the night. And thanks too to Father Paul for all his forbearance!

The event realised **£750.27** for Poitiers Care which we know will be put to good use for the benefit of families who face very significant challenge.

Forty Days and Forty Nights....

your parish magazine

Send contributions and feed back for future editions to:

crisbasha@aol.com. The Forty Days deadline for the next edition is the 25th of March.

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

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Ringwood: please contact Helen Thomas details above



We are 8 people away from securing 33% reduction in the ticket price.

Group Discount deadline is fast approaching and **all group bookings need to be made by 31st March at midnight** to fill our group and ensure a reduction in the ticket price! So if you have been wondering about going....wonder no longer and get booking!

Booking Link: <https://bigchurch.group/2024/ctird-big-church-2024>

Watch the promo video we have put together here: - <https://youtu.be/6TPy4EEITT4>

Your Help Need for Family Fun Day on Carvers Field 5 April 11am to 3pm

Churches Together Ringwood is looking for help with bouncy castles, squash, craft, chatting and the Inter-school STARF Cup.

Could you volunteer for an hour or even the whole day? [Sign up at : https://poulnerbaptisitchapel.churchsuite.com/forms/ff67yq4r](https://poulnerbaptisitchapel.churchsuite.com/forms/ff67yq4r)



You are warmly invited to Stay Awake an inspiring and faith filled day in Weymouth. This annual event is run by an amazing local family and will leave you full of joy and the Holy Spirit. It is a day-event with filled with inspiring talks, praise, worship, workshops, community, kids groups, Mass, refreshments and pizza in the evening, all making for a wonderful day!

Tickets can be booked online from their website:

stayawakejc.com/stay-awake-2024

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

	Ringwood	Fordingbridge
SO	£ 2258	£ awaiting
Cash/Env	£ 621	£ awaiting
DONA/online	£ 144	£ awaiting

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

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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