

# The Catholic Church in Fordingbridge and Ringwood

The Sacred Heart  
& St. Thérèse of Lisieux  
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Our Lady of Sorrows  
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## The Twelfth Sunday of the Year

Father Paul writes.....

It was a great privilege to attend the 'Cafod Legacy' morning at Fordingbridge on Tuesday after Mass. Christine Allen, who is the Director of Cafod, was there with members of her team. Helen Eales represented Ringwood and Fordingbridge and there were many people from all over the region. In good Cafod tradition, there was plenty of coffee and cake.

Christine spoke passionately about the work of Cafod. She described it as having four 'planks'. The first was the one with which we are all familiar which is the importance of fund-raising and she expressed her appreciation for the loyalty and generosity of so many parishes like our own of Ringwood and Fordingbridge. Christine continued to speak of the work that Cafod do 'on the ground' in developing countries. Cafod represents the Catholic Church active in deprived and war-torn situations, working with local people and local agencies. Christine described the humanitarian aspect of this work, which is a present and future need. It includes appeals as well as ongoing work with partners in hand with Caritas International. It includes the provision of food, non-food and cash for the support of local economies as well as social support, e.g. traumatised children in Ukraine.

Long term development is crucial in places like the Congo, empowering abused women, grants for projects in Columbia, educating farmers in Bangladesh and being a 'safety net' in communities who have no control over politics, economy or exploitation. This work and experience supports the next plank, which filled me with hope and joy. Cafod works with governments and high-level national and international authorities bringing the wisdom and challenge of the Church's social teaching which for so long has been the Church's 'best kept secret'. This is a crucial aspect of Cafod's work because, as Pope Francis has said so clearly, the global economic systems need radical reform. A reading of 'Laudato Si' puts the Church's position on social and economic reform very well and is worth reading. It can be downloaded free from the Vatican website. Next year's 'Jubilee Year', with the theme of hope, will be a great help to Cafod's work.

Cafod is about the Catholic Community witnessing to social justice. Cafod is not just another NGO but a living part of the Church at home and overseas. In schools Cafod provides education for staff and students.

On the fundraising aspect, Christine spoke about the importance of legacies which make up about one third of Cafod's income. Anyone who wishes to leave something to Cafod might think about writing a new will. Cafod have a free will writing service the details of which are to be found on the Cafod website. Just search 'wills'.

### The Book of Job

Our Old Testament reading this Sunday is about Job. The narrative sets the theme which runs through all our readings this weekend: the power of God our creator is at work in Jesus Christ.

Job was a wealthy landowner who had everything money could buy, and more besides, including beautiful daughters. Job was upright and righteous, scrupulously obeying the law of God. But Job's loyalty and faith were tested. Things went seriously wrong in his life. He lost everything, including his daughters. We see him ending up as a beggar sitting in an ash heap scraping his sores. I am always reminded of Lazarus at the rich man's gate, when the dogs came and licked his sores. He could not understand why everything had gone so wrong. What had he done to deserve it? Those who knew him gave him doubtful advice. They said that he had suffered disaster because he had sinned or been disloyal to God. Job insisted that this was not the case. The question 'Why?' remained.

It is at this point that we hear today's reading. God intervenes. "Who pent up the sea behind closed doors?" The sea was the place of uncontrollable chaos and evil in Job's and Jesus's time and God had been in control of it since creation began. We are entitled to moan at God and question him but we must always remember that he is infinite and indescribable love and power.

Job needed to appreciate that there was no direct answer to explain his misfortune. Instead, he had to accept that "God's ways are not our ways". Everything has a place in God's loving purpose in ways which we cannot always readily understand. That is why we must be open to the Holy Spirit's gift of understanding.

## 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	June	23rd	11am	⊗	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	⊗	Holy Souls
Wednesday	June	26th	10am	⊗	Feria (12th Week in Ordinary Time)	⊗	People of Ringwood Parish
Friday	June	28th	10am	⊗	of the 12th Week in Ordinary Time	⊗	Holy Souls

### Our Lady of Sorrows, Fordingbridge

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Saturday	June	22nd	6pm	⊗	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	⊗	Dan Crawford
Sunday	June	23rd	9am	⊗	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	⊗	Sybil Quirk RIP
Tuesday	June	25th	10am	⊗	Feria (12th Week in Ordinary Time)	⊗	
Thursday	June	27th	10am	⊗	St. Cyril of Alexandria	⊗	People of Fordingbridge Parish

*Confessions will be available on Saturdays at 5.30 in Fordingbridge. In Ringwood before and after the Wednesday Mass.*



Ringwood - Wednesday 26th June after 10am Mass  
Fordingbridge - Tuesday 2nd July after 10am Mass



### Children's Liturgy

The first and third Sunday of the month at Our Lady of Sorrows.

*Prayers for July Fordingbridge Prayer link available in the porch.*



**Welcome** to Giancarlo Brown who will baptised during Mass at Sacred Heart on Sunday 23 June. May God bless this child with His love and grace, today and always.



Congratulations to Tony and Audrey Perry on their 60th wedding anniversary. There will be a blessing for them on Sunday 23 June at the 11am Mass at Sacred Heart.

† Please Pray for Our Dearly Departed †

### Eileen Pilling

Funeral Mass on Monday 1 July  
at 12 noon  
at Sacred Heart Church



### Friendship Group Sacred Heart

We meet on Wednesdays after Mass in the house. We look forward to seeing you for coffee and a chat.  
Questions? Contact Barbara : bgeatrell@yahoo.co.uk

### 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 June.

### 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  
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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



### Joint Parish Walk

The next Joint Parish Walk will be on Saturday 6 July It will be a stroll, not a route march and take a little over an hour. We will meet at the Rockford Common car park (map ref 163083) at 2.30. Lifts from Ringwood Church at 2.20. Dogs welcome with well-behaved owners. Questions to David 01425 480052.

### 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** – Job 38:1,8-11  
**Responsorial:** Psalm 106(107):23-26,28-32  
**R. O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever.**  
**Second Reading:** 2 Corinthians 5:14-17  
**Gospel:** Mark 4:35-41

### Marriage Preparation Courses

#### Course 2:

In addition, we also thought it would be helpful to highlight a course that we will provide at the beginning of September.

**Starting Wednesday 11th September (18th&25th September)**

This course is currently not on the Catholic Marriage Care website, as experience has shown us that, once launched, courses are fully booked up within 24 hours. **We would like to be able to prioritise local couples**, if you are requiring marriage preparation, please contact us directly, so that we can reserve places for you before this goes live on the website. (07948516854 or 07342818686)

### Churches Together in Ringwood Day of Prayer and Fasting

We will be holding another **prayer and fasting day on Monday 1st July**, feel free to join us in this, especially with elections taking place etc.

There will also be a meeting at 12.30pm on the day at PBC to pray over many things for our community, ourselves, our leaders and our nation – do join us if you are able you would be most welcome.

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

	Ringwood	Fordingbridge
SO	£ 2295	£ 3109
Cash/online	£ 456	£ 395

### 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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