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Newsletter – Sunday 5th July 2026
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 10.00am (HG) Muriel Hammocks RIP
6.00pm (IC) The well-being of Carol & Eddy Jacks

Sunday 9.00am (IC) Peter Tranter RIP
11.00am (HG) The People of the Parish

Monday 9.30am (HG) Eva & Dusan Nevrala (Foundation Mass)

Tuesday **No Mass today**

Wednesday 9.30am (IC) David Griffin RIP

Thursday 9.30am (HG) Martin Stubbs RIP

Friday 9.30am (IC) The well-being of Anthony Fraites & family

Saturday 10.00am (HG) Mary McNally RIP
6.00pm (IC) The People of the Parish

Sunday 9.00am (IC) Margaret & Ken Rapley RIP
(12/7) 11.00am (HG) Joe & Rose MacManus RIP

IC – Church of the Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst HG – Church of the Holy Ghost, Crowthorne

Feasts

Monday St. Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr

Saturday St. Benedict, Founder, Patron of Europe

This Sunday we will use Sunday Preface 2 and Eucharistic Prayer 3

The following people's anniversaries will occur during the coming week: Deacon David Morgan, Mike Withers, Bill Isted, Tony Finnegan, Bridget Rhodes, Alexander Overend and Martha O'Grady. May they all rest in peace.

Confessions -

Church of the Immaculate Conception: Fridays 10.00am; Saturdays 5.15pm- 5.45pm

Church of the Holy Ghost: Saturdays 10.30am; Sundays after 11.00am Mass

Parish Office – The Office is open 9.30am – 12.30pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Nobody is available on Tuesdays. Please note the Parish Office will be closed this coming Monday 6th July and Thursday 9th July.

Summer Fair – We would like to thank Pat and Sherrie who over the past months have worked so hard in preparation for last weekend's Summer Fair. Thanks also to their team of helpers who ran the event and to all who gave their support. The Fair not only raised a very welcome of over £1,200 towards Parish funds but was also a lovely occasion for bringing members of our community together.

Confirmation Catechists – Bishop Philip will make the Sacrament of Confirmation available to young people from our Pastoral Area in 2027. **We are not yet collecting the names of candidates.** However, we are seeking to put together a team of catechists to deliver the preparation course. This will probably run for twelve sessions, starting in the new year. If anybody would like to explore being part of this team please would they express their interest to Father Marcus. By the nature of this ministry with young people catechists will need to obtain Safeguarding DBS clearance, but this can be done through the Parish Safeguarding Team.

Sacramental Catechesis Day – Are you currently involved with, or have an interest in helping with, Sacramental Preparation ? The Pastoral Area (which includes our own parish) is holding a Sacramental (Catechesis) Day on Saturday 25th July from 11.00am until 3.30pm at Corpus Christi Church, Wokingham (60 Sturges Road RG40 2HE). At this catechists from the parishes will discuss their own experience and plan a way forward for preparing people for the sacraments in this area. If you would like to attend please contact our own Parish Office and a place will be booked for you. Tea and Coffee will be served but please bring a packed lunch.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul – The SVP is a worldwide Christian voluntary organisation of men and women founded in 1833 by Blessed Frederic Ozanam. It is dedicated to alleviating all forms of poverty through personal contact and friendship. This weekend we welcome representatives from the SVP in our own Pastoral Area who will speak at Mass about the work of the Society to encourage any of our parishioners who feel that they might like to explore becoming involved.

First Holy Communion cards – We have a (small) selection of First holy Communion cards on sale in the porch at both of our churches.

Venezuela Earthquake Appeal – The Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need has, launched an emergency appeal in support of the people whose lives have been devastated by the earthquakes in Venezuela last Wednesday. Donations can be made through the Aid to the Church in Need website.

Marriage support programme – Marriage in a rut? Or need help with deeper issues? Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage. Next dates: 2nd-4th October www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info Tel: 0788 7296983

Plate Collection – for last Sunday: £555.62 (plus £116.53 for Peter's Pence) - Standing Orders: £575 - Digital Giving collection: £134.69. Thank you for your generosity. If anyone wishes to donate by cheque to the parish, cheques should be made payable to CDP Crowthorne HG & Sandhurst IC.