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Newsletter – Sunday 21st April 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter
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Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 6.00pm (IC) Deceased members of the Jacks family
Sunday 9.00am (IC) The People of the Parish
11.00am (HG) Anelia Castillo RIP
Monday 9.30am (HG) Pat & Morris Craike RIP
Tuesday **No public Mass today**
Wednesday 9.30am (IC) The well-being of James Egan
Thursday 9.30am (HG) Martin Stubbs RIP and Ping Stubbs GE
1.15pm (B) Monsignor George Hay RIP
Friday 9.30am (IC) Intentions of Josie Fordree
Saturday 10.00am (HG) Martin Stubbs RIP
6.00pm (IC) The well-being of Carol Jacks
Sunday 9.00am (IC) Fr. Kevin Jones RIP
(28/4) 11.00am (HG) The People of the Parish

IC – Church of the Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst HG – Church of the Holy Ghost, Crowthorne
B – Broadmoor Hospital (Mass not open to the public)

This Sunday we will use Preface 3 of Easter and Eucharistic Prayer 3

Feasts –

Tuesday ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND
Thursday St. Mark, Evangelist

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) –

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst: Saturday 5.15pm – 5.45pm

Church of the Holy Ghost, Crowthorne: Saturday 10.30am; Sunday after 11.00am Mass

The sacrament is also available by appointment.

Anniversaries – The following people's anniversaries will occur during the coming week: Ethel Moss-Terry, Jim Murtagh, Arthur Mather, Margaret Stokes, Maura Huddle, Liz Haines, Agnes Eden, Damian Hill, David Allen, Christina Smith and Arnett Eastwood. May they all rest in peace.

Baptism - Congratulations to Emily Villablanca, and to her family, on her baptism at the Church of the Holy Ghost on Saturday 27th April.

Refreshments after Sunday Mass - Refreshments are available after the 9.00am Mass on Sundays so please join us in the Hall at the Church of the Immaculate Conception. The refreshments will be available today and on a fortnightly basis on 4 May, and so on. The refreshments schedule is posted on the notice board. Refreshments are also served in the Parish Room at the Church of the Holy Ghost each Sunday after the 11.00am Mass.

Mass of the Sick – The Wokingham Branch of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul is organising a Mass for the Sick at Corpus Christi Church, Sturges Road, Wokingham (RG 40 2HE) at 10.30am on Saturday 27th April. Tea and coffee will be served in their Parish Room afterwards.. If anyone would like a lift to the Mass, please call 01182 114130 or email suzettesymons@gmail.com

Lost earring – A few weeks ago a gold-coloured earring shaped like a shell and obviously intended for a pierced ear was found after Sunday Mass in the church in Crowthorne. If anyone is aware of having lost it, it is safe and awaiting collection from the sacristy.

Portsmouth Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024 – This will be from 22nd July for four nights. For further details please see the poster in the church porch.

Easter Anthem to Our Lady – During Eastertide we recite this at the end of those Masses when no hymns are sung:

**Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia !
for He whom thou didst merit to bear, alleluia !
has risen as He said, alleluia !
Pray for us to God, alleluia !**

**Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia !
for the Lord has truly risen, alleluia !**

Gift Aid Envelopes – Would those Gift Aid donors who use numbered cash envelopes please note that the boxes for the new tax year are now available for collection at the back of each church.

Red Box 2023 – Thank You – In 2023 our parish raised £1759.88 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Our missionary community here in the parish is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of Missionary Priests, like Fr. Ignatius MHM working with a rural community in Uganda, enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community. Visit missio.org.uk to find out more.

Marriage Care Volunteers Needed – Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support. We are looking for Marriage Preparation Course Facilitators to prepare couples for the Sacrament of Marriage (full training is provided for this role), Qualified Relationship Counsellors to support couples in distress, and Trustees to provide governance and strategic direction for the organisation. For more information please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

Parish trip to Littlehampton – We have had a fabulous response to our planned trip and the list is now closed. Over the coming weeks we will provide you with more details and collect food choices for lunch. Please can you let the office know immediately if for some reason you are unable to attend.

Save the date – Safari supper on Saturday 22nd July. More details to follow.

Church Choir – On Easter Sunday, Heavens Above bid a fond farewell to Bob & Donna Garcia who are moving to the outskirts of Woking. Bob & Donna have supported the music group for many years and will be greatly missed. The Group now consists of 4 players and it would be lovely if we could have some more? If you think that you would like to join us, please have a word with Linda after Mass or phone her at 01252 872589.

Second Collection – This weekend we are required to hold a Second Collection for the training of the future clergy of the Diocese. Should you wish to contribute, please place your kind donation in the basket in the church porch after Mass.

Parish Office – The Parish Office is open between 9.30am and 12.30pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. It is closed on Tuesdays, when nobody is available to deal with queries as it is also Father Marcus's day off.