Catholic Parish of Crowthorne and Sandhurst

Holy Ghost and the Immaculate Conception Churches

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Newsletter – Sunday 8th March 2026
Third Sunday of Lent

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Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday	10.00am (HG)	Nora Hensman RIP
	6.00pm (IC)	The well-being of Wilson family and their relatives and friends
Sunday	9.00am (IC)	The People of the Parish
	11.00am (HG)	Robert Rokke RIP and Nancy Rokke GE
Monday	9.30am (HG)	The Faithful Departed
Tuesday		**No Mass today**
Wednesday	9.30am (IC)	Kathleen Bamfield RIP
	7.00pm (IC)	**Stations of the Cross**
Thursday	9.30am (HG)	For Vocations
Friday	9.30am (IC)	Anthony De Souza RIP
	12.00pm (HG)	**Stations of the Cross**
Saturday	10.00am (HG)	The well-being of Carol & Eddy Jacks
	6.00pm (IC)	John Coyer RIP
Sunday	9.00am (IC)	Rita Almeida RIP
(15/3)	11.00am (HG)	The People of the Parish

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

This Sunday we will use the Preface of the Samaritan Woman & Eucharistic Prayer 2

Commemorations

Monday **St. Frances of Rome, Widow, Patroness of Benedictine Oblates**

The following people's anniversaries will occur during the coming week: Olivia Wilkinson, Eva Nevrala, Catherine Goodson, Rita Almeida and Helen Grealish. May they all rest in peace.

Confessions – The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at the following times:

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst: Fridays at 10.00am; Saturdays 5.15pm until 5.45pm

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

There will be a Pastoral Area Penitential Service where the local priests will be available for Confession at 7.30pm on Thursday 26th March in the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Sandhurst.

Parish Office – The Office is open 9.30am – 12.30pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Nobody is available on Tuesdays.

Parish Census – Available with the newsletters in the church porches is a green form for the Parish Census. This enables us to keep up to date with information we need to serve our people effectively and it is now quite a few years since we held a census. The Diocese also requires that this information be recorded on computer software called ChurchSuite. Please would you complete one of the forms, even if you have done so before, and hand it in at the Parish Office or personally to Father Marcus. All information will be treated confidentially and held securely. If you kindly Gift Aid your donations to the parish please would you return the form before the end of March as we will only be able to claim Gift Aid from now on if people are recorded on the ChurchSuite computer software. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Parish Finance Committee – The Parish Finance Committee plays a pivotal role in the financial stewardship of parish resources. Consisting of trusted parish members, the committee provides invaluable assistance and advice to Father Marcus, ensuring the effective management of financial matters, and promoting long-term stability for his preaching of the Good News and furthering The Kingdom of God within the parish community.
The Parish Finance Committee is composed of parishioners who generously volunteer their time and expertise. It meets at least four times a year to discuss and monitor key responsibilities which include:
- The setting and monitoring of an annual budget.
- Reviewing cashflow, income and expenditure.
- The provision of an annual financial review to the parish.
- Overseeing the upkeep and management of parish property.
- Overseeing compliance with fire, health and safety regulations.
- The provision of input and advice on major financial expenditures to ensure the prudent management of resources.

Whilst individuals with a background in finance are essential, the committee's wide-ranging responsibilities means it benefits greatly from members with diverse skills, such as building management, construction, administration, engineering and health and safety compliance.
The committee contributes to the creation and upkeep of safe and well-maintained facilities for the parish community, and endeavours to ensure the parish remains financially sound, and capable of fulfilling its mission and ministry for years to come.
Current Finance Committee members are Richard Taylor, Franco Valente, Ken Mansfield, David Hughes, Lee Mackie and Sue White. We currently have vacancies and if you can help with this crucial work, please let Father Marcus know.

Afternoon Tea Group – Commenced in September 2023 with the idea of an opportunity for folk from across the three Masses to meet and enjoy one another's company in a relaxed setting with tea/coffee and homemade cakes. We have continued this theme on the 1st Wednesday of the month, 2pm-4pm, in the Parish Rooms of the Holy Ghost church and between 10-20 folk regularly attend. The afternoon is free but IF folk wish to make a donation, then various charities have benefited as a result. You are very welcome to come and join us. Jacqui and Pat 01344 774 746

St George's Day - Tickets for St Georges Day afternoon tea Sunday 19th April 3pm to 5pm with music and songs, will be on sale next weekend at all masses, price £5.

Plate Collection – for last Sunday: £673.56 (plus £150 for CAFOD) - Standing Orders: £575 - Digital Giving collection: £299.48 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.