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**Newsletter – Sunday 22 September 2024**  
**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**Mass Times and Intentions**

Saturday	6.00pm (IC)	The well-being of Carol Jacks
Sunday	9.00am (IC)	The People of the Parish
	11.00am (HG)	In thanksgiving
Monday		<b><u>No public Mass today</u></b>
Tuesday		<b><u>No public Mass today</u></b>
Wednesday		<b><u>No public Mass today</u></b>
Thursday	9.30am (HG)	Fr. Paul Ryan RIP
	1.15pm (B)	Canon Michael Cooley RIP
Friday	9.30am (IC)	Elizabeth Reidy RIP
Saturday	10.00am (HG)	Holy Souls
	6.00pm (IC)	The People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am (IC)	Maggie Wordingham RIP
(29/9)	11.00am (HG)	Maria D'Allenger RIP

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

**Feasts**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>St. Pio of Pietrelcina, Friar</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Our Lady of Walsingham</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Ss Cosmas &amp; Damian, Martyrs</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>St. Vincent de Paul, Founder</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>St. Lorenzo Ruiz and companions, Martyrs</b>

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

### 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: Mary Tracy, Hendrika Tims, Bob Thurston, Patricia Hewitt, Sheila Haynes and Ivan De Rebello. May they all rest in peace.

**Baptism and Confirmation** – On Saturday 28 September we will welcome Mrs. Laura Kern into the Church through baptism, followed by her Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

**News from the wider Catholic Church in England and Wales** – Pope Francis has recently appointed the Rt. Rev. Philip Moger (currently an auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Southwark) to be the new Bishop of Plymouth. The Pope has also merged the Archdiocese of Cardiff and the neighbouring Diocese of Menevia to form one diocese covering the whole of South Wales and Herefordshire.

**Refreshments after Sunday Mass** - Refreshments are available after the 9.00am Mass on Sundays on a fortnightly basis so please join us in the Hall at the Church of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday 6 October. 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.

**Seniors Christmas Lunch** – We will be hosting a lunch for our parishioners who are over 75. If you have not previously attended and would like to do so, please contact the Parish Office. Please also let us know your contact details (phone and home address).

**Romanian Orthodox Community** – Some weeks ago Father Marcus laid before parishioners in consultation the possibility of helping the small Romanian Orthodox community in the Bracknell area by allowing them to use our Church of the Immaculate Conception for worship. Thank you to all who contributed a view. While some people expressed understandable concerns about the practicalities of this, the broad response from parishioners was positive. In light of this Father Marcus laid the possibility before Bishop Philip for consideration and he has now given permission for us to proceed. The arrangement will be subject to a Memorandum of Understanding and a contract which clearly set out the terms of the arrangement and specifies the financial offering the Orthodox community will make to the parish for use of our premises and amenities. The situation will be kept under regular review. The Orthodox request use of our church after our own 9.00am Mass on the third Sunday of each month. They also wish to use it on Friday evenings for a devotional service to Our Lady and for occasional services such as weddings and baptisms. All of these arrangements will be dependent upon the activities and needs of our own parish community, which will always have priority. As with any new initiative there are bound to be things which will need fine-tuning as we discover the practicalities. It is good that we can make this ecumenical gesture of Christian love and friendship to members of another Church which in so many ways is so close to us in faith.

**Tea Party** – Many thanks to our Social Committee and their team of helpers who worked so hard at organising and running the Tea Party last Sunday afternoon. It was very well attended by parishioners of all ages and everybody seemed to enjoy the occasion very much.

**Mass Count** – Every Autumn parishes are required to count on four consecutive weekends the number of those present at Mass. From this it is possible to work out an average Mass attendance for the parish. The first of this year's counts will be the weekend of 21/22 September.

**Father Kevin Delaney RIP** – Fr. Kevin's Requiem Mass will be at 2.00pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October in the Church of the Sacred Heart, London Road, Hook (RG27 9LA).

**Plate Collection** for last Sunday: £603.23 (plus £176 for Second Collection for Home Missions) - Standing Orders: £575 - Digital Giving collection: £108.16. Thank you for your generosity.

If anyone wishes to donate by cheque to the parish, the cheques should be made payable to CDP  
Crowthorne HG & Sandhurst IC