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Newsletter – Sunday 11th January 2026
The Baptism of the Lord

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Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday	10.00am (HG) Peter Yianni RIP
	6.00pm (IC) Ken Rapley RIP
Sunday	9.00am (IC) Michael & Mary Picozzi RIP
	11.00am (HG) The People of the Parish
Monday	9.30am (HG) Martin Stubbs RIP
Tuesday	<u>No Mass today</u>
Wednesday	9.30am (IC) Fr. Conleth Doyle RIP
Thursday	9.30am (HG) The well-being of Jan Hall, & Iain Hall RIP
Friday	9.30am (IC) Vi & Alf Cooper RIP
Saturday	10.00am (HG) Fr. Shaun Budden RIP
	6.00pm (IC) Bridget & Christopher Devine RIP
Sunday	9.00am (IC) Eugene Murphy RIP
(18/1)	11.00am (HG) The People of the Parish

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

Feasts

Tuesday	St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Saturday	St. Anthony of Egypt, Abbot

The following people's anniversaries will occur during the coming week: Anne Cooper, Megan Dix, Inez Roberts, Mark Philo, Fr. Peter Sprague, Thomas Dalton and Margaret Brown. 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

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

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord this Sunday brings the Christmas season to an end. Father Marcus would like to thank our musicians and the members of our choirs, the ladies who prepared the beautiful flower arrangements, the parishioners who put up the Christmas Trees and Cribbs, the sacristans, altar servers, Readers and Ministers, and everyone who enabled our celebration of Christmas to happen.

Father Marcus writes: *I would like to thank everyone who so kindly gave me cards and gifts for Christmas. I very much appreciate your thoughtful generosity.*

From Monday 12th January we will begin Ordinary Time in the Church calendar, which will run until Ash Wednesday (18th February). On Sundays for Mass we will be using the readings for Cycle A (St. Matthew) and at weekday Mass we will use the readings of Cycle 2. For those who recite the Divine Office, we will be using Week 1 of the Psalter.

The dates of the Holy Days of Obligation for the rest of the year will be:

Ascension Day:	Thursday 14 th May
Corpus Christi:	Sunday 7 th June
St. Peter and St. Paul:	Sunday 28 th June (transferred this year)
The Assumption of Our Lady:	Sunday 16 th August (transferred this year)
All Saints:	Sunday 1 st November

Baptism – Morgana Goulding is to be Baptised on Saturday 17th January in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst. Congratulations to Morgana and to her family.

Sacramental Preparation – Please remember in prayer the following young parishioners who are beginning their preparation for First Reconciliation and Holy Communion: Amber; Heart; Jon; Francesca; Trycja; Tym; Bella; Mia; Ethan; Anna; Oskar; Aston; Silvia; and Stella.

Gift card fraud is an increasingly common way of tricking victims into purchasing gift cards and sharing their details, leading to financial loss. Please be aware that there have been scam messages circulating which appear to come from priests or diocesan staff, asking people to buy gift cards or provide financial help urgently. The diocese and its clergy will never ask for money, gift cards, vouchers, or personal details by email, text message, or social media. If you receive a message of this kind, do not respond and do not send any money. Please report it to your parish office or to the Diocese communications team so that we can alert others. Thank you for your vigilance and for helping to protect our parish communities.

Alpha Course – The parish in Bracknell is launching an on-line Alpha Course for anyone aged 18 - 40 interested in exploring the Faith. It is a series of group conversations in a friendly environment. All our welcome, whatever their background or beliefs. The first session will be on Thursday 22nd January from 8.00pm until 9.00pm. To register please contact the Bracknell Parish Office at office@bracknellcatholicchurch.org or telephone 01344 425729.

Parish Quiz Night – Friday 30th January at Sandhurst Day Centre. Doors open at 6.30pm. Quiz starts at 7.00pm till 10.00pm. Tickets will be sold after Mass each weekend until then. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Save the date - Sunday 19th April. The social committee are organising a St Georges afternoon tea to be held in the Parish Hall from 3pm to 5pm. More details will be given nearer the date.

Plate Collection – for 25/12 - £1,828.68; 28/12 - £986.67; 4/1 - £550.10 - Standing Orders: £575 - Digital Giving collection: £679.50. 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.