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Newsletter – Sunday 18th October 2026
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 10.00am (HG) Catherine Chong RIP
6.00pm (IC) The well-being of Patricia & Rob Wilson and family

Sunday 9.00am (IC) Peggy Bevins RIP
11.00am (HG) The People of the Parish

Monday 9.30am (HG) Monsignor James Joyce RIP

Tuesday **No Mass today**

Wednesday **No Mass today**

Thursday 9.30am (HG) Violet Powell RIP

Friday 9.30am (IC) Mary & Bert Hill RIP

Saturday 10.00am (HG) Eileen Hoare RIP
6.00pm (IC) Margaret Griffin RIP

Sunday 9.00am (IC) Maggie & Terry Wordingham RIP
(25/10) 11.00am (HG) The People of the Parish
IC – Church of the Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst HG – Church of the Holy Ghost, Crowthorne

Feasts

Monday St. John de Brebeuf and companions, Martyrs
Thursday St. John Paul II, Pope
Friday Diocesan Day of Prayer & Reparation for Life

This Sunday we will use Sunday Preface 4 & Eucharistic Prayer 3

The following people’s anniversaries will occur during the coming week : Francis Kiddle, Rosemarie Tucker and Frances Knight. Please also remember in prayer Mr. Eddie Letmon, who passed away last week. 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

Refreshments after Sunday Mass – Refreshments are normally available both Sunday morning Masses.

Baptism – Sonny Addison is to be Baptised on Saturday 24th October in the Church of the Holy Ghost, Crowthorne. Congratulations to Sonny and his family.

Christmas Fayre 2026 – will be held in the Immaculate Conception hall on
Saturday 21 November between 10am and 4pm, and 7pm and 8pm and **Sunday 22 November** between 10am and 11am
Stalls - to include Bottles/Tombola, Gifts, Jewellery, Cakes and Produce (with ingredients list please), Christmas, China and Glass, Games and Puzzles (complete please) – we cannot accept electrical goods. Donations gratefully accepted from 17/18 October, after the WEEKEND Masses, in the Christmas boxes in the porch. Please do not leave items during the week. **Christmas Raffle** - 1st prize £150 plus 11 other prizes. Tickets are £1 each. To ensure your chance please place your cash in an envelope marked with your name, telephone number and amount enclosed. They will be collected after each weekend Mass starting on 10/11 October – Sherrie has a very efficient system. The draw will take place between 7pm and 8pm on Saturday 21 November. **Offers of Help** – even for an hour or two to set up on Friday 20 November between 11.30am and 3 pm, help on a stall for an hour or two on the Saturday or to help tidy up on the Sunday between 11am and 1pm, will be greatly appreciated. **Questions, queries or offers of help** to Sherrie or Pat after Mass or Pat on 01344 774746 – Thank you.

Parish Census – It is very helpful for us to have contact details for our parishioners. Some months ago we issued a new Parish Census Form. If you have not already done so, please would parishioners complete one of these and return it to the Parish Office or hand it to Father Marcus. The information is put on to a computer data base called Church Suite and is treated with strict confidence. The green Census Forms can be found with the newsletters in the church porch. It is one form per family. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Could you walk alongside someone discovering the Catholic Faith ? Many people across our Pastoral Area are exploring the Catholic Faith through RCIA and sponsors are now being sought to accompany them. Being a sponsor is about being a friend, a listening ear and a companion on the journey. Guidance, preparation and ongoing support will be given to sponsors for this ministry. If you are interested, please have a word with Father Marcus, who will refer you to our RCIA Parish Contact. An initial conversation carries no commitment.

Save the date – Seniors Christmas Lunch on Saturday 5th December. This event is for parishioners who are over 75. Invitations will be sent out in October. Anyone eligible who has not previously attended should contact the parish office with their details (name, home address and telephone number).

World Mission Sunday is this Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio – his charity for world mission – through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To contribute to this collection please place your gift in the box in the church porch, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours), by card on the contactless machine, or visit missio.org.uk (especially if you wish to Gift Aid your donation). There are some Missio magazines and prayer cards in the church porches – please help yourself.

Visit of the Relics of St. Gerard Majella – On Wednesday 28th October the relics of St. Gerard Majella will be at English Martyrs Church, Liebenrood Road, Reading (RG30 2EB) for Mass at 7.00pm, followed by individual and family blessings. St. Gerard is the Patron of expectant mothers, those trying to conceive and those seeking work. All are welcome and please bring your petitions with you.

Plate Collection – for last Sunday: £565.52 (£20 for CAFOD) - Standing Orders: £575 - Digital Giving collection: £202.54. 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.