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Newsletter – Sunday 23rd August 2026
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 10.00am (HG) The well-being of Ranjit & Sue Bolonna and family
6.00pm (IC) The People of the Parish

Sunday 9.00am (IC) Alma Woulfe RIP
11.00am (HG) The well-being of Jacqui Mannion

Monday 9.30am (HG) Lucy Arguello RIP, Maria Eugenia Lacayo RIP and Holy Souls

Tuesday **No Mass today**

Wednesday 9.30am (IC) Lucy Arguello RIP, Maria Eugenia Lacayo RIP and Holy Souls

Thursday 9.30am (HG) Michael Vossler RIP

Friday 9.30am (IC) Fr. Jon Bielawski RIP

Saturday 10.00am (HG) Canon Peter Turbitt RIP
6.00pm (IC) Hugh Sullivan RIP

Sunday 9.00am (IC) Deceased members of the Brejza family
(30/8) 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. Bartholomew, Apostle

Tuesday St. Louis IX, King of France

Wednesday Blessed Dominic Barberi, Priest (died in Reading 1849)

Thursday St. Monica, Widow

Friday St. Augustine of Hippo, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Saturday The Beheading of St. John the Baptist

This Sunday we will use Sunday Preface 6 & Eucharistic Prayer 2

The following people’s anniversaries will occur during the coming week : Queenie Attwell, Tony Azurdia, Ivan De Rebello, Maria D’Allenger, Marissa Chimino and Betty Vogel. May they all rest in peace.

Confessions -

Church of the Immaculate Conception: Fridays 10.00am; Saturdays 5.15pm- 5.45pm

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

Parish Office - Please note that the Office will be closed from 24th August to 2nd September, except on Thursday 27th August.

First Holy Communion – Congratulations to Ethan Birch, who will receive his First Holy Communion during the 11.00am Mass this Sunday.

Confirmation – Confirmation is the gift of the fullness of the Holy Spirit and is a personal Pentecost for those who receive it. Presupposing that they are ready to receive the sacrament, all Catholics should be Confirmed as it brings them more fully into the life of the Church. Bishop Philip is offering Confirmation to the three parishes of our Pastoral Area at some point after Easter 2027. This will be in St. John’s Cathedral, Portsmouth. We are currently trying to ascertain the number of possible candidates from our parish so that we can plan preparation. Consequently, young people wishing to be Confirmed are asked to contact Father Marcus by **Sunday 30th August**. In order to be ready to start preparation for Confirmation potential candidates must meet the following criteria:

1. They must be members of our parish community of Crowthorne and Sandhurst.(which means they must live in our parish or, if they live elsewhere, normally attend Mass in one of our two churches).
2. They must have attended Mass in our parish on most Sundays for at least the past year.
3. The minimum age for Confirmation is to be entering School Year 9 this coming September.

Refreshments after Sunday Mass – Refreshments will not be available after the Sunday Mass in Immaculate Conception Church during the month of August. The refreshments will resume on Sunday 6th September. Refreshments will continue to be served after the Sunday Mass in Crowthorne during August.

Save the date – Bingo on Sunday 4th October 2-4pm

Diocesan Catechist Day – Saturday 10 October, 9:30am–1:30pm at St Bede's, Basingstoke - The Diocesan Formation For Mission Team write: Are you involved in passing on the faith in your parish? Join catechists from across the Diocese for a morning of prayer, inspiration, and practical formation as we reflect on our shared mission to form missionary disciples. Inspired by Jesus' words, “Go therefore and make disciples...” (Matthew 28:19), we will explore how catechists can lead others to Christ, hand on the living faith of the Church, accompany people in conversion, and help build vibrant missionary parishes. Whether you are an experienced catechist or new to the ministry, you are warmly invited to attend. To register your interest please go to <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/RFGR0zEzDh> or email Meghan, Formation for Mission Team Leader at ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Lunch at Our Lady’s Preparatory School – Mr. Michael Stone, Headmaster of Our Lady’s Preparatory School and Nursery (The Avenue, Crowthorne), cordially invites parishioners to visit the school for lunch, should you wish, on Monday 28th September 2026. If you are looking to attend, please contact the school directly at office@olps.co.uk or on 01344 773394.

Volunteers needed for Marriage Care – Looking to make a real difference to couples, families and communities? Join us in continuing to make the world of difference to thousands of couples - many of whom say our service helped them rebuild their relationship and keep their family together! Whether you can spare a few hours a month or much more, and whether you want a front-line role or prefer to work ‘behind the scenes’, there's a volunteering opportunity to suit you and a welcoming community for you to be a part of. To find out more please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

Plate Collection – for last Sunday: £696.11 - Standing Orders: £575 - Digital Giving collection: £176.97. 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.