

Catholic Parish of Crowthorne and Sandhurst

Holy Ghost and the Immaculate Conception Churches

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Newsletter – Sunday 28th July 2024
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 6.00pm (IC) The People of the Parish
Sunday 9.00am (IC) Francis Reilly RIP
11.00am (HG) The well-being of Martin & Bridie Reid and family
Monday 9.30am (HG) David Griffin RIP
Tuesday **No public Mass today**
Wednesday 9.30am (IC) Marjorie Desmond RIP
Thursday 9.30am (HG) In Thanksgiving
1.15pm(B) Private Intention
Friday 9.30am (IC) Joe & Rose McManus RIP
Saturday 10.00am (HG) The Holy Souls
6.00pm (IC) Geraldine Horwood RIP
Sunday 9.00am (IC) Ronald Oram RIP
(4/8) 11.00am (HG) The People of the Parish

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

B – Broadmoor Hospital (Mass not open to the public)

Feasts

Monday Ss. Martha, Mary & Lazarus, Disciples
Wednesday St. Ignatius of Loyola, Founder
Thursday St. Alphonsus Liguori, Founder, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Saturday St. Ethelwold, Bishop of Winchester

This Sunday we will use Sunday Preface 4 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: Derek de Kretser, Eugene O'Sullivan, Frances Ryan, Andrew Henry, Vince O'Riley, Irene Jennings, Marjorie Desmond and Ronald Oram. Please also remember in prayer Mr. Brian Grant (husband of our parishioner Jo Grant), who passed away last week. May they all rest in peace.

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 this Sunday 28 July. 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.

Catechism Classes – In the Autumn Father Marcus will begin the programme of Catechism Classes which offer children the opportunity to learn about the basics of our Catholic Faith as expressed in the Creed, and also about the Seven Sacraments. During it the children will have the opportunity to make their First Confession and at the end of it those children who usually attend Mass on Sundays proceed to receive their First Holy Communion. However, this will be at a Sunday Mass on a date agreed by Father Marcus and individual families, so there is no single First Holy Communion celebration. The minimum age for children to take part in the Catechism Classes is to be in School Year 4 next September. Parents wishing to enrol their child on to the course are invited to contact Father Marcus by the end of August.

Mass with the Apostolic Nuncio – His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia is the Apostolic Nuncio, meaning that he is the Holy See's Ambassador to the Court of St. James and the Pope's personal representative to the Catholic Church in Great Britain. He will be visiting our Diocese in September and will be celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving in St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, at 12.30pm on Friday 6th September. Bishop Philip is anxious that there should be a good representation of the people of the Diocese for this and so has sent two tickets per parish to be passed on to anyone wishing to attend. If you would like to go, please contact the Parish Office. You would need to make your own way there. The Mass will be followed by a Reception in the Cathedral Discovery Centre.

Music Ministry – We are greatly blessed on Sunday mornings to have our Masses enhanced by the ministry of our organists, choirs and musicians. In addition to what they do at Mass, a great deal of time and effort goes into choosing hymns and practising the music. To give them a well-deserved break, we will not have the music ministry at Mass during August, so this is a good opportunity to thank all who are involved in it for their massive contribution to the Parish's worship throughout the year.

Afternoon Tea 2pm - 4pm Wednesday 7th August in the Parish room at the Holy Ghost church. A warm welcome awaits and for children too as it is holiday time.

IC coffee rota volunteers needed – Thank you to the parishioners who take it in turns to do the Sunday coffee rota after the 9am Mass at Immaculate Conception Church. It would be a great help if anyone else is willing to join the rota to do this. Currently, we only offer the refreshments fortnightly. We are planning to offer the refreshments every Sunday except the 3rd Sunday of the month. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact the Parish Office.

Children's Summer Activities on the Morgan Recreation Ground in Crowthorne.

The dates for this fun and much-loved event with bouncy castle, climbing wall, crafts, bible stories and pizzas are: Fridays 2nd August, 9th August, 16th August, 3.00pm - 5.00pm

For further information please go to <https://churchestogetherincrowthorne.org.uk/>

Collection for last Sunday: £706.73 (plus £30 for Second Collection for Stella Maris and plus £15 for Second Collection for Peter Pence) and £575 in Standing Orders. Digital Giving collection: £68.82. 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