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Newsletter – Sunday 5th April 2026
Easter Sunday

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Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 5.00pm (IC) Blessing of Easter Food
8.30pm (IC) **Easter Vigil Mass** (Intention: Bill Coleman RIP)

Sunday 9.00am (IC) The People of the Parish
11.00am (HG) Freddy Green RIP

Monday 9.30am (HG) Eileen Frith RIP

Tuesday **No Mass today**

Wednesday 9.30am (IC) Dennis & Doris Booker RIP

Thursday 9.30am (HG) The well-being of Mary-Kate, Tom & Susannah Nash

Friday 9.30am (IC) The well-being of George & Bella Braganza

Saturday 10.00am (HG) The well-being of Angela & David Greenwood
6.00pm (IC) James & Catherine Clarkin RIP

Sunday 9.00am (IC) Ryan Claydon RIP
(12/4) 11.00am (HG) The People of the Parish

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

This Sunday we will use the Preface of Easter 1 & Eucharistic Prayer 1

Easter is the most important feast of the year and is celebrated for 8 days (an Octave) with each day being like Easter Sunday itself. Consequently, the abstinence from eating meat on Fridays usually followed by Catholics in this country will not apply on Friday 10th April.

The following people's anniversaries will occur during the coming week: Ethel Kolinsky, Katherine Keohane, John Caruso, Lucy Moruzzi, John Kavanagh, Trixie Ahern, Roy Clegg and John Timpson. 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

Following the ancient tradition of the Church, the Sacrament of Confession will not be available on Holy Saturday (4th April).

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

Parish Census – Available with the newsletters in the church porches is a green form for the Parish Census. This enables us to keep up to date with information we need to serve our people effectively and it is now quite a few years since we held a census. The Diocese also requires that this information be recorded on computer software called ChurchSuite. Please would you complete one of the forms, even if you have done so before, and hand it in at the Parish Office or personally to Father Marcus. All information will be treated confidentially and held securely. If you kindly Gift Aid your donations to the parish please would you return the form before the end of March as we will only be able to claim Gift Aid from now on if people are recorded on the ChurchSuite computer software. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Baptism – Frederick Smalley is to be Baptised on Saturday 11th April in the Church of the Holy Ghost. Congratulations to Frederick and to his family.

St George's Day - Tickets for St Georges Day afternoon tea Sunday 19th April 3pm to 5pm with music and songs, will be on sale at all Masses this weekend price £5.00.

Planned Giving Envelopes - These are now available for collection from the church porch by those who contribute to the parish in this way. Please note that the number might have changed in order to economise on the overall number of envelope boxes purchased. For any unused old envelopes left over from 2025, please throw them away after the 5th April. Many thanks to Mr. Edward Brunel-Cohen for preparing them and, indeed, for running the whole Gift Aid scheme for us.

Refreshments at the Church of the Holy Ghost – Please join us in the hall after the Sunday Mass for Easter refreshments with some hot cross buns. Everyone is welcome.

Refreshments are now also available after Mass every Sunday in the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

Plate Collection – for last Sunday: £667.33 (plus £49.21 for Diocesan Clergy Assistance Fund) - Standing Orders: £575 - Digital Giving collection: £435.77. 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.

Father Marcus would like to wish our parishioners and visitors a very happy and holy Easter.

Christ is risen ! Truly He is risen !