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Newsletter – Sundays 19th and 26th October 2025
Twenty-Ninth and Thirtieth Sundays in Ordinary Time (C)

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Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 10.00am (HG) Ranjan Gunasekera RIP

6.00pm (IC) The people of the parish

Sunday 9.00am (IC) Peggy Bevins RIP

11.00am (HG) The well-being of Carol & Eddy Jacks

Monday 9.30am (HG) Violet Powell RIP

Tuesday **No Mass**

Wednesday 9.30am (IC) Margaret Griffin RIP

Thursday **No Mass**

Friday **No Mass**

Saturday **No Morning Mass today**

6.00pm (IC) Mary & Bert Hill RIP

Sunday 9.00am (IC) Maggie & Terry Wordingham RIP

(26/10) 11.00am (HG) The people of the parish

Monday **No Mass**

Tuesday **No Mass**

Wednesday 9.30am (IC) The well-being of Sherly, Mary & Sherlock Perera

Thursday 9.30am (HG) John Barry RIP

Friday 9.30am (IC) Eve Brisley RIP

Saturday 10.00am (HG) The well-being of Josie Fordree

6.00pm (IC) The people of the parish

Sunday 9.00am (IC) Francis Reilly RIP

(2/11) 11.00am (HG) The well-being of Carol & Eddy Jacks

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

Feasts

Wednesday 22nd October

St. John Paul II, Pope

Tuesday 28th October

Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles

This year All Saints Day is transferred to Sunday 2nd November and All Souls Day to Monday 3rd November.

Anniversaries – The following people's anniversaries will occur during the coming weeks: Francis Kiddle; Rosemarie Tucker; Frances Knight; Hilda Wakefield; Sylvia Hollings; Betty Ingram; Louise de Klerk; Kenneth Docherty; Michael Kirk; Margaret Storey; Jackie Stephens; Peter Doran; and Alma Woulfe. May they all rest in peace.

At the weekend of 24th/25th October we welcome Father Gerry Hastie of the Mill Hill Missionaries to celebrate our Masses. We are very grateful for his help.

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

Refreshments after Sunday Mass – Refreshments after served after our Sunday morning Masses in both churches, so please join us in the Hall to meet other members of the Parish community.

HG coffee rota volunteers needed – Thank you to the parishioners who take it in turns to do the Sunday coffee rota after the 11.00am Mass at Holy Ghost Church. It would be a great help if anyone else is willing to join the rota to do this. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact the Parish Office.

Catechism Classes – Every year in our parish we run a course of Catechism Classes which aim at deepening our children's knowledge and understanding of the Catholic Faith. Any child who belongs to our Parish Community and who is in School Year 4 or above is welcome to join the classes. For those who attend Sunday Mass regularly, at the end of the course they receive First Reconciliation and Holy Communion. We also use this process to bring to the sacraments older children who wish to be baptised or to be received into membership of the Catholic Church. The course will begin in early January and so parents who wish their child to take part are invited to contact Father Marcus.

Save the date – The social committee is organising a BINGO afternoon on Sunday 2nd Nov 2pm until 4pm. The cost of the tickets will be £5 which includes 8 games plus light refreshments. Prizes will be given for a complete line and for a full house on each game. Tickets will be on sale at all weekend Masses from 11th and 12th October. So please come and join us for a fun afternoon. All eyes down for a full house. Good Luck.

RCIA _ This is the process by which adults can be prepared for baptism or to be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church from other Christians communities. It has been decided that the most fruitful way of doing this will be for it to be a joint Pastoral Area initiative. The first focus will be on drawing together a team from the parishes to support those exploring the Catholic Faith and we are inviting parishioners to consider being part of this as catechists, sponsors, welcomers or in hospitality. More information will be available in the coming weeks but if you would like to explore the matter further please speak to Father Marcus or contact the Parish Office.

World Mission Sunday - 19 October is 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 donate please use the Missio envelopes, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit missio.org.uk There are some spare copies of the latest Missio magazine in the church porch – please help yourself if you would like one.

Seniors Christmas Lunch is on the horizon. Please save the date on 6th December. This is for our parishioners who are 75 years old and above. Please call the Parish Office at 01252-876820 if you would like to join. We would need your telephone number and your address to send your invitation.

Thank you – A Big Thank You to those who attended the Autumn meeting of the World Day of Prayer and a special thanks to our speaker Gilly Withers. A donation of £120.00 was made to the Crowthorne Food Bank who were very appreciative.

Christmas Fayre 2025 – in the Immaculate Conception church hall on Saturday 22nd NOVEMBER = 10am – 4pm + 7pm - 8 pm + Sunday 23rd Nov 10am – 11am

STALLS to include Gifts, Jewellery, Toiletries, Cakes and Produce (with ingredient list please) Christmas, China and Glass, Tombola, Toys, Games, Jigsaws and Pre-loved

DONATIONS, gratefully accepted, from the 25th/26th OCTOBER after the WEEKEND Masses in the Christmas Boxes in the porch at each church. Please do not leave items during the week. Thank You

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - 1ST Prize = £150.00 plus 11 other prizes. Tickets £1.00 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 from the 25th/26th October - Sherrie has a very efficient system. The draw will take place between 7pm - 8pm on Saturday 22nd November .

OFFERS OF HELP even for an hour or two to set up on Friday 21st between 11am – 3pm, help on a stall even for an hour or two on Saturday 22nd or to tidy up on Sunday 23rd between 11am – 1pm will be greatly appreciated. Questions, queries or offers of help to Sherrie or Pat after Mass or Pat on 01344 774746. Thank you.

Mass Intentions – The Parish Diary for 2026 has now arrived and Elizabeth & Sue are waiting with pens poised. It is sometimes very important to people to have Mass offered on a particular date, such as the anniversary of the death of a loved one. If this is the case, please can we advise that these Intentions be arranged as soon as possible so that we can avoid disappointing people.

Corpus Christi Church in Wokingham– You are warmly invited to our Night of Light celebrating All Hallows' Eve on Friday 31st October 5 - 7pm for activities, games, food and friendship. RSVP through the parish office on wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk, 0118 978 0348 or sign up in the church porch. Thank you.

Jubilee Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 10th November 2025. £799.00 pp. Price includes flight from Heathrow or Luton, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Full use of leisure facilities. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock Shrine, Ballintubber Abbey, Fr. Peyton Centre & Kylemore Abbey. Irish music nightly. Single supplement on enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Winter Fuel Payments – will automatically be paid into people's bank accounts, with eligible pensioners receiving a letter in October or November saying how much they will receive. You do not need to apply or provide personal information via text or email and if you receive a text message, call or email inviting you to apply for a payment, please do not engage with it.

The Marian Franciscans would like to invite you to their new philosophical formation talk - A Healthy Reason For A Strong Faith led by Fr. Serafino M. Lanzetta, every first Sunday of the month, starting on 2nd November 2pm in St Joseph's Hall, Tangier Road, Portsmouth, PO3 6AN. This event is free and open to all, including non-Catholics. www.themarianfranciscans.org

Plate Collection – for last Sunday: £697.15 - Standing Orders: £575 - Digital Giving collection: £125.86. 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.