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Newsletter – Sunday 22nd March 2026
Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 10.00am (HG) Fr. Pdraig Faughnan RIP
 6.00pm (IC) The People of the Parish

Sunday 9.00am (IC) Michael Gardner RIP
 11.00am (HG) Margaret & Ken Rapley RIP

Monday 9.30am (HG) Pamela & Tony Smith RIP

Tuesday **No Mass today**

Wednesday 9.30am (IC) Peggy & Bob Leslie RIP
 7.00pm (IC) Stations of the Cross

Thursday 9.30am (HG) Martin Stubbs RIP

Friday 9.30am (IC) Alan Marsh RIP
 12.00pm (HG) Stations of the Cross

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

Sunday 9.00am (IC) The People of the Parish
(29/3) 11.00am (HG) Valerie Taylor RIP

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

This Sunday we will use the Preface of Lazarus & Eucharistic Prayer 3

Feast

Wednesday THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

The following people's anniversaries will occur during the coming week: Thomas Shelton, Michael Cannell and Len Nelmes. 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

There will be a Pastoral Area Penitential Service where the local priests will be available for Confession at 7.30pm on Thursday 26th March in the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Sandhurst.

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

Please would those who have kindly agreed to read at Mass on Palm Sunday and during the services of Holy Week and Easter pick up copies of their readings from the church porch.

Mandatum Ceremony – This is the ceremony at the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8.00pm on Maundy Thursday when the priest washed the feet of twelve parishioners in commemoration of the Lord Jesus doing the same for the apostles. Father Marcus will be looking for twelve volunteers after Mass this weekend, so if you are willing to help it would be much appreciated.

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.

Thanks especially to all who on their Census forms have kindly volunteered to take up ministries in the parish. Father Marcus will contact them after Easter to enable them to go forward with this.

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.

Marriage Support - From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment or more serious issues - If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more: www.retrouvaille.org.uk or call +44 797 338 0443

Plate Collection – for last Sunday: £512.26 (plus £203.92 for Diocesan Clergy Training Fund and plus £7 for CAFOD) - Standing Orders: £575 - Digital Giving collection: £238.91. 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.

