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Holy Ghost and the Immaculate Conception Churches

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Newsletter – Sunday 27th October 2024
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 6.00pm (IC) Catherine Carter, Helen & William Egan RIP

Sunday 9.00am (IC) The People of the Parish

11.00am (HG) Michael Kirk RIP

Monday 9.30am (HG) John Barry RIP

Tuesday **No public Mass today**

Wednesday 9.30am (IC) Eve Brisley RIP

Thursday 9.30am (HG) The well-being of Carol & Eddy Jacks

1.15pm (B) Canon Jeremiah Cronin RIP

7.00pm (IC) The well-being of Dana McCann

Friday 10.00am (HG) Peter Reid RIP

6.00pm (IC) Romanian Orthodox Service in honour of the Mother of God

Saturday 10.00am (HG) Doreen O'Toole RIP

6.00pm (IC) George & Joyce O'Brien RIP

Sunday 9.00am (IC) Francis Reilly RIP

(3/11) 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. Simon & Jude, Apostles

Friday All Saints

Saturday All Souls



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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 weeks: Betty Ingram, Louise de Klerk, Kenneth Docherty, Michael Kirk, Margaret Storey, Jackie Stephens, Peter Doran, Alma Woulfe and Michael James. May they all rest in peace.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 28th October.

All Saints Day – Falling on 1st November, this is a Holy Day of Obligation when Catholics should attend Mass. As this year the Feast is on a Friday, the usual Friday abstinence from meat does not apply this week.

Books of Remembrance – In the Roman Catholic Church November is a time when we pray in a special way for those who have died. As a focus for our prayers throughout this month, the Parish Books of Remembrance will be available at the front of our churches from the evening of 31st October and you are invited to write in them the names of your deceased loved ones.

Plenary Indulgence – The Church grants a Plenary Indulgence (this one applicable only to the Faithful Departed), which can be gained every day from 1st to 8th November. The conditions for gaining the Indulgence are:

1. Go to Confession.
2. Receive Holy Communion.
3. Saying any prayer for the Pope's Intentions (one "Our Father" and one "Hail Mary" suffice for this).
4. Visit a cemetery to pray for those who have died. A visit to our Parish Memorial Garden at the church in Sandhurst would be suitable for this.

Also, on All Souls Day (2nd November) a Plenary Indulgence applicable to the Faithful Departed can be gained by fulfilling conditions 1 to 3 above and making a visit to a Catholic church. During this visit the Our Father and the Creed should be recited.

Christmas Music – At the moment we have nobody to provide music at the 9.00am Mass in Sandhurst on Christmas Day. If anyone can play the piano/organ (with our instrument it's the same thing, depending on the pushing of a switch), the guitar, or any other suitable instrument to provide some carols for that Mass, it would be much appreciated. Please have a word with Father Marcus if you can help.

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 today or Sunday 10th November. 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.

Seniors Christmas Lunch is on Saturday 7th December. We will be hosting a lunch for our parishioners who are over 75. Formal invitations will be sent by the end of October, but please save the date. If you have not previously attended and would like to do so, please let the Parish Office know in the next week. Please let us know also your contact details (phone and home address).

Remembrance Sunday (10th November) – Each year there is a Civic Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial in Sandhurst in which the local Christian communities take part. As Father Marcus has to celebrate the 11.00am Mass in Crowthorne, Mr. Lawrence Gaffney has represented our parish at the occasion for many years, and we are very grateful to him for doing so. However, Lawrence now needs to pass on this important responsibility and so we need a parishioner to act as our representative on Sunday 10th November. It involves standing with the local clergy and doing a reading or prayer (provided). If anyone is willing to act as our Parish's representative on this very important occasion, please would they notify Father Marcus as soon as possible.

All Hallows' Eve – You are warmly invited to our Night of Light celebrating All Hallows' Eve on Thursday 31st October 5 - 6.30pm at Corpus Christi Wokingham for activities, games, food and friendship. RSVP

through the Wokingham parish office on 0118 978 0348. Thank you.

Mass Intentions – The Parish Diary for 2025 has now arrived and Elizabeth is waiting with pen 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, if possible, we can avoid disappointing people.

Christmas Angels – For those of you who would like to knit or crochet the small Christmas Angels given out by Churches Together in Crowthorne each Christmas there will be copies of each pattern available in HG porch and IC porch over the next few weeks. Some Angels will be needed by the end of November and more by mid-December. Any queries please contact Angela Greenwood 01344 774254.

Christmas Fayre in the Immaculate Conception church hall on SATURDAY 23rd November 10am – 4pm and 7pm – 8pm, and SUNDAY 24th November 10am – 11am. Stalls to include – Tombola, Cakes and Preserves, Gifts, Jewelleries, Toiletries, Red and Green etc. DONATIONS, gratefully accepted, during November after the WEEKEND Masses in the Christmas boxes in each church porch. 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, clearly marked, with your name, telephone number, and amount enclosed and they will be collected after each weekend mass from the 26th October – Sherrie has a very efficient system. The draw will take place between 7pm - 8pm on Saturday 23rd November

Offers of Help for Christmas Fayre - even for an hour or two to set up on Friday 22nd between 11- 3, help on a stall – even for an hour or two on Saturday 23rd or to tidy up on Sunday 24th between 11 am – 12noon will be greatly appreciated. Questions, queries or offers of help to Sherrie or Pat after Mass or 01344 774746 Thank you

Assisted Suicide Law - Kim Leadbeater MP is introducing a bill to introduce assisted suicide, which will be voted on by MPs on the **29 November**. We know that assisted suicide laws in other jurisdictions have had devastating consequences for the poor, disabled and marginalised. This is the biggest threat to the vulnerable in a decade, and we need a huge effort to lobby MPs. Bishop Philip has issued a Pastoral Letter on this subject, to be read at all Masses this weekend. In it he mentions having drafted a sample letter which people can use to ask their MP to vote against the legislation to bring in the assisted suicide. Copies of the sample letter can be found in the same stand as the newsletters in the church porch.

End of British Summer Time – British Summer Time ends this weekend, so please remember to put your clocks **BACK** one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.

CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal - The conflict in the Middle East is getting worse and the families affected need our help. Please consider donating to the CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal and support their local Church partners in Gaza and Lebanon as they continue to provide essential food, water and shelter: cafod.org.uk/give

Afternoon tea at 2.00pm till 4.00pm Wednesday 6th November in the Parish rooms at the Holy Ghost church. A warm welcome awaits.

Altar Linen IC Church – if you have the turquoise bag used for the altar linen, could you please return it to the sacristy – thank you.

Plate Collection for last Sunday: £538.29 (plus £217.74 for Mission Sunday) - Standing Orders: £575 - Digital Giving collection: £34.43. 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