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Newsletter – Sunday 9th November 2025
Remembrance Sunday

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Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday	10.00am (HG)	Martin Stubbs RIP
	6.00pm (IC)	Sandra McSorley RIP
Sunday	9.00am (IC)	Those who have lost their lives in armed conflict.
	11.00am (HG)	The people of the parish
Monday	9.30am (HG)	Bill Smallman RIP
Tuesday		<u>No Mass</u>
Wednesday	9.30am (IC)	Stella FitzPatrick RIP
Thursday	9.30am (HG)	Reg Frith RIP
Friday	9.30am (IC)	Ray & Terence Williams RIP
Saturday	10.00am (HG)	The well-being of Kitty Cho
	6.00pm (IC)	Deceased members of Claydon & Heery families
Sunday	9.00am (IC)	The people of the parish
(16/11)	11.00am (HG)	Deceased Brothers of the Bracknell Forest Catenians Circle (Foundation Mass)

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

Feasts

Monday	St. Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church
Tuesday	St. Martin of Tours, Bishop
Wednesday	St. Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr
Friday	Bb. Hugh Faringdon, John Rugg and John Eynon, Martyrs in Reading

The following people's anniversaries will occur during the coming week: Mary Sharpe, John Grealish, Stella Fitzpatrick, James Kinsella, Iris Marchant, Francis Sharpe, Margaret Pearce, Gerald Munday, Reg Frith and Brenda Baigrie. Please also remember in prayer Carmelina Desouza, who passed away recently. May they all rest in peace.

November, Month of the Holy Souls – In Catholic tradition this month is dedicated in a special way to praying for the Faithful Departed. As a focus for our prayers, Books of Remembrance will be placed at the front of both of our churches and you are invited to write in them the names of those for whom you wish to pray. For reasons we won't go into, we regret that in the church in Sandhurst the Book will only be available during the times when Mass is being celebrated.

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

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 Lesley Geary at 07554 641 687.

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.

Bingo – Thanks to our Social Committee for arranging last Sunday's Bingo Session, which was a very enjoyable way to spend an afternoon. Thanks especially to Chris for making available his skills as the Caller.

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.

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.

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/Bottles, 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.

Cathedral 150 Appeal – In preparation for the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese an appeal is being launched to do major necessary repair works to St. John's Cathedral in Portsmouth. These will cost in the region of £2.5 million. An appeal to raise this money will be launched on 30th November this year. The Cathedral Parish is situated in the poorest part of the Diocese and the cost of the required works is completely beyond its limited resources. Consequently, support is being sought from across the Diocese for

our Mother Church. Each parish is being asked to find several people to act as link persons between the parish and the appeal. If anybody feels that this is something they could help with, please would they contact Father Marcus. It would be an immense help to our parish and to the Diocese.

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. **Please note the Parish Diary for 2025 is now fully booked.**

Churches Together in Crowthorne - Knitted Christmas Angels. We would be very grateful for as many Christmas Angels as we can produce, as in previous years. There will be copies of the patterns available in both Churches this weekend.

As usual Churches Together in Crowthorne will be taking part in the Late-Night Shopping in Crowthorne High Street on Friday 5th December between 5pm-7.30pm. Do come and support the Carols and the Christmas Story as well as the other offerings. The High Street will be closed to traffic and volunteers are needed to make sure that people crossing Dukes Ride use the crossing near the Methodist Church as Dukes Ride is open to traffic. Please contact the Parish Office or Angela Greenwood, 01344 774254, if you would like to help.

CHARIS Portsmouth is happy to welcome you to Cast out your Nets, an online evening of renewal focussing on evangelisation, on Thursday 13th November from 7.15 -9.15pm. Our main speaker will be Fr Chris Thomas, involved in running the Irenaeus Project in Liverpool, while Mike Watson, a member of CHARIS Portsmouth CDSC will also give his testimony. Come and see what the Lord has in store for you! To join the meeting, please register <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/qaVly-XhQh-CtBUDfbsjIA> for the Zoom link here to be sent to you nearer the time. Closing date to register is 12th November.

Save the date – Friday 30th January for church quiz at Sandhurst Day Centre. Doors open at 6.30pm. Quiz starts at 7pm till 10pm. Tickets will be sold beginning of January. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Plate Collection – for last Sunday: £869.48 (plus £268.40 for Bamenda) - Standing Orders: £575 - Digital Giving collection: £293.13. 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.