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**Newsletter – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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**Mass Times and Intentions**

Saturday      10.00am (HG) Holy Souls  
                    6.00pm (IC)    Ryan Claydon RIP

Sunday        9.00am (IC)    Francis Reilly RIP  
                    11.00am (HG) The people of the Parish

Monday       9.30am (HG)    Gwen Stewart RIP

Tuesday                      **No Mass today**

Wednesday   **5.00pm (IC)**    Patricia Rice RIP (Vigil Mass of Christmas)  
                    **10.00pm (HG)** Mgr. Jim Joyce RIP

Thursday      **9.00am (IC)**    Freddy Green RIP  
                    **11.00am (HG)** Bill Kirby RIP

Friday        9.30am (IC)    John & Stella FitzPatrick RIP

Saturday      10.00am (HG)    In Thanksgiving  
                    6.00pm (IC)    The people of the Parish

Sunday        9.00am (IC)    Mary & Dan Crocker RIP

(28/12)        11.00am (HG)    The well-being of David & Angela Greenwood

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

**Feasts**

**Thursday                      THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

**Friday                        St. Stephen, Deacon, the First Martyr**

**Saturday                    St. John, Apostle and Evangelist**

**Sunday                      THE HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY & JOSPEH**

## **This Sunday we will use Advent Preface 2 and Eucharistic Prayer 2**

The following people's anniversaries will occur during the coming week: Vincent Rizzello, Ian Kennedy, Adrian Hunt, Bridget McGovern, Terri Goodwin, Phyllis Parry, Thomas Canavan, Johnny Connors, Mary Crocker, Pam Dallow, Jackie Anderson, Patrick Grant, Annie Rose, Ma. Luisa Poncé and Henry Hendry. 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

**Parish Office** – The Parish Office will be closed from 12.30pm on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December until 9.30am on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

**Refreshments after Sunday Mass** – Refreshments are served after our Sunday morning Masses in both churches, so please join us in the hall to meet other members of the Parish community. A special Christmas tea will be served at the Church of the Holy Ghost after the 11am Mass this Sunday.

If anybody would like to donate a Poinsettia to place around the Crib in memory of a loved one that would be very much appreciated. The plants can be brought to the church from the weekend of 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> December.

For the convenience of people wishing to give Christmas cards to other members of the parish a box has been placed in the porch of each of our churches and you are invited to place your cards in these. Please only leave cards if you know that the intended recipient actually attends that church as we don't have an arrangement for transporting cards between the two locations. Also, please be sure to check if there are any cards for you.

The Crib Offerings this year will be sent to help Christians in Israel/Palestine through the organisation Friends of the Holy Land.

**St. John's Wine** – On St. John's Day (27<sup>th</sup> December) it is a Catholic custom to bless wine during Mass in memory of the tradition that he once survived an attempt to poison him by blessing the contaminated cup of wine which an enemy had offered him. On more solid ground, this custom reminds us of the Lord's first miracle, recorded in St. John's Gospel, of turning water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana and of how Christ is the True Vine. The blessing makes the wine into a sacramental, something we devoutly use to prepare our hearts to receive God's grace and also as a sign of our rejoicing in the birth of the Lord Jesus in the Christmas season. You will be very welcome to bring along a bottle of wine to Mass on that day for it to be blessed.

**Churches Together in Crowthorne** - Knitted Christmas Angels. Thank you to everyone who knitted or crocheted Christmas Angels this year – your kindness was very much appreciated.

**Save the date** – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January for a church quiz at Sandhurst Day Centre. Doors open at 6.30pm. Quiz starts at 7.00pm till 10.00pm. Tickets will be sold at the beginning of January. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles.

**Plate Collection** – for last Sunday: £566.26 - Standing Orders: £575 - Digital Giving collection: £152.41. 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, Elizabeth and Sue would like to wish all members of our Parish community, and all of our visitors, a very happy and holy Christmas.**