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Newsletter – Sunday 2nd February 2025
The Presentation of the Lord

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Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday	10.00am (HG)	In Thanksgiving
	6.00pm (IC)	Tessie O'Toole RIP
Sunday	9.00am (IC)	Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
	11.00am (HG)	The People of the Parish
Monday		<u>No Public Mass today</u>
Tuesday		<u>No Public Mass today</u>
Wednesday		<u>No Public Mass today</u>
Thursday	9.30am (HG)	Fr. Kevin Jones RIP
	1.15pm (SL)	The Faithful Departed.
Friday	9.30am (IC)	Mary-Anne Williams RIP
Saturday	10.00am (HG)	The intention of Mariusz Pachulski
	6.00pm (IC)	The People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am (IC)	Pat & Maurice Craike RIP
(9/2)	11.00am (HG)	Joseph & Lena Ramcharan RIP and all the Faithful Departed

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	St. Ansgar, Bishop, Patron of Denmark
Tuesday	St. Gilbert of Sempringham, Priest, Founder of the Gilbertine Order
Wednesday	St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr in Sicily
Thursday	St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs in Japan

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

The Presentation of the Lord - This feast, celebrated on 2nd February, commemorates how the Child Jesus was presented in the Temple in Jerusalem by Our Lady and St. Joseph forty days after His birth and hailed by the aged Simeon as the Light of the Nations and Glory of Israel. As it is a feast of light, it is the custom to begin Mass on this day with the blessing of candles (hence the feast is sometimes called "Candlemas"). Please would everyone attending the Saturday 6.00pm Mass and Sunday 11.00am Mass take a candle and drip shield from the porch before taking their seats in the church. Presupposing that it isn't raining (or snowing !), the Sunday 9.00am Mass will begin with the blessing of candles in the space in front of the Presbytery and then a procession into the church (as on Palm Sunday). Please would those attending take a candle and cardboard lantern from the porch and be in front of the Presbytery for the start of Mass at 9.00am. You are invited to take your Candlemas candles home with you as a sign of God's blessing for the coming year.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) –

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst: **Friday after 9.30am Mass**; Saturday 5.15pm – 5.45pm

Church of the Holy Ghost, Crowthorne: Saturday 10.30am; Sunday after 11.00am Mass

Anniversaries – The following people's anniversaries will occur during the coming week: Maria Rizzello; Sheila Breakspear; Tony Staffieri; Jan de Klerk; Olivia Browning; Rose Chapman; Steven O'Reardon; Michael Cullen; Walter Ingram; William Meers and Rosina Rodney. May they all rest in peace.

Parish Quiz Night - Thanks to all who supported this very enjoyable event last weekend and especially to the members of our Parish Social Committee who organised it. Our gratitude goes especially to Gareth and Kevin who ran the Quiz and who had obviously given a lot of their time to preparing the questions beforehand. Their labours are very much appreciated.

Refreshments after Sunday Mass - Refreshments are available after the 9.00am Mass on Sundays except the third Sunday of the month. Please join us in the hall this Sunday. 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.

Curry Night Church Fundraiser – Saturday 15 March, 7:15-7:30 arrival in Immaculate Conception Hall. Tickets £15 per person. Two course buffet meal with tea/coffee. Bring your own tipples and glasses. Some soft drinks will be provided. Tickets will be sold from Sunday 26th January after Masses. Limited places, please bring cash to secure your seats. Non-refundable. Any questions please speak to Mrs. Sherrie Murphy.

For Sale - Rise and Recline Primacare chair with fire certificate. In very good condition and rarely used. Donation would be appreciated. Please ring Pat on 01344 774746 if you are interested.

Farnborough Hill School will have their Open Afternoons starting at 1.40 pm on Friday 7th February and Friday 25th April 2025, and everyone is warmly welcome to attend. If you have any families with daughters in Year 4 or above, they might find this page on our website useful - <https://www.farnborough-hill.org/join-us/admissions/admissions-process>. It lists all the dates they need to be aware of and outlines our Admissions Process in more detail.

Afternoon Tea – 2.00pm till 4.00pm in the Parish Rooms at the Holy Ghost church on Wednesday 5th February. We look forward to seeing you.

Escorted Jubilee Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 10th March 2025. £799.00 pp sharing. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Ballintubber Abbey, and Quiet Man Museum. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Plate Collection for last Sunday: £632.73 (plus £71.97 for Cathedral of St. John) - Standing Orders: £575 - Digital Giving collection: £115.06. 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.