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Newsletter – Sundays 31st March & 7th April 2024

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord & Second Sunday of Easter
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Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday	8.15pm (IC) The Easter Vigil Mass (Intention: the People of the Parish)
Sunday	9.00am (IC) Margaret Rapley RIP 11.00am (HG) Freddy Green RIP
Monday	9.30am (HG) Eileen Shiel RIP
Tuesday	<u>No public Mass today</u>
Wednesday	9.30am (IC) John & Stella FitzPatrick RIP
Thursday	9.30am (HG) Martin Stubbs RIP & Ping Stubbs GE 1.15pm (B) Joe Goatcher RIP
Friday	9.30am (IC) Josie Fordree's intentions
Saturday	10.00am (HG) Robert Rooke RIP & the well-being of the Rooke family 6.00pm (IC) Thomas Kolinsky RIP
Sunday	9.00am (IC) Ryan Claydon RIP
(7/4)	11.00am (HG) The People of the Parish
Monday	9.30am (HG) Reg & Eileen Frith RIP
Tuesday	<u>No public Mass today</u>
Wednesday	9.30am (IC) Deceased members of Wright & Leahy family
Thursday	9.30am (HG) Frank McGovern RIP 1.15pm (B) Private intentions
Friday	9.30am (IC) Mary & Bob McSorley RIP
Saturday	10.00am (HG) <u>No public Mass this morning</u> 6.00pm (IC) The People of the Parish

Sunday 9.00am (IC) The well-being of Wendy O'Hara
(14/4) 11.00am (HG) The well-being of Richard & Moira Taylor and family

IC – Church of the Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst

HG – Church of the Holy Ghost, Crowthorne

B – Broadmoor Hospital (Mass not open to the public)

We will use Preface of Easter 1 and Eucharistic Prayer 1 on both Sundays

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.

In accordance with the ancient custom of the Church, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will not be available on Holy Saturday (30th March)

The Easter Octave – Because Easter is the greatest feast of the Christian year, we celebrate it with an “Octave”, which means that we celebrate it for 8 days with each day being like Easter Sunday itself. In line with this, the usual abstinence from eating meat on Fridays does not apply on Friday 5th April.

Anniversaries – The following people’s anniversaries will occur during the coming fortnight: Una Hughes, Eileen Robinson, Nicholas Rodney, Michael Quinn, Ethel Kolinsky, Katherine Keohane, Brian Moses, John Caruso, Lucy Moruzzi, John Kavanagh, Trixie Ahern, Roy Clegg, John Timpson and Maureen O’Sullivan. Please also remember in prayer Mr. Joe Goatcher, who passed away recently. May they all rest in peace.

Blessing of Easter Food – The ceremony for blessing the food to be eaten at breakfast on Easter Sunday, a beloved custom for people from some parts of Central Europe, will be held at 5.00pm on Holy Saturday (30th March) in the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

Easter Offering – The kind donations people give in the collection at Mass on Easter Sunday no longer go to the Parish Priest in our parish but, as on all other Sundays, go into our parish funds.

Refreshments after Sunday Mass - Refreshments are available after the 9.00am Mass on Sundays so please join us in the Hall at the Church of the Immaculate Conception. The refreshments will be available on a fortnightly basis on 7 April, and so on. 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.

Gift Aid – TIME IS RUNNING OUT! PLEASE HELP! Because of a change to the Diocese’s charity name, HMRC has insisted that all those enrolled in our Gift Aid Scheme now sign a new declaration. Gift Aid cannot continue to be claimed unless a new declaration has been signed, and that would leave us significantly out of pocket. Many of you have responded by completing the new declaration, for which we thank you. Could those who have yet to do so please complete the new Gift Aid Declaration form, copies of which can be found with the newsletters in the church porch.

Mission Today Booklets – There are some spare booklets in the IC church porch – please help yourself if you would like one, particularly if you are a new red box holder. We haven’t had the list of new names yet so can’t hand you one individually!

Coach Trip to Littlehampton – The Social Committee will be collecting names, contact phone numbers and deposits after weekend Masses for our summer coach trip to Littlehampton. All costs will be covered by the legacy of the late Father Kevin Jones and we want to make sure as many parishioners as possible participate across all age ranges. The planned date is now Saturday 22nd June, departing by 8.30am and returning by 7.00pm. We have provisionally booked two coaches and made a reservation for lunch. We will have some upfront, non-refundable, deposits to pay and it is therefore crucial that we can gauge planned numbers by the middle of March. We will be collecting names at each of the Masses over the next few weeks. We will then be asking for a **returnable** £5 deposit per person so that we can be sure of a firm commitment. Please join us if you can for what we are sure will be a happy, fun, day. If you have any questions, please speak to a member of the Social Committee, who are organising this event. The final weekend for giving your name to take part in the trip will be **6th/7th April**.

Afternoon Tea – 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm Wednesday 3rd April in the Parish Room at the Church of the Holy Ghost - a warm welcome is extended to everyone wishing to attend.

Mass of the Sick – The Wokingham Branch of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul is organising a Mass for the Sick at Corpus Christi Church, Sturges Road, Wokingham (RG 40 2HE) at 10.30am on Saturday 27th April. Tea and coffee will be served in their Parish Room afterwards. If anyone would like a lift to the Mass, please call 01182 114130 or email suzettesymons@gmail.com

Easter Anthem to Our Lady – During Eastertide we recite this at the end of those Masses when no hymns are sung:

**Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia !
for He whom thou didst merit to bear, alleluia !
has risen as He said, alleluia !
Pray for us to God, alleluia !**

**Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia !
for the Lord has truly risen, alleluia !**