Catholic Parish of Crowthorne and Sandhurst

Holy Ghost and the Immaculate Conception Churches

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Newsletter – Sunday 22nd February 2026
First Sunday of Lent

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Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday	10.00am (HG)	The well-being of Carol & Eddy Jacks
	6.00pm (IC)	Joe Hillen RIP
Sunday	9.00am (IC)	Finbarr & Lil Murphy RIP
	11.00am (HG)	The People of the Parish
Monday	9.30am (HG)	Martin Stubbs RIP
Tuesday		**No Mass today**
Wednesday	9.30am (IC)	Christy Flynn RIP
	7.00pm (IC)	**Stations of the Cross**
Thursday	9.30am (HG)	The well-being of Joseph O'Farrell
Friday	9.30am (IC)	Brenda & Julie Ship RIP
	12.00pm (HG)	**Stations of the Cross**
Saturday	10.00am (HG)	Joe & Rose McManus RIP
	6.00pm (IC)	The well-being of Rob & Patricia Wilson and family
Sunday	9.00am (IC)	The People of the Parish
(1/3)	11.00am (HG)	The well-being of Martin & Bridie Reid and family

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

This Sunday we will use the Preface of the First Sunday of Lent & Eucharistic Prayer 1

Commemorations

Monday St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

The following people's anniversaries will occur during the coming week: Alfred Smith, Zeite Runcon, Bridget Devine, Lil Murphy, Adelaida Homewood, Judith Baylis, Finbarr Murphy, Jack Campbell and Luigi Battistini. 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 Office is open 9.30am – 12.30pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Nobody is available on Tuesdays.

Please be sure to take one of the purple leaflets from the church porch giving the details of our Lent, Holy Week and Easter services.

Formation Morning for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Fr Anthony Fyk, Director of Liturgical Formation and the Liturgy Formation team invite you to a formation morning at St Peter's Pastoral Centre, Winchester on Saturday 9th May 2026 commencing with Mass at 9 am. There will be a welcome session from Fr Anthony, a talk focussing on the Eucharist in the sacred scriptures as well as a session on Lectio Divina: "Living a Eucharistic life – what does it mean to live out the Eucharist?." All Eucharistic Ministers, experienced and new, are very welcome to attend. If you wish to attend, please register via liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day collection – Friday 27th February is the CAFOD Lent Fast Day. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Donations can be placed in the Second Collection in church on 28th February/1st March. Also, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

The Union of Catholic Mothers, Corpus Christi, Wokingham Foundation would like to invite you to a day of recollection. The theme will be Romans 12:12 - "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer," led by Monsignor Canon Jeremy Garrett. From 10:00 am on Saturday 7th March 2026 at Corpus Christi Church, 60 Sturges Road, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG40 2HE. The programme for the day includes Mass and the price for the day is £12.50 per person. Please pay in cash. A simple buffet lunch and coffee and tea at the beginning and end of the day are included. Please let us know if you would like to attend by emailing our secretary, Marie Tomlin, on mvc.tomlin@btinternet.com by 1st March, as it would help to have numbers in advance for the catering.

Salesian College has upcoming Tour and Talks in March which are designed to give parents an insight. This is an opportunity to have a guided tour of the College by one of our Senior Leadership Team and explore a variety of activities across different departments. They also invite you to join them in the Refectory for refreshments and a conversation with the Admissions Team, who will be happy to answer any questions you may have. To book your place please click here: https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FNXT

The National Novena to St Joseph – will take place from 10-18 March at St. Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. Every year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their Society Patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach and for the intentions of all those who support their work. If you are able, and if you would like to attend, Masses are at 10.00am every day of the Novena except Sunday, when it is 11.00am. These Masses will be available to follow on YouTube, via the Mill Hill website: www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena. The Novena Prayer Booklet is available on request for a suggested donation of £1 per booklet to cover costs. You are welcome to send in your petitions and/or request a Novena prayer booklet. Please write to the Novena Director at 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead SL6 7GZ, or email novenamhm@gmail.com

Church flowers - We have a small group of flower arrangers at The Immaculate Conception Church and between us we try to keep the Church looking beautiful throughout the year. Artificial flowers are used mainly because there are only a few of us, but we always use fresh flowers at Christmas, Easter and any other time they may be needed. Any expenses are reimbursed. If you would like to be involved with the flower arranging, please contact the Parish Office with your details. We look forward to welcoming anyone interested.

World Day of Prayer Service on 6th March at 10.30 am at the Baptist Church Crowthorne, RG45 7AT. This is an interdenominational service written, this year, by the women of Nigeria on the theme "I will give you rest, come" and you are all most welcome to attend. The same service is repeated, worldwide, over 24 hours starting in Samoa. Do come and be part of this global wave of prayer. It is followed by refreshments and an opportunity to meet other Christians. Any queries please ring Pat Wilson 01344 774746

SVP and CAFOD Work Experience Opportunity - The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from 21 – 26 June in London. Candidates must be aged 18-25 years old and priority will be given to those in their first or second year at university. Applications close on 6 April. For more information, please contact KeziaH@svp.org.uk.

Plate Collection – for last Sunday: £550.06 (plus £5 for Racial Justice) - Standing Orders: £575 - Digital Giving collection: £98.33. 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.