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Newsletter – Sunday 8th February 2026
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday	10.00am (HG) Mary-Anne Williams RIP
	6.00pm (IC) Vera & Finlay Whelan RIP
Sunday	9.00am (IC) Joan & Frederick White RIP
	11.00am (HG) The People of the Parish
Monday	9.30am (HG) Pat & Maurice Craike RIP
Tuesday	<u>No Mass today</u>
Wednesday	9.30am (IC) Violet Smith RIP
Thursday	9.30am (HG) Vocations
Friday	9.30am (IC) Phil Owens RIP
Saturday	10.00am (HG) Phil Morris RIP
	6.00pm (IC) John Davis RIP
Sunday	9.00am (IC) The People of the Parish
(15/2)	11.00am (HG) The well-being of Jan Hall, and Iain Hall RIP

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

Feasts

Tuesday	St. Scholastica, Abbess
Wednesday	Our Lady of Lourdes
Saturday	St. Cyril, monk, & St. Methodius, Bishop, Apostles of the Slavs & Patrons of Europe

This Sunday we will use Sunday Preface 3 and Eucharistic Prayer 3

The following people's anniversaries will occur during the coming week: Kathleen Bamfield, Teofil Stockmal, Eileen McKay, Maria Campbell, Cyn Hopkins, Gerry Sherlock, Isabelo Ridulme and John Davis. 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.

Lent booklets – Just when you thought you were safe after Christmas, Lent begins on Wednesday 18th February. As usual we have some booklets called "Walk With Me" which give a short reading and prayer for each day from Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday. These are available in the church porch and cost £1.50 per copy. Also in the porch, with the newsletters, are copies of a purple leaflet giving the details of our services in the parish during Lent, Holy Week and Easter, so please take a copy.

Online marriage programme - Does your marriage need some tender loving care? Need help with communication and trust? Retrouvaille helps marriages. It can bring hope and healing to relationships. Next date: 12th February 2026. www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 07887 296983

Quiz Night – Thanks to the members of our Parish Social Committee, and to all who came along, for a very enjoyable Quiz Night on Friday 30th January.

Formation Morning for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communication - 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.

Visit to Oscott - Owen Dugan who was recently in the Pastoral Area is continuing his studies at the Seminary in Oscott which is in Sutton Coldfield. The College building was built in 1838 and has an interesting chapel, library and museum. The college itself offers the opportunity for Parish group visits and parishioners of Corpus Christi, Wokingham, are thinking of arranging a visit to see what the life of a seminarian entails and to enjoy a tour of the building. If this is something that may be of interest please contact the Wokingham Parish Office before 15th February with your email address. If there is enough interest, they can investigate transport options and possible dates. The website for the college is: <https://www.oscott.org/> The Wokingham Parish office phone number is 01189 780348 and the email address is: wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Parish Groups – We have a number of Prayer Groups, Committees which run areas of Parish life, and other activities going on regularly within our community. Please can we ask that somebody from each of these groups writes a few lines for the newsletter describing their activities for the information of our parishioners and to invite new membership. Please pass these contributions for the newsletter to Elizabeth in the Parish Office.

Save the date - Sunday 19th April . The social committee are organising a St Georges afternoon tea to be held in the Parish Hall from 3pm to 5pm, more details will be given nearer the date.

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 8th March 2026. £899.00 pp. Price includes flight from Heathrow or Luton, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Full use of leisure facilities. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock Shrine, Ballintubber Abbey, Fr. Peyton Centre & Kylemore Abbey. Irish music nightly. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Plate Collection – for last Sunday: £500.46 - Standing Orders: £575 - Digital Giving collection: £354.11. 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.