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Newsletter – Sunday 17th March 2024
Fifth Sunday of Lent
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Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 6.00pm (IC) Deceased Members of the Jacks Family
Sunday 9.00am (IC) Pat McChrystal RIP
11.00am (HG) The People of the Parish
Monday 9.30am (HG) Denis & Violet Powell RIP
Tuesday **No public Mass today**
Wednesday 9.30am (IC) The deceased members & friends of the Murphy family
7.00pm (IC) **Stations of the Cross**
Thursday 9.30am (HG) The Holy Souls
1.15pm (B) Fr. Patrick Moloney RIP
Friday 9.30am (IC) Michael Gardner RIP
12.00noon (HG) **Stations of the Cross**
Saturday 10.00am (HG) In Thanksgiving
6.00pm (IC) Ken Rapley RIP
Sunday 9.00am (IC) Finbarr & Lil Murphy RIP
(24/3) 11.00am (HG) The People of the Parish

This Sunday we will use the Preface 1 of Lent & Eucharistic Prayer 3

Celebration –

Tuesday – ST, JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

From the Fifth Sunday of Lent the statues and pictures in the church are veiled as a sign to us that we are moving ever closer to the most important time in our Christian year, Holy Week and the Three Great Days of the Lord's suffering, death and Resurrection.

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 in this parish during the Easter Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday). Consequently, the last chance for people to go to Confession before Easter will be next weekend (23rd/24th March).

Anniversaries – The following people's anniversaries will occur during the coming week:

Mary Paquette, Mary Graystone, Patrick Kavanagh, Tony Woulfe, Robert Leslie, Maria Cannarozzo, Mac DeVille, Thomas Shelton and Michael Cannell. May they rest in peace.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper – This will be celebrated at 8.00pm on Maundy Thursday and during it we will have the ceremony of the Mandatum where the priest washes the feet of twelve parishioners in memory of the Lord performing that service for the apostles at the Last Supper. We will need twelve volunteers for this so, if you are willing to help, please give your name to Father Marcus after Mass this weekend.

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 from 24 March 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. Please note this Sunday 17 March, there will be no refreshments after the Mass at Holy Ghost as there is a St Patrick's Day Tea Party in Sandhurst.

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.

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.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate – is holding a Preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday Retreat at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Saturday 6 April for 10.00am to 4.30pm. The retreat will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All are welcome. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.