

Catholic Parish of Crowthorne and Sandhurst

Holy Ghost and the Immaculate Conception Churches

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Newsletter – Sunday 26th April 2026
Fourth Sunday of Easter
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Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday	10.00am (HG)	The well-being of Richard & Moira Taylor and family
	6.00pm (IC)	John & Stella FitzPatrick RIP
Sunday	9.00am (IC)	Carolyn Ablett RIP
	11.00am (HG)	The People of the Parish
Monday	9.30am (HG)	The well-being of Bridie & Martin Reid and family
Tuesday		<u>No Mass today</u>
Wednesday	9.30am (IC)	Graeme Christopher Healy RIP
Thursday	9.30am (HG)	The well-being of Arthur & Sharon Russell, and Maureen Russell RIP
Friday	9.30am (IC)	The well-being of Revers family
Saturday	10.00am (HG)	Michael O'Toole RIP
	6.00pm (IC)	Ping Stubbs GE & Martin Stubbs RIP
Sunday	9.00am (IC)	Deceased members and friends of the Murphy family
(3/5)	11.00am (HG)	The People of the Parish

IC – Church of the Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst

HG – Church of the Holy Ghost, Crowthorne

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

Feasts

Wednesday	St. Catherine of Siena, Patron of Europe
Thursday	St. Pius V, Pope
Friday	St. Joseph the Worker
Saturday	St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

The following people's anniversaries will occur during the coming week: Damian Hill, David Allen, Christina Smith, Arnett Eastwood, James Leahy, Michael Hounsome, Joshua Aidoo-Sarkodie, Maureen Coolican, Pat Godwin, Catherine Heron, James Doyle and Martin Stubbs. May they all rest in peace. Please also remember in your prayers Mrs. Carolyn Ablett, a former parishioner who passed away on 15th April.

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.

Baptism – Oliver and Harrison Lodge are to be Baptised on Saturday 2nd May in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst. Congratulations to Oliver and Harrison and to their family.

Afternoon Tea – will be served from 2.00pm – 4.00pm on Wednesday 6th May in the Parish Room at the Church of the Holy Ghost, Crowthorne. We look forward to seeing you.

Thank you – Many thanks go to our Parish Social Committee for all the hard work they put into organising last Sunday's very enjoyable Afternoon Tea in celebration of St. George's Day.

Save the date – Summer Fundraiser on 27th and 28th June. "Anything to do with a garden and plants" Donations of items and plants would be most welcome, books and jigsaws too. More details in nearer the time.

Save the date - Curry Night 2 Fundraiser will be on Saturday 11 July priced at £15 per person. Tickets will be available from 26th April at all Masses. We have limited availability so if you are interested and not available to buy the tickets please let Sherrie know in advance 01344 776884 so that places can be reserved. Tickets are non-refundable.

Curious about the Catholic faith? You are warmly invited...Are you wondering about the Catholic faith, or feeling drawn to explore something more? Perhaps you're considering baptism, returning to church after some time away, or simply have questions you've never had the chance to ask. We warmly invite you to a relaxed and informal "Come and See" evening on: Thursday 30th April 2026 at 7:30pm, St. Joseph's Hall, Bracknell. Come and meet others, ask questions, and hear a little about the journey ahead - all in a friendly and welcoming space. Whether you are just curious, searching for something more, or feel ready to take a next step, you will be very welcome. This is the beginning of a journey - a chance to explore at your own pace. Open to everyone across our Pastoral Area. If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch: rcia@bracknellcatholicchurch.org

Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Monday 6th to Friday 10th July 2026 will take place in the company of Bishop Philip. The cost of the pilgrimage to Lourdes is £949 per person (based on two people sharing a room). Single rooms are available at a supplement. Hotel accommodation at the hotel La Solitude is on a full board basis. On our previous pilgrimages, our pilgrims have been very pleased with the hotel, its proximity to the Domain and the plentiful and varied food options with some even making use of the hotel's indoor swimming pool. As before, we hope that the pilgrimage will be supported by the Youth of the Diocese. Those aged 15-35 can volunteer to support the pilgrimage by helping with music, liturgies, companionship for our pilgrims and supporting those in need by pushing of those needing wheelchairs. The cost for a youth pilgrim is £895 (based on three sharing). If you have any questions, please email lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Second Collection – The Clergy Training Fund supports our seminarians, including the 10 men currently in formation for the priesthood, for the duration of their six or seven-year journey to ordination. Each seminarian brings to his training his own life experience and then participates in a comprehensive programme of formation pastorally, intellectually, humanly and spiritually. These are the men who will baptize and catechize the coming generations, and care for us on our pilgrim way: our generosity today is a legacy to the Church of tomorrow. To sustain a seminarian costs around £30,000 each year. Please support our seminarians in their journey by making a donation to this Fund. Should you wish to contribute to this, please place your kind donation in the box in the church porch after Mass or by card on the contactless machine or you can donate online at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/clergy-training-fund-2026>. Thank you for your generosity.

Plate Collection – for last Sunday: £765.16 - Standing Orders: £575 - Digital Giving collection: £152.39.
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.