

Catholic Parish of Crowthorne and Sandhurst

Holy Ghost and the Immaculate Conception Churches

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Newsletter – Sunday 23rd November 2025
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday	10.00am (HG) Jenny Spalding RIP
	6.00pm (IC) The well-being of the Egan family
Sunday	9.00am (IC) The intentions of the D'sa family
	11.00am (HG) The people of the parish
Monday	9.30am (HG) The well-being of Carol and Eddy Jacks
Tuesday	<u>No Mass</u>
Wednesday	9.30am (IC) Margaret Rapley RIP
Thursday	9.30am (HG) Deceased relatives & friends of the Wilson family
Friday	9.30am (IC) Arnold & Timothy Brierley RIP
Saturday	10.00am (HG) Alma Woulfe RIP
	6.00pm (IC) Katherine Willoughby RIP & Monica Leese RIP
Sunday	9.00am (IC) Harry Brisley RIP
(30/11)	11.00am (HG) The people of the parish

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

Feasts

Monday St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs in Vietnam

This Sunday we will use the Preface of Chris the King and Eucharistic Prayer 1

The following people's anniversaries will occur during the coming week: Anne Inglis, Arnold Brierley, June Abbett, Mac McCaig, Margaret Rapley, David Hamblin and Josephine Grech. May they all rest in peace.

November, Month of the Holy Souls – In Catholic tradition this month is dedicated in a special way to praying for the Faithful Departed. As a focus for our prayers, Books of Remembrance will be placed at the front of both of our churches and you are invited to write in them the names of those for whom you wish to pray. For reasons we won't go into, we regret that in the church in Sandhurst the Book will only be available during the times when Mass is being celebrated.

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

First Holy Communion – Congratulations to Reyan Praveen who will receive his First Holy Communion during the 11.00am Mass this Sunday.

Parish Office – The Office is open 9.30am – 12.30pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Nobody is available on Tuesdays.

“Walk With Me” – These booklets give a short reflection and prayer for each day of the Advent and Christmas seasons. Copies can be purchased from the church porch at £1.50 each.

Christmas Cards – We have a small selection of Christmas cards on sale in the church porch. Prices are marked on each packet. All money for the cards goes to help the Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need.

Refreshments after Sunday Mass – Refreshments after served after our Sunday morning Masses in both churches, so please join us in the Hall to meet other members of the Parish community.

Catechism Classes – Every year in our parish we run a course of Catechism Classes which aim at deepening our children's knowledge and understanding of the Catholic Faith. Any child who belongs to our Parish Community and who is in School Year 4 or above is welcome to join the classes. For those who attend Sunday Mass regularly, at the end of the course they will receive First Reconciliation and Holy Communion. We also use this process to bring to the sacraments older children who wish to be baptised or to be received into membership of the Catholic Church. The course will begin in early January and so parents who wish their child to take part are invited to contact Father Marcus.

RCIA _ This is the process by which adults can be prepared for baptism or to be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church from other Christians communities. It has been decided that the most fruitful way of doing this will be for it to be a joint Pastoral Area initiative. The first focus will be on drawing together a team from the parishes to support those exploring the Catholic Faith and we are inviting parishioners to consider being part of this as catechists, sponsors, welcomers or in hospitality. More information will be available in the coming weeks but if you would like to explore the matter further please speak to Father Marcus or contact the Parish Office.

Christmas Fayre – this weekend 10am – 4pm + 7pm – 8pm + Sunday 10am – 11am. Please come along with your relatives, friends and neighbours and treat yourselves to some amazing bargains - all monies to the church funds – see you there

Mass Intentions – The Parish Diary for 2026 has now arrived and Elizabeth & Sue are waiting with pens poised. It is sometimes very important to people to have Mass offered on a particular date, such as the anniversary of the death of a loved one. If this is the case, please can we advise that these Intentions be arranged as soon as possible so that we can avoid disappointing people. Please note the Parish Diary for 2025 is now fully booked.

Cathedral 150 Appeal – In preparation for the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese an appeal is being launched to do major necessary repair works to St. John's Cathedral in Portsmouth. These will cost in the region of £2.5 million. An appeal to raise this money will be launched on 30th November this year. The Cathedral Parish is situated in the poorest part of the Diocese and the cost of the required works is completely beyond its limited resources. Consequently, support is being sought from across the Diocese for our Mother Church. Each parish is being asked to find several people to act as link persons between the parish and the

appeal. If anybody feels that this is something they could help with, please would they contact Father Marcus. It would be an immense help to our parish and to the Diocese

Series of Advent Talks - To prepare ourselves this Advent for the celebration of Christmas, Owen Dugan, a seminarian for our diocese who is on extended placement with Canon Simon in Wokingham, will be delivering a series of Advent Talks across our Pastoral Area. The talks will take place on the Wednesdays of Advent and after each talk there will be a brief period of Eucharistic Adoration, followed by refreshments. This is a great opportunity for us to come together as a pastoral area to grow in faith and prepare our hearts well for Christmas and hopefully get to know each other a little better as we prepare to become one parish in the fullness of time. You are all warmly invited to attend! The talks will begin at **7pm** and take place as follows:

Wed. 03rd Dec. – St. Joseph's, Bracknell – *Christ Will Come Again: Are we Prepared?*

Wed. 10th Dec. – Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst – *Preparing Our Hearts to Receive the Baby Jesus this Christmas with the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

Wed. 17th Dec. – Corpus Christi, Wokingham – *Let us Adore the Lord with the Magi: The Mystery of the Incarnation.*

Churches Together in Crowthorne - Knitted Christmas Angels. We would be very grateful for as many Christmas Angels as we can produce, as in previous years. There will be copies of the patterns available in both Churches - a collecting box for the angels has been placed in the porch of each church. Please place your completed angels in them. We need some angels for the end of November and then more during December.

As usual Churches Together in Crowthorne will be taking part in the Late-Night Shopping in Crowthorne High Street on Friday 5th December between 5pm-7.30pm. Do come and support the Carols and the Christmas Story as well as the other offerings. The High Street will be closed to traffic and volunteers are needed to make sure that people crossing Dukes Ride use the crossing near the Methodist Church as Dukes Ride is open to traffic. Please contact the Parish Office or Angela Greenwood, 01344 774254, if you would like to help.

Save the date – Friday 30th January for church quiz at Sandhurst Day Centre. Doors open at 6.30pm. Quiz starts at 7.00pm till 10.00pm. Tickets will be sold beginning of January. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Plate Collection – for last Sunday: £846.03 - Standing Orders: £575 - Digital Giving collection: £110.13. 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.