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Newsletter – Sunday 11th October 2026
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 10.00am (HG) The well-being of Cho family and Cho Cheung Wei Yee RIP
6.00pm (IC) Patricia Coyer RIP

Sunday 9.00am (IC) The People of the Parish
11.00am (HG) Freddy Green RIP

Monday 9.30am (HG) Lorraine Walsh RIP

Tuesday **No Mass today**

Wednesday 9.30am (IC) Ray & Terence Williams RIP

Thursday 9.30am (HG) Wei Yee Cho RIP

Friday 9.30am (IC) Mike Stevenson RIP

Saturday 10.00am (HG) Catherine Chong RIP
6.00pm (IC) The well-being of Patricia & Rob Wilson and family

Sunday 9.00am (IC) Peggy Bevins RIP
(18/10) 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. Wilfrid, Bishop
Tuesday St. Edward the Confessor, King of England
Wednesday St. Callistus I, Pope, Martyr
Thursday St. Teresa of Avila, Foundress, Doctor of the Church
Friday St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Nun
Saturday St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr

This Sunday we will use Eucharistic Prayer 4, which has its own Preface

The following people's anniversaries will occur during the coming week : Eileen Wakely, Emilie de Klerk, Alison Hill, John Hoy, Freddy Green, Martha Oram, Christine Walters, Terry Wordingham, Marguerite Le-Moual, Janet Backhouse and Ralph Smith. Please also remember in prayer Mrs. Eillen Hoare, who passed away on 5th October. 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

Refreshments after Sunday Mass – Refreshments are normally available both Sunday morning Masses.

World Day of Prayer Meeting – On Wednesday 14th October at 2pm at St John's Church, Church Street, Crowthorne RG45 7AW. There is a short service of poems and hymns followed by refreshments. Do come and join us, you will be very welcome.

Bingo – The Bingo afternoon was great fun and well-attended. The Social Committee would like to thank everyone who made it a success

Christmas Fayre 2026 – will be held in the Immaculate Conception hall on
Saturday 21 November between 10am and 4pm, and 7pm and 8pm and
Sunday 22 November between 10am and 11am
Stalls - to include Bottles/Tombola, Gifts, Jewellery, Cakes and Produce (with ingredients list please), Christmas, China and Glass, Games and Puzzles (complete please) – we cannot accept electrical goods. Donations gratefully accepted from 17/18 October, after the WEEKEND Masses, in the Christmas boxes in the porch. Please do not leave items during the week.
Christmas Raffle - 1st prize £150 plus 11 other prizes. Tickets are £1 each. To ensure your chance please place your cash in an envelope marked with your name, telephone number and amount enclosed. They will be collected after each weekend Mass starting on 10/11 October – Sherrie has a very efficient system. The draw will take place between 7pm and 8pm on Saturday 21 November.
Offers of Help – even for an hour or two to set up on Friday 20 November between 11.30am and 3 pm, help on a stall for an hour or two on the Saturday or to help tidy up on the Sunday between 11am and 1pm, will be greatly appreciated.
Questions, queries of offers of help to Sherrie or Pat after Mass or Pat on 01344 774746 – Thank you.

Help needed – An elderly parishioner living in Sandhurst is seeking help from someone who would be able to prepare food for them lunchtime and evening 5 days per week. The going rate will be paid for a few hours a day. Please would anyone interested in taking this up contact the Parish Office in the first instance.

Parish Census – It is very helpful for us to have contact details for our parishioners. Some months ago we issued a new Parish Census Form. If you have not already done so, please would parishioners complete one of these and return it to the Parish Office or hand it to Father Marcus. The information is put on to a computer data base called Church Suite and is treated with strict confidence. The green Census Forms can be found with the newsletters in the church porch. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Save the date – Seniors Christmas Lunch on Saturday 5th December. This event is for parishioners who are over 75. Invitations will be sent out in October. Anyone eligible who has not previously attended should contact the parish office with their details (name, home address and telephone number).

Part-time Chaplaincy Vacancy - Expressions of interest are sought from experienced individuals (clergy or lay) to serve as a paid part-time Roman Catholic chaplain at Broadmoor Hospital in Crowthorne. The hours of work would be either 3.75 hours per week or 7.5 hours every fortnight. Expressions of interest should, in the first instance, be shared with Bishop Philip Egan via bishop@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Bishop Philip will then direct individuals to the NHS manager responsible for recruitment of this post.

Plate Collection – for last two Sundays: £1,764.31 (plus £40 for Home Missions and £10 for CAFOD Harvest) - Standing Orders: £575 - Digital Giving collection: £430.74. 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.