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Newsletter – Sunday 25th October 2026
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday	10.00am (HG)	Eileen Hoare RIP
	6.00pm (IC)	Margaret Griffin RIP
Sunday	9.00am (IC)	Maggie & Terry Wordingham RIP
	11.00am (HG)	The People of the Parish
Monday	9.30am (HG)	Jan RIP and the well-being of Kirk family
Tuesday		**No Mass today**
Wednesday	9.30am (IC)	The well-being of Michael & Natalie Picozzi and family
Thursday	9.30am (HG)	Ranjan Gunasekera RIP
Friday	9.30am (IC)	Eve Brisley RIP
Saturday	10.00am (HG)	John Barry RIP
	6.00pm (IC)	Doreen O'Toole RIP
Sunday	9.00am (IC)	The People of the Parish
(1/11)	11.00am (HG)	June Brown RIP

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

Feasts

Monday **Ss. Chad & Cedd, Bishops**
Wednesday **Ss. Simon & Jude, Apostles**

This Sunday we will use Sunday Preface 5 & Eucharistic Prayer 2

The following people's anniversaries will occur during the coming week : Hilda Wakefield, Sylvia Hollings, Betty Ingram, Teresa O'Toole, Louise de Klerk, Michael Kirk, Margaret Storey and Jackie Stephens. 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.

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 receive their First Reconciliation (Confession) 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 January and so parents who wish their child to take part are invited to contact Father Marcus.

Mass Count – Every year in the Autumn we are required to count everybody attending Mass over four Sundays and then work out an average as the Mass attendance for the Parish. This year our average was 298 (2025: 290; 2024: 263).

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 or offers of help** to Sherrie or Pat after Mass or Pat on 01344 774746 – Thank you.

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. It is one form per family. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Could you walk alongside someone discovering the Catholic Faith ? Many people across our Pastoral Area are exploring the Catholic Faith through RCIA and sponsors are now being sought to accompany them. Being a sponsor is about being a friend, a listening ear and a companion on the journey. The practicalities would involve accompanying your candidate to the RCIA meetings in Bracknell on Thursday evenings and being present for the particular rites that mark their progress celebrated during Lent. As the candidates are admitted to membership of the Church at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night, being able to attend then would be essential. Guidance, preparation and ongoing support will be given to sponsors for this ministry. If you are interested, please have a word with Father Marcus, who will refer you to our RCIA Parish Contact. An initial conversation carries no commitment.

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).

Visit of the Relics of St. Gerard Majella – On Wednesday 28th October the relics of St. Gerard Majella will be at English Martyrs Church, Liebenrood Road, Reading (RG30 2EB) for Mass at 7.00pm, followed by individual and family blessings. St. Gerard is the Patron of expectant mothers, those trying to conceive and those seeking work. All are welcome and please bring your petitions with you.

Mass of Anointing - Corpus Christi, Wokingham will celebrate a Mass of Anointing on Saturday 7th November at 10.30am. The Mass is intended especially for those experiencing physical or mental health difficulties, those in need of spiritual support, and those of advancing years. We will come together in prayer, asking for healing, comfort and strength for ourselves and one another. Tea and coffee will be available in the Keenan Rooms after Mass, and everyone is welcome to stay. If you need a lift to attend, please contact the SVP on 01182 114130 and leave a message, or email suzettesymons@gmail.com.

Plate Collection – for last Sunday: £611.82 (£158.09 for World Mission Sunday) - Standing Orders: £575 - Digital Giving collection: £157.32. 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.