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Newsletter – Sunday 20th September 2026
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 10.00am (HG) Special intention
6.00pm (IC) The well-being of Carol and Eddy Jacks
Sunday 9.00am (IC) The People of the Parish
11.00am (HG) Phyllis Fogarty & Maura Gleeson RIP
Monday 9.30am (HG) Gwyneth Brisley RIP
Tuesday **No Mass today**
Wednesday 9.30am (IC) Ellen Brisley RIP
Thursday 9.30am (HG) Fr. Paul Ryan RIP
Friday 9.30am (IC) Edwin Proctor RIP
Saturday 10.00am (HG) Martin Stubbs RIP
6.00pm (IC) Mike Stevenson RIP
Sunday 9.00am (IC) Elizabeth Reidy RIP
(27/9) 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. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist
Wednesday St. Pio of Pietrelcina, Priest
Thursday Our Lady of Walsingham
Saturday Ss Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

This Sunday we will use Sunday Preface 1 & Eucharistic Prayer 2

The following people's anniversaries will occur during the coming week : Margaret Munslow, Therese Nelmes, Gill House, Mary Tracy, Hendrika Tims, Patricia Hewitt, Sheila Haynes and Ivan De Rebello. May they all rest in peace.

Confessions -

Church of the Immaculate Conception: Fridays 10.00am; Saturdays 5.15pm- 5.45pm

Church of the Holy Ghost: Saturdays 10.30am; Sundays after 11.00am Mass

Parish Office – The Parish Office is open from 9.30am – 12.30am on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Please note that on Tuesday the Office is closed and Father Marcus is also not available.

Refreshments after Sunday Mass – Refreshments are now available again after Mass every Sunday in the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

First Holy Communion – Congratulations to Anna Milnes, who will receive her First Holy Communion during the 11.00am Mass this Sunday.

Save the date – Bingo afternoon, 2-4pm on Sunday 4th October at Immaculate Conception hall. £5 per ticket. Tickets will be on sale from weekend of 12th/13th September.

Save the date – Christmas Fayre on 21st and 22nd November. Hope to see you there.

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).

Second Collection – Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (formally known as Home Mission Sunday) is observed annually on the third Sunday of September. It is a day dedicated to proclaiming the joyful message of the Gospel—a message that brings hope and transformation to all who receive it with an open heart. This second collection is to support the national work of evangelisation through the Directorate for Mission. 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/home-mission-sunday-20-september-2026> Thank you for your generosity.

Parking in Crowthorne – After the 11.00am Mass in Crowthorne last Sunday a neighbour to the church came to complain about how somebody had parked outside her house. The lady was gracious (usually the neighbours in this circumstance are not) but she was upset because the car in question was parked up on the verge and was evidently damaging her grass, and also it was obstructing her view in the event of her wanting to get out of her driveway. Parking at the Church of the Holy Ghost is very limited but please would parishioners consider when parking in the road, if the way they are leaving their car might cause problems for the residents. Also, at both churches, if the car park is full please don't leave your car with the back sticking out through the gateway so as to obstruct the public footpath as this also rattles the cages of the locals. Thank you.

Lunch at Our Lady's Preparatory School – The school, in the Avenue, Crowthorne, cordially invites parishioners to visit the school for lunch on Monday 28th September. If you wish to attend, please contact the school directly at office@olps.co.uk or on 01344 773394.

Dementia Health Event – This will be on Tuesday 29th September from 7.30pm – 9.30pm at the Morgan Centre, Wellington Road, Crowthorne. Entry is free and tea and coffee is provided. It will be hosted by the New Wokingham Road Surgery Patient Participation Group and the event will include professional speakers on what Dementia is, what legal provisions need to be made in the future in the form of Wills and Power of Attorney, what local support exists, and what help is available to live well. There will be stands at the event with detailed information and an opportunity to discuss or ask questions of the many organisations which provide support in the area. Although the event is be organised by the NWRS PPG in Crowthorne, people from the whole of the surrounding area are welcome to come along.

Salesian College - Open Evening on Wednesday 21 October, 5.00pm - 7.00pm. Families will be able to tour the College, meet staff and students, and gain a flavour of life at Salesian. Please register at <https://www.salesiancollege.com/admissions/open-days>

Portsmouth Diocese Parish Evangelisation Formation Day – Saturday 31st October | 9:30am – 1:30pm | Christ the King Parish, Reading. How can we grow in faith and share the joy of the Gospel? Join us for a morning of prayer, inspiration, teaching and fellowship as we discover how Parish Evangelisation Cells (PECS) can enrich parish life. PECS are small, welcoming groups of parishioners who meet regularly to pray, reflect on Scripture, build friendships and encourage one another to live and share their faith. They offer a simple way to help people grow closer to Jesus, support one another and reach out to others with friendship and faith. Come and discover how these groups can deepen prayer, friendship and faith, strengthen parish community and mission; and build our confidence in our faith. Everyone is welcome, whether you are curious, active in parish life, or wondering whether PECS could benefit your parish. To register go to <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/JGgE7zeuun> or email Meghan at ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Formation Day for Readers - It is not too late to sign up for the Formation Day for Readers being organised by the Diocesan Liturgy Team on 17th October 2026 from 9.00am to 1.15pm at the Pastoral Centre in Winchester (Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8RY). Please bring your own sandwiches. Tea/coffee/biscuits will be available. Anyone wishing to attend, kindly email liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org

Silver Sunday – This is a free event for older people being organised for 3.00pm – 5.00pm on Sunday 4th October at the Morgan Centre in Crowthorne. “Sing along to your favourite songs and enjoy an afternoon tea,” says the publicity. For a free ticket please call 01344 771251 or email projects@crowthorne-pc.gov.uk Please notify the organisers if you would like assistance with transport.

Christian Football Classes in Bracknell – For ages 18 month to 4 and a half years. Please see the flyer for further details.

Get involved with the Corpus Christi Parish Pantomime - Corpus Christi Church in Wokingham have sent the following message -

“Help us create our next parish panto "The Little Mermaid"
Script read through: Sunday 20 September 4:30-6:30pm, St Teresa's School, Wokingham.
"Main parts" auditions: Tuesday 22 September 7:30-9:00pm, Keenan Rooms, Corpus Christi Church.
Rehearsals: Sundays and Tuesdays ; Show dates: 29, 30, & 31 January 2027
Newcomers welcome. Contact parishpantocc@gmail.com for more details.”

Plate Collection – for last Sunday: £902.64 - Standing Orders: £575 - Digital Giving collection: £132.73. 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.