

Catholic Parish of Crowthorne and Sandhurst

Holy Ghost and the Immaculate Conception Churches

Parish Priest: Father Marcus Brisley BD MTh

Parish Secretary: Mrs. Elizabeth Ramos

Diocesan Safeguarding Office: 023 9281 6396

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Mrs. Sandra Owoso

Email: safeguarding.crosa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Presbytery and Office located at
The Immaculate Conception Church,
63-67 Yorktown Road, Sandhurst, GU47 9BS
Telephone: 01252-876820
Email: crowsand@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Website: www.crowsand.co.uk

=====
Newsletter – Sunday 3rd November 2024
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
=====

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday	6.00pm (IC)	George & Joyce O'Brien RIP
Sunday	9.00am (IC)	Francis Reilly RIP
	11.00am (HG)	The people of the Parish
Monday	9.30am(HG)	Bill Williams RIP
Tuesday		<u>No public Mass today</u>
Wednesday	9.30am(IC)	Bill Smallman RIP
Thursday	9.30am (HG)	Douglas Almeida RIP
	1.15pm (B)	The well-being of Carol Jacks
Friday	9.30am (IC)	Sandra McSorley RIP
Saturday	10.00am (HG)	Charles McGinnis RIP
	6.00pm (IC)	Deceased members of the Jacks Family
Sunday	9.00am (IC)	Stella Fitzpatrick RIP
(10/11)	11.00am (HG)	Deceased members of the Wokingham Catenians Association

IC – Church of the Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst HG – Church of the Holy Ghost, Crowthorne
B – Broadmoor Hospital (Mass not open to the public)

Feasts

Monday	St. Charles Borromeo, Cardinal Archbishop of Milan
Thursday	St. Willibrord, Bishop, Patron of the Netherlands
Saturday	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (the Cathedral of the Diocese of Rome)

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) –

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst: Saturday 5.15pm – 5.45pm

Church of the Holy Ghost, Crowthorne: Saturday 10.30am; Sunday after 11.00am Mass

The sacrament is also available by appointment.

Anniversaries – The following people's anniversaries will occur during the coming week: Alma Hughes; Douglas Almeida; Michael Grealish; Baby Ryan Fuller; John Barrett; Sandra McSorley; Kate Chapman; Mary Sharpe and John Grealish. May they all rest in peace.

As this is the first weekend of the month when our clergy move around the Pastoral Area, we welcome Father Danny McAvoy to celebrate the Masses in our parish. Father Marcus will be in Wokingham, and Canon Simon Thomson in Bracknell.

Bamenda Sunday – Bamenda is a diocese in Cameroon with which our own Diocese of Portsmouth has been twinned since 1974. Some of our priests have served as missionaries there, and now priests from Bamenda minister in some of our own parishes. Over the years Portsmouth has made possible all sorts of projects in Bamenda which have been funded by the over £1,000,000 given by our parishes. This has been raised largely through the annual Second Collection on Bamenda Sunday, which this year falls on 3rd November. If you would like to support our Diocese's continuing assistance to the Diocese of Bamenda, please place your kind donation in the box in the porch after Mass. Donations can also be made online - <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/donate?cid=136990#amount>

Books of Remembrance – In the Roman Catholic Church November is a time when we pray in a special way for those who have died. As a focus for our prayers throughout this month, the Parish Books of Remembrance are available at the front of our churches and you are invited to write in them the names of your deceased loved ones. Please remember especially in your prayers the following who have died since this time last year: Margaret Rapley; David Rhodes; Joseph Goatcher; Rita MacKay; Maggie Wordingham; Kazimiera Syposz; Teresita Hume; Robert Timpson; and Anthony & Gillian McCarthy. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Remembrance Sunday – A huge thank you to Mr. Rick Hansford who has kindly offered to represent the parish at the Civil Remembrance Service in Sandhurst on Remembrance Sunday.

Refreshments after Sunday Mass - Refreshments are available after the 9.00am Mass on Sundays on a fortnightly basis so please join us in the Hall at the Church of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday 10th November. The refreshments schedule is posted on the notice board. Refreshments are also served in the Parish Room at the Church of the Holy Ghost each Sunday after the 11.00am Mass.

Mass Intentions – The Parish Diary for 2025 has now arrived and Elizabeth is waiting with pen 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, if possible, we can avoid disappointing people.

Christmas Fayre in the Immaculate Conception church hall on SATURDAY 23rd November 10am – 4pm and 7pm – 8pm, and SUNDAY 24th November 10am – 11am. Stalls to include – Tombola, Cakes and Preserves, Gifts, Jewelleries, Toiletries, Red and Green etc. DONATIONS, gratefully accepted, during November after the WEEKEND Masses in the Christmas boxes in each church porch. Please do not leave items during the week. Thank you

Christmas Raffle - 1st Prize = £150.00 plus 11 other prizes. Tickets £1.00 each. To ensure your chance please place your cash in an envelope, clearly marked, with your name, telephone number, and amount enclosed and they will be collected after each weekend mass from the 26th October – Sherrie has a very efficient system. The draw will take place between 7pm - 8pm on Saturday 23rd November

Offers of Help for Christmas Fayre - even for an hour or two to set up on Friday 22nd between 11- 3, help on a stall – even for an hour or two on Saturday 23rd or to tidy up on Sunday 24th between 11 am – 12noon will be greatly appreciated. Questions, queries or offers of help to Sherrie or Pat after Mass or 01344 774746 Thank you

Afternoon tea at 2.00pm till 4.00pm Wednesday 6th November in the Parish rooms at the Holy Ghost church. A warm welcome awaits.

Assisted Suicide Law - Kim Leadbeater MP is introducing a bill to introduce assisted suicide, which will be voted on by MPs on the **29th November**. We know that assisted suicide laws in other jurisdictions have had devastating consequences for the poor, disabled and marginalised. This is the biggest threat to the vulnerable in a decade, and we need a huge effort to lobby MPs. Bishop Philip issued a Pastoral Letter on this subject, which was read at all Masses last weekend. In it he mentioned having drafted a sample letter which people can use to ask their MP to vote against the legislation to bring in the assisted suicide. Copies of the sample letter can be found in the same stand as the newsletters in the church porch.

Bracknell Forest Interfaith Forum – There will be a presentation on “The Role of Faith in Mental Health” given by Christian, Baha’i, Hindu, Jewish, Moslem, and Sikh representatives on Tuesday 14th November at 7.30pm in the Honeysuckle Room, Open Learning Centre, Rectory Lane, Bracknell RG12 7GR. To join by Zoom, please contact Rev. John Castle rector@stmichael-sandhurst.org.uk for Zoom link.

Comedy & Carols – with comedian Paul Kerensa at 7.00pm on Sunday 8th December in St. Michael’s Anglican Church, Lower Church Road, Sandhurst. Tickets cost £12.00 (to include mulled wine and mince pies) and can be obtained from their Parish Office 01252 873030 or email office@stmichaels-sandhurst.org.uk

Mass Count – Recently, as required by the Diocese, over four weekends we counted the number of people present at Mass so as to work out our average attendance. The figure for this year was 263 (2023: 253; 2022: 252).

Plate Collection for last Sunday: £726.75 - Standing Orders: £575 - Digital Giving collection: £9.83. Thank you for your generosity.

If anyone wishes to donate by cheque to the parish, the cheques should be made payable to CDP Crowthorne HG & Sandhurst IC