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Newsletter – Sunday 19 November 2023
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday	6.00pm (IC)	The People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am (IC)	Canon Richard Hind RIP
	11.00am (HG)	Deceased Brothers of the Bracknell Forest Catenian Circle
Monday	9.30am (HG)	Terry Wordingham RIP
Tuesday		<u>No public Mass today</u>
Wednesday	9.30am (IC)	Jenny Spalding RIP
Thursday	9.30am (HG)	Sister Veronica, Carmelite, RIP
	1.15pm (SL)	Fr. Kevin St. Aubyn RIP
Friday	9.30am (IC)	In thanksgiving
Saturday	10.00am (HG)	Martin Stubbs RIP
	6.00pm (IC)	Fr. Joe Diskin RIP
Sunday	9.00am (IC)	The People of the Parish
(26/11)	11.00am (HG)	Francis Reilly RIP

Feasts –

Monday	St. Edmund, King of East Anglia & Martyr (the original Patron Saint of England)
Tuesday	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday	St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr, Patroness of Musicians
Thursday	St. Clement I, Pope, Martyr
Friday	St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs in Vietnam

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

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: Robert Phillips, Peter Bentley, Patricia Harvey, Blake Parsons-Kilburn, Anne Inglis, Arnold Brierley and June Abbett. May they rest in peace.

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 will be available at the front of our churches and you are invited to write in them the names of your own deceased loved ones.

Refreshments at the Church of The Immaculate Conception - Refreshments are available after the 9.00am Mass on Sundays so please join us in the Hall. The refreshments will be available on a fortnightly basis on 19th November, 3rd, 17th and 31st December and so on. 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.

“Walk With Me” – Advent begins on Sunday 3rd December and as an accompaniment for this holy season we have some copies of the booklet “Walk With Me” which gives a daily reflection right through until the end of Christmas (8th January in 2024). Copies are on sale in the church porch at £1.00 each.

Christmas cards – From this weekend we have a small selection of Christmas cards on sale in the church porch. Packs are individually priced and all proceeds go to the charities Aid to the Church in Need and Embrace the Middle East (which supports Christians in that part of the world). Because of problems with theft earlier in the year, unfortunately the cards will only be available to look at and buy during the times of Mass.

Christmas Fayre - is at the Immaculate Conception church hall on Saturday 2nd December 10am – 4pm + 7pm – 8pm + Sunday 3rd December 10am – 11am. Stalls to include: tombola, bottles, cakes and preserves, gifts, 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

Offers of help for Christmas Fayre - even for an hour or two to set up, help on a stall or tidy up would be much appreciated. Questions, queries or offers of help to Sherrie or Pat after Mass or on 01344 774746 Thank you.

Christmas Raffle - 1st Prize = £100.00 plus 11 other prizes. Tickets 50p each. To ensure your chance please place the amount in an envelope clearly marked with your name, telephone number and amount enclosed and they will be collected after each weekend mass. The draw will take place between 7pm - 8pm on Saturday 2nd December. If you wish to purchase Tombola tickets then please follow the same format and they will drawn during the day on Saturday the 2nd December.

Seniors Christmas lunch is on Saturday 9th December. We will be hosting a lunch for our parishioners who are over 75. This will take a slightly simpler format this year with a buffet lunch. Formal invitations will be sent in November, but please save the date. If you have not previously attended and would like to do so, please let the Parish Office know in the next week. Please let us know also your contact details (phone and home address). Because of numbers in a smaller venue we will need to restrict attendance to people who are currently parishioners (those who live in the parish or, if they live elsewhere, usually attend Mass in one of our two parish churches).

Gift aid – Parishioners who are already Gift Aiders, can you please download and sign the gift-aid declaration form. Since we have changed the charity name (but still same bank account details), we need to have an updated signed form. You can download the form here: <https://www.crowsand.co.uk/gift-aid>. There will be forms too available at the back of the church or you

can ask the Parish Office for the form. We must do this in order to be compliant with HMRC. Gift Aid will not be claimed unless a new CDP GAD has been signed. Please send your signed gift-aid declaration form to the Parish Office. Thank you.

Parish Penitential Service – Looking ahead, there will be an Advent Penitential Service in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst, at 7.30pm on Thursday 14th December when priests from the local area will be present to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) with people.

Keys – It would be helpful to update our list of people holding keys so please would anyone who has their own key giving access to the property at the **Holy Ghost Church** please notify the Parish Office. Thank you.