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Newsletter – Sunday 8th November 2026
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Remembrance Sunday

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Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday	10.00am (HG)	The well-being of Rama and family
	6.00pm (IC)	Sandra McSorley RIP
Sunday	9.00am (IC)	Douglas Almeida RIP
	11.00am (HG)	The People of the Parish
Monday	9.30am (HG)	Benefactors of the Clergy Retirement Fund (Diocesan Intention)
Tuesday	**No Mass today**	
Wednesday	9.30am (IC)	Peter Hare RIP
Thursday	9.30am (HG)	Jerry Broda RIP
Friday	9.30am (IC)	Stella FitzPatrick RIP
Saturday	10.00am (HG)	The well-being of Kitty Cho
	6.00pm (IC)	The People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am (IC)	Deceased members of the Claydon & Herry families
(15/11)	11.00am (HG)	Deceased Brothers of the Bracknell Forest Catenian Circle (Foundation Mass)

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

Feasts

Monday	**Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**
Tuesday	**St. Leo the Great, Pope**
Wednesday	**St. Martin of Tours, Bishop**
Thursday	**St. Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr**
Saturday	**Blessed Hugh Cook Faringdon, John Eynon & John Rugg, Martyrs in Reading**

This Sunday we will use the Preface 2 For the Dead & Eucharistic Prayer 2

The following people's anniversaries will occur during the coming week : Sandra McSorley, Mary Sharpe John Grealish, George Brunel-Cohen, Stella FitzPatrick, Lillian Moss-Terry, James Kinsella, Iris Marchant, Francis Sharpe, Margaret Pearce, Gerald Munday and Reginald Frith. Please also remember in prayer James Patey (son of our parishioner Lyn), who passed away recently. 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.

November, Month of the Holy Souls – In Catholic tradition November is dedicated in a special way to praying for the Faithful Departed . As a focus for our prayers Books of Remembrance will be placed in the front of both of our churches and you are invited to write in them the names of those for whom you wish to pray.

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. The closing date for applications will be **30th November**.

Baptism – Zachary Waycot-Ziadat is to be Baptised on Saturday 14th November in the Church of the Holy Ghost, Crowthorne. Congratulations to Zachary and his family.

Carers Coffee Meeting – Do you help look after someone with a care need? Please come along to our informal coffee meetings, held on the 4th Friday of the month, at Buckler's Lodge Care Home in Crowthorne. See posters in the church porches for more information.

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.

Voices of Hope — an Advent retreat. This Advent you are warmly invited to Voices of Hope, a four-session contemplative retreat with the men and women of Scripture who waited for Christ — Eve and Job, Ruth and David, Hannah and Isaiah, Simeon and Anna. Join the open online retreat on the Sundays of Advent (29 November – 20 December, 7:00–8:15pm), live on Zoom and recorded so you can catch up at any time. It is completely free to join; an optional donation supports the work. Offered by the Centre for Applied Carmelite Spirituality. Details and registration: https://cacs.org.uk/voices-of-hope/

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.

Portsmouth Lay Leaders' Conference 2026 - Inspired by our ten-year Mission Plan, You Will Be My Witnesses, the Lay Leaders Conference will take place on Saturday 21 November at the Solent Hotel Whiteley near Southampton between 9.00am and 3.30pm. The conference will offer an opportunity to share experiences, explore fresh ideas and consider how clergy and laity can work together to strengthen our parishes and bring more people to know Jesus Christ. As we look to the future of our Diocese, we want as many people as possible to be part of this important conversation. Please register for free here - https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=aXEQD-Bnr06EKJ6fBel0q1wN0UsJndlOuXgPfooAU7RUQ0xJN1NJUDlLWEJYNEZCWkNIMkVZRjEwMi4u

Finance Committee – The next meeting of the Parish Finance Committee will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11th November in the hall at the church in Sandhurst. Anybody will a knowledge of finance or property maintenance would be very welcome to come along to explore becoming part of this important part of parish life.

Plate Collection – for last Sunday: £567.11 (£83.50 for Bamenda) - Standing Orders: £575 - Digital Giving collection: £233.15. 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.

Now that we often have the heating on in the church and it takes a good while to make the building warm, please can we all remember to keep the main door closed so that the heat is not lost.