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**Newsletter – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
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**Mass Times and Intentions**

Saturday 6.00pm (IC) The well-being of Carol Jacks  
Sunday 9.00am (IC) Fr. Kevin Jones RIP  
11.00am (HG) The People of the Parish  
Monday 9.30am (HG) Ilish Rattery RIP  
Tuesday **No public Mass today**  
Wednesday 9.30am (IC) The well-being of Paul Soffe  
Thursday 9.30am (HG) Martin Stubbs RIP and Ping Stubbs GE  
1.15pm (B) Fr. David Standley RIP  
Friday 9.30am (IC) Intentions of Josie Fordree  
Saturday 10.00am (HG) The Holy Souls  
6.00pm (IC) The People of the Parish  
Sunday 9.00am (IC) Bice Valente RIP  
(5/5) 11.00am (HG) Monica & Edward Cheung RIP

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

B – Broadmoor Hospital (Mass not open to the public)

**This Sunday we will use Preface 4 of Easter and Eucharistic Prayer 1**

**Feasts –**

**Monday St. Catherine of Siena, Patroness of Italy & of Europe**

**Tuesday St. Pius V, Pope**

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>St. Joseph the Worker</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Ss Philip &amp; James, Apostles</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>The English Martyrs (1535-1680)</b>

**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: James Leahy, Michael Hounsome, Joshua Aidoo-Sarkodie, Maureen Coolican, Pat Godwin, Catherine Heron, James Doyle, Martin Stubbs and Richard Diffenthal. May they all rest in peace.

**Refreshments after Sunday Mass** - Refreshments are available after the 9.00am Mass on Sundays so please join us in the Hall at the Church of the Immaculate Conception. The refreshments will be available on a fortnightly basis on 5 May, 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.

**Lost earring** – A few weeks ago a gold-coloured earring shaped like a shell and obviously intended for a pierced ear was found after Sunday Mass in the church in Crowthorne. If anyone is aware of having lost it, it is safe and awaiting collection from the sacristy.

**Portsmouth Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024** – This will be from 22<sup>nd</sup> July for four nights. For further details please see the poster in the church porch.

**Easter Anthem to Our Lady** – During Eastertide we recite this at the end of those Masses when no hymns are sung:

**Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia !  
for He whom thou didst merit to bear, alleluia !  
has risen as He said, alleluia !  
Pray for us to God, alleluia !**

**Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia !  
for the Lord has truly risen, alleluia !**

**Gift Aid Envelopes** – Would those Gift Aid donors who use numbered cash envelopes please note that the boxes for the new tax year are now available for collection at the back of each church.

**Marriage Care Volunteers Needed** – Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support. We are looking for Marriage Preparation Course Facilitators to prepare couples for the Sacrament of Marriage (full training is provided for this role), Qualified Relationship Counsellors to support couples in distress, and Trustees to provide governance and strategic direction for the organisation. For more information please visit: [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or email: [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk)

**Miss Margaret John** – Father Marcus will conduct the short service for the interment of the ashes of the late Miss Margaret John in the grave of her sister in the churchyard of St. John’s Anglican Church in Crowthorne at 12 noon on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May, by kind permission of the Vicar.

**Parish trip to Littlehampton** – We have had a fabulous response to our planned trip and the list is now closed. Over the coming weeks we will provide you with more details and collect food choices for lunch. Please can you let the office know immediately if for some reason you are unable to attend.

**Save the date** – Safari supper on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July. More details to follow.

**Parish Ministries** – Last weekend, in outlining the consequences the Bishop's Pastoral Plan will have for our parish, Father Marcus mentioned that we must start to prepare for the day when the people will need to take on responsibility for much of the life of our churches in the likely event of there no longer being a resident priest in Crowthorne and Sandhurst. In light of this, we bring to the parishioners' attention the following present needs as opportunities for service to our community:

**Church Choir:** The Music Group which plays at the 9.00am Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception every other Sunday now consists of 4 players and it would be lovely if we could have some more instrumentalists, as well as singers. If you think that you would like to join, please have a word with Mrs. Linda Tranter after Mass or phone her on 01252 872589.

**Finance Committee:** This meets every about every three months and oversees the good stewardship of our parish finances and property. If you have a background in finance, in running a business, or in practical projects, your expertise will be very welcome if you wish to join the Finance Committee. Please have a word with the Chairman, Mr. Richard Taylor, or contact the Parish Office.

**Linen Rota:** New recruits to the rotas in either of our churches to wash and iron the small cloths we use at Mass would be a great help. Please contact Elizabeth at the Parish Office if you are willing to offer your services

**Afternoon Tea** from 2pm till 4pm Wednesday 1st May at the Parish rooms of the Holy Ghost Church. We look forward to seeing you.

**Captain Noah & His Floating Zoo** – The Choirs of those communities belonging to Churches Together in Crowthorne & Sandhurst will be doing a production of Captain Noah And His Floating Zoo in St. John's Anglican Church in Crowthorne at 6.00pm on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Admission will be free, refreshments will be served, and there will be a retiring collection. For anyone wishing to take part, there will be rehearsals on Thursdays 8.15pm – 9.00pm at St. Michael's Anglican Church in Sandhurst.

**Memorial Service** – SANDS (the stillborn and neonatal death charity) will be holding a non-denominational Memorial Service for bereaved families from 3.00pm – 5.00pm on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May in St. Peter's Anglican Church, Frimley Green Road, Frimley, GU16 7AQ.