Catholic Parish of Crowthorne and Sandhurst

Holy Ghost and the Immaculate Conception Churches

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Newsletter – Sunday 1st March 2026
Second Sunday of Lent

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Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday	10.00am (HG)	Joe & Rose McManus RIP
	6.00pm (IC)	The well-being of Patricia & Rob Wilson and family
Sunday	9.00am (IC)	The People of the Parish
	11.00am (HG)	The well-being of Bridie & Martin Reid and family
Monday	9.30am (HG)	Winifred Luxton RIP
Tuesday		**No Mass today**
Wednesday	9.30am (IC)	Vesty Pidgeon RIP
	7.00pm (IC)	**Stations of the Cross**
Thursday	9.30am (HG)	The well-being of Pauline & Tom Leahy and family
Friday	9.30am (IC)	Hugh & Jack Kelly RIP
	12.00pm (HG)	**Stations of the Cross**
Saturday	10.00am (HG)	Nora Hensman RIP
	6.00pm (IC)	The well-being of Wilson families, relatives and friends
Sunday	9.00am (IC)	The People of the Parish
(8/3)	11.00am (HG)	Robert Rokke RIP and Nancy Rokke GE

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

This Sunday we will use the Preface of the Second Sunday of Lent & Eucharistic Prayer 3

Commemorations

Wednesday **St. Casimir, Prince, Patron of Lithuania**

Saturday **St. Perpetua & St. Felicity, Martyrs**

A very happy St. David's Day for this Sunday to all of our parishioners who have the blood of the Cymry flowing through their veins !

The following people's anniversaries will occur during the coming week: Dorothy Krywonos, John Coyer, Steven O'Reardon, Joan Foster, Joe Lamond, Shirley Hayden, Iain Mackay, Maurice Bamfield and Rory Parsons-Kilburn. 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

There will be a Pastoral Area Penitential Service where the local priests will be available for Confession at 7.30pm on Thursday 26th March in the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Sandhurst.

Parish Office – The Office is open 9.30am – 12.30pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Nobody is available on Tuesdays.

Please be sure to take one of the purple leaflets from the church porch giving the details of our Lent, Holy Week and Easter services.

Please remember in your prayers Father Danny, the Parish Priest of Bracknell and the local Co-ordinating Pastor, who is ill and due to receive ongoing treatment.

Parish Census – Attached to the newsletter, and also available from the church porch, is a form for the Parish Census. This enables us to keep up to date with information we need to serve our people effectively and it is now quite a few years since we held a census. The Diocese also requires that this information be recorded on computer software called ChurchSuite. Please would you complete one of the forms, even if you have done so before, and hand it in at the Parish Office or personally to Father Marcus (we don't want people's information being left laying around anywhere). All information will be treated confidentially and held securely. If you kindly Gift Aid your donations to the parish please would you return the form before the end of March as we will only be able to claim Gift Aid from now on if people are recorded on the ChurchSuite computer software. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Afternoon Tea – will be served from 2.00pm – 4.00pm on Wednesday 4th March in the Parish Room at the Church of the Holy Ghost, Crowthorne. We look forward to seeing you.

Curry Night Fundraiser - We are a small group who raise funds (usually once a year) by producing a 3-course authentic Indian and Sri Lankan meal. We aim to raise between £300 - £400 for each event night whilst also ensuring a lovely meal, a convivial atmosphere and engaging company in our Parish Hall at Immaculate Conception Church in Sandhurst. We welcome anyone who would also like to volunteer their time to cook, prepare the room, clear up after the meal, or sell tickets. If you can help in any way or would like more information please contact the parish office.

Rosary Group – We are a small friendly group who meet in the hall of the Immaculate Conception Church to pray the Rosary after the Friday morning Mass. Everyone is welcome, come and join us !

Formation Morning for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Fr Anthony Fyk, Director of Liturgical Formation and the Liturgy Formation team invite you to a formation morning at St Peter's Pastoral Centre, Winchester on Saturday 9th May 2026 commencing with Mass at 9 am. There will be a welcome session from Fr Anthony, a talk focussing on the Eucharist in the sacred scriptures as well as a session on Lectio Divina: "Living a Eucharistic life – what does it mean to live out the Eucharist?." All Eucharistic Ministers, experienced and new, are very welcome to attend. If you wish to attend, please register via liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

World Day of Prayer Service on 6th March at 10.30 am at the Baptist Church Crowthorne, RG45 7AT. This is an interdenominational service written, this year, by the women of Nigeria on the theme "I will give you rest, come" and you are all most welcome to attend. The same service is repeated, worldwide, over 24 hours starting in Samoa. Do come and be part of this global wave of prayer. It is followed by refreshments and an opportunity to meet other Christians. Any queries please ring Pat Wilson 01344 774746

The Union of Catholic Mothers, Corpus Christi, Wokingham Foundation would like to invite you to a day of recollection. The theme will be Romans 12:12 - "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer," led by Monsignor Canon Jeremy Garrett. From 10:00 am on Saturday 7th March 2026 at Corpus Christi Church, 60 Sturges Road, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG40 2HE. The programme for the day includes Mass and the price for the day is £12.50 per person. Please pay in cash. A simple buffet lunch and coffee and tea at the beginning and end of the day are included. Please let us know if you would like to attend by emailing our secretary, Marie Tomlin, on mvc.tomlin@btinternet.com by 1st March, as it would help to have numbers in advance for the catering.

The National Novena to St Joseph – will take place from 10-18 March at St. Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. Every year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their Society Patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach and for the intentions of all those who support their work. If you are able, and if you would like to attend, Masses are at 10.00am every day of the Novena except Sunday, when it is 11.00am. These Masses will be available to follow on YouTube, via the Mill Hill website: www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena. The Novena Prayer Booklet is available on request for a suggested donation of £1 per booklet to cover costs. You are welcome to send in your petitions and/or request a Novena prayer booklet. Please write to the Novena Director at 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead SL6 7GZ, or email novenamhm@gmail.com

Salesian College has upcoming Tour and Talks in March which are designed to give parents an insight. This is an opportunity to have a guided tour of the College by one of our Senior Leadership Team and explore a variety of activities across different departments. They also invite you to join them in the Refectory for refreshments and a conversation with the Admissions Team, who will be happy to answer any questions you may have. To book your place please click here: https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FNXT

SVP and CAFOD Work Experience Opportunity - The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from 21 – 26 June in London. Candidates must be aged 18-25 years old and priority will be given to those in their first or second year at university. Applications close on 6 April. For more information, please contact KeziaH@svp.org.uk.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day - Anyone wishing to hand in money raised in last Friday's CAFOD Lent Fast Day, or to make a general donation to CAFOD, is invited to place it in the Second Collection box in the church porch after Mass. If people wish to Gift Aid their donation, please would they make it through the CAFOD website at https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/cafod-second-collection.

Plate Collection – for last Sunday: £697.23 (plus £10 for Racial Justice) - Standing Orders: £575 - Digital Giving collection: £233.99 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.