

Catholic Parish of Crowthorne and Sandhurst

Holy Ghost and the Immaculate Conception Churches

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Newsletter – Sunday 29th March 2026
Palm Sunday
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Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday	10.00am (HG) Tony Bennett 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) Valerie Taylor RIP
Monday	9.30am (HG) Canon Glyndwr Williams RIP
Tuesday	<u>No Mass today</u>
Wednesday	9.30am (IC) Kathleen Brown RIP
	7.00pm (IC) Stations of the Cross
Thursday	8.00pm (IC) Mass of the Lord Supper
Friday	10.00am (HG) Stations of the Cross
	3.00pm (IC) Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Saturday	5.00pm (IC) Blessing of Easter Food
	8.30pm (IC) Easter Vigil Mass (Intention: Bill Coleman RIP)
Sunday	9.00am (IC) The People of the Parish
(5/4)	11.00am (HG) Freddy Green RIP

IC – Church of the Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst

HG – Church of the Holy Ghost, Crowthorne

This Sunday we will use the Preface of the Passion of the Lord & Eucharistic Prayer 2

Please note that there will not be a 6.00pm Mass on Holy Saturday (4th April)

The following people's anniversaries will occur during the coming week: Una Hughes, Eileen Robinson, Nicholas Rodney and Michael Quinn. 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

Following the ancient tradition of the Church, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will not be available between Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday.

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

Parish Census – Available with the newsletters in the church porches is a green 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. 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.

St George's Day - Tickets for St Georges Day afternoon tea Sunday 19th April 3pm to 5pm with music and songs, will be on sale at all Masses this weekend price £5.00.

Marriage Support - From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment or more serious issues - If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more: www.retrouvaille.org.uk or call +44 797 338 0443

Good Friday Fasting and Abstinence – Good Friday is a Day of Fasting, which means that all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 60 should eat only one main meal and a small snack during the course of the day. It is also a Day of Abstinence, where Catholics aged 14 and over should not eat meat in any form.

Blessing of Easter Food – The custom of blessing the food to be eaten for breakfast on Easter Sunday is very important for Christians in some parts of Central Europe. The ceremony will be celebrated at 5.00pm on Holy Saturday (4th April) in the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Sandhurst.

Planned Giving Envelopes - These are now available for collection from the church porch by those who contribute to the parish in this way. Please note that the number might have changed in order to economise on the overall number of envelope boxes purchased. For any unused old envelopes left over from 2025, please throw them away after the 5th April. Many thanks to Mr. Edward Brunel-Cohen for preparing them and, indeed, for running the whole Gift Aid scheme for us.

Second Collection - Every Good Friday, churches across the world collect donations that are sent to the Holy Land to support the care of its sacred places and the local Christian communities. Franciscan friars in the Holy Land look after many key Holy Places, including the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre, the Basilica of the Annunciation, the Basilica of the Nativity, and numerous other shrines. If you wish to contribute, please place your donation in the box in the church porch after the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday afternoon or you can donate online at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/holy-places>

Afternoon Tea – will be served from 2.00pm – 4.00pm on Wednesday 1st April in the Parish Room at the Church of the Holy Ghost, Crowthorne. We look forward to seeing you.

Plate Collection – for last Sunday: £1001.44 - Standing Orders: £575 - Digital Giving collection: £83.57. 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.