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Newsletter – Sunday 21st July 2024
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Mass Times and Intentions

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| Saturday | 6.00pm (IC) | The People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 9.00am (IC) | Bridget Reilly RIP |
| | 11.00am (HG) | Eddie Mulligan RIP |
| Monday | 9.30am (HG) | Father Martin Laker RIP |
| Tuesday | | <u>No public Mass today</u> |
| Wednesday | 9.30am (IC) | Canon Glyndŵr Williams RIP |
| Thursday | 9.30am (HG) | Martin Stubbs RIP |
| | 1.15pm(B) | Private Intention |
| Friday | 9.30am (IC) | Jean James RIP |
| Saturday | 10.00am (HG) | The well-being of Pat & Rob Wilson and family |
| | 6.00pm (IC) | The People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 9.00am (IC) | Francis Reilly RIP |
| (28/7) | 11.00am (HG) | The well-being of Martin & Bridie Reid and family |

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

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

Feasts

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| Monday | St. Mary Magdalene, Disciple |
| Tuesday | St. Bridget of Sweden, Foundress, Patroness of Europe |
| Wednesday | St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest |
| Thursday | St. James, Apostle, Patron of Spain |
| Friday | Ss Joachim & Anne, Parents of Our Lady |

This Sunday we will use Sunday Preface 3 and Eucharistic Prayer 2

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: Fr. Martin Laker, Noreen Curtin, Alain Boohally, Kitty Lamond, Mavis Goff and Francis Reilly. May they all rest in peace.

Baptism – Angeline Gabriella Arun Terence will be baptised on Saturday 27th July. Congratulations to Angeline and to her parents Arun and Mariya.

Refreshments after Sunday Mass - Refreshments are available after the 9.00am Mass on Sundays on a fortnightly basis so please join us in the Hall at the Church of the Immaculate Conception next Sunday 28 July. 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.

Catechism Classes – In the Autumn Father Marcus will begin the programme of Catechism Classes which offer children the opportunity to learn about the basics of our Catholic Faith as expressed in the Creed, and also about the Seven Sacraments. During it the children will have the opportunity to make their First Confession and at the end of it those children who usually attend Mass on Sundays proceed to receive their First Holy Communion. However, this will be at a Sunday Mass on a date agreed by Father Marcus and individual families, so there is no single First Holy Communion celebration. The minimum age for children to take part in the Catechism Classes is to be in School Year 4 next September. Parents wishing to enrol their child on to the course are invited to contact Father Marcus by the end of August.

ADoRE spiritual mini retreat on 27th July 10.00-1.00 “HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: going deeper in Praise, Worship and Prayer.” Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring guest speaker Ros Powell. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at bit.ly/ADOREJUL2024 More information at www.altonrenewal.com

An Ecumenical Possibility – Father Marcus writes: *Recently I was visited by Father Dragos Cazucu, a young Romanian Orthodox priest who was ordained back in May. He is the assistant priest of a parish which includes centres in Oxford and Swindon, but he lives in Bracknell. It seems that for some time, through the kindness of Father Danny, Father Dragos and local Romanian Orthodox people have been meeting on Friday evenings in St. Joseph’s in Bracknell for prayer. However, they feel that they would like to start celebrating the Divine Liturgy (the Orthodox Mass) on Sundays. This would not be possible at St. Joseph’s because of the Parish Sunday Mass times but Father Danny referred Father Dragos to me to see if our parish might be able to help. The request is that once a month (probably on the third Sunday) the local Romanian Orthodox community would use our Church of the Immaculate Conception in Sandhurst for their Mass. This would be after our own 9.00am service (so probably starting at around 10.30am). They would make an offering for the use of our amenities. Before asking Bishop Philip for permission for this, I very much wanted to consult our own parishioners, so if anybody has any views, please have a word with me. One of the great tragedies of Christian history is the separation of the Orthodox and Catholic Churches (usually conventionally dated to AD 1054 but actually not complete until the 15th century). Of all Christian communities the Orthodox Church is closest to us in terms of belief (including about the Eucharist), and the Catholic Church recognises that the Orthodox have validly ordained clergy. I had a similar situation with a Greek Orthodox community when I was a Parish Priest in Bournemouth, and it worked very well. This is a wonderful opportunity to sow seeds of friendship and Christian reconciliation with our Orthodox brothers and sisters, and so I commend it to you.*

Collection for last Sunday: £846.52 (plus £206.25 for Second Collection for Stella Maris) and £575 in Standing Orders. Digital Giving collection: £46.22. Thank you for your generosity.

If anyone wishes to donate by cheque to the parish, the cheques should be made payable to CDP Crowthorne HG & Sandhurst IC