

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday	IC	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	IC	9.00am	Dec'd friends & members of the Murphy Family
	HG	11.00am	Tony Bennett +
Monday	HG	9.30am	In Thanksgiving
Tuesday	----	-----	No Mass
Wednesday	IC	9.30am	Dec'd members of the Jacks, Donoghue and Andrews families (No Exposition)
	* IC	7.45pm	Stations of the Cross
Thursday	HG	9.30am	For the Holy Souls
	SL	1.15pm	Father Gerard O'Brien +
Friday	IC	9.30am	Father Nicholas Broadbridge +
	* HG	12.00noon	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	HG	10.00am	Kathleen Brown +
	IC	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday (15/03) 3rd Sunday of Lent	IC	9.00am	Michael and Matthew Picozzi GE
	HG	11.00am	Harold Willoughby +

*PLEASE NOTE

Legend : IC = Immaculate Conception Sandhurst HG = Holy Ghost Crowthorne
SL = St Luke's Chapel, Broadmoor Hospital

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

IC - between 5.15pm and 5.45pm on Saturday
and after Friday morning Mass **HG** – after Sunday Mass
and after Saturday morning Mass

Feasts	Last week's collection figures
Monday 9 – St Frances of Rome, Patron of Benedictine Oblates	Gift Aided £ 568 Other Offertory £ 485
Refreshments will be served after both Sunday Masses and after Friday Mass	There will be a retiring collection today for CAFOD Lenten Fast Day Thank you for your contributions Portsmouth RC Diocese Charity no. 246871

Catholic Parish of Crowthorne and Sandhurst Holy Ghost and the Immaculate Conception Churches

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**We are part of the South
Berkshire Pastoral Area with:**
Ss. Joseph & Margaret Clitherow,
Bracknell:
*Fr. Danny McAvoy, Co-ordinating
Pastor.*
St. Francis, Ascot:
Fr. Kevin Bidgood.
Corpus Christi, Wokingham:
Canon Simon Thomson



Holy Ghost Church
Crowthorne RG45 6JG

Sunday 8 March 2020

Second Sunday of Lent (Year A)

**This Sunday we will use the Preface of the Second Sunday of Lent
and Eucharistic Prayer 2**

Entrance Antiphon: Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

First Reading: Book of Genesis 12:1-4 The call of Abraham, the father of the People of God.

Responsorial Psalm: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Second Reading: Second Letter of St Paul to Timothy 1:8-10 God calls and enlightens us.

Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9 His face shone like the sun.

Communion Antiphon: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur this week – Maurice Bamfield, Rory Parsons-Kilburn, Olivia Wilkinson, Eva Nevrala and Catherine Goodson.

Coronavirus – Father Marcus writes:

“To listen to the media you’d think that the Black Death was upon us again! The Bishop’s Conference of England and Wales (who presumably take advice from the competent medical authority) has stated that at the moment there is no need to take special measures such as stopping Holy Communion under both kinds and the Sign of Peace. However, one parish after another locally is introducing such measures of their own volition so it simply makes no sense for us to carry on regardless. More to the point, people are starting to get edgy and when you come to Mass your minds should be focussed on other things than “Am I going to catch the dreaded lurgy?” Consequently, from after this weekend (8/9 March) only the Host (the Body of Christ) will be given as Holy Communion. Receiving the Blood of Christ from the chalice is always entirely optional anyway. For parishioners who are Coeliacs we do have some low-gluten Hosts (note, not gluten-free, which would actually invalidate the Mass). If their condition allows them to receive these safely they are, of course, welcome to use them but please notify me before Mass starts so that I can make arrangements. Those for whom even these Hosts would cause medical problems, and those who are so anxious that they do not wish to receive Holy Communion at all, are reminded of the venerable practice of receiving a “spiritual Communion” when in prayer they ask the Lord to give them the grace they would otherwise have received in the sacrament – for some people this is the only option which is ever open to them. To reduce the risk of infection the Sign of Peace and the provision of Holy Water in the stoops at the entrance to the church has already been discontinued. However, please remember that the advice which everyone is giving is that the best prevention is hygiene and washing your hands thoroughly on a regular basis. Which brings me to ... probably the biggest risk of passing on Coronavirus around here is me standing outside the church after Mass shaking hands with everyone. I’m not planning on turning antisocial so I shall still be there but, if you don’t mind, I will keep my paws firmly to myself so that there will be no risk to you.”

CAFOD Lent Fast Day – if anyone wishes to hand in money they saved by taking part in last Friday’s CAFOD Fast Day, or make a donation to CAFOD, please place it in the basket in the church porch.

Easter Cards – we have a few packs of Easter cards for sale in the church porch. They are sold on behalf of Aid to the Church in Need and so the money will go to help Christians who are persecuted or suffering in some other way. Each pack contains 6 cards and costs £3.00. There is a choice between a mixed selection pack and a single design Palm Cross Design.

Parish day visit to the Carmelite Friary, Aylesford, Maidstone, Kent on Saturday 16 May – join us for a day visit to this well known and popular place of pilgrimage. It has much to offer, so do invite your family and friends along for a relaxing day out in the Kent countryside! Bring a picnic, or have lunch in the restaurant or tea room. For more information visit www.thefriars.org.uk A coach will leave from the Immaculate Conception Church at 8.30am sharp, with a return to the church planned for around 5.30pm. **Tickets at £16 per adult and £8 per child (under 12 yrs) are on sale again after all Masses this weekend.** Thereafter, they can be bought from the parish office with cash only please and the correct change would be appreciated.

TeenStar – on Thursday 12 March, from 8pm to 9pm, there will be an information evening about TeenStar, a programme to support adolescents in their teenage years, at St Edward’s RC Church, 44 Alma Road, Windsor, SL4 3HJ. The speaker will be Sharon Westby. All are welcome to attend. For further information please email sharonw3stby@gmail.com or visit website www.teenstar.org.uk

L E N T

Lent and Easter – please take home with you one of the leaflets available in the porch which give details of our Lent, Holy Week and Easter services.

Crowthorne Churches Together Lent Programme – includes a highly recommended series of Tuesday evening Lectures at Finchampstead Parish Church, the theme being "Inspired by...". No booking required but arrive early as they are very popular. More information in the church porch and all to enquiries to Angela on 01344 774254

National Novena to St Joseph will take place from 10 to 18 March at St Joseph’s Church in Maidenhead. Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God’s blessing on their Society and the missionary outreach of the Church, as well as for the intentions of all those who support their work. Masses are on Tuesday 10 to Friday 13 March at 7.30pm ; Saturday 14 March at 10.00am ; Sunday 15 March at 10.45am ; and Monday 16 to Wednesday 18 March at 7.30pm. If you are unable to attend but would like to join in from home by praying the daily Novena prayers, you are welcome to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena booklet. Please write to the Novena Director, 58 Cookham Road, Maidenhead SL6 7HT or email novenamhm@gmail.com

Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat – this will be on **Saturday 28 March** in the Cathedral of St Michael and St George, Queen’s Avenue, Aldershot GU11 2BY, beginning at 9.30am and ending at 4.30pm. It will be led by Bishop Paul Mason (Bishop to the Forces) and the Marian Fathers. Please see the poster on the notice-board for the further information.

Chrim Mass in Portsmouth Cathedral on Tuesday 7 April at 11.00am – the coach is booked and seats are available (by donation). Contact **Bracknell parish office** on 01344 425729 or email stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to book your place. The coach will depart from St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow Church at 8.00am sharp, arriving back at 4pm. The address of the church is Service Yard D, 39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell RG12 1BE.

Settlement Scheme – the Bishops have asked parishes to remind European citizens who have made their homes here and wish to remain, about the Settlement Scheme:

1. Any EU, EEA or Swiss citizen living in the UK is required by the government to apply by 30 June 2021 in order to protect their existing rights.
2. To be eligible, people must be living here by 31 December 2020.
3. Some non-European family members of EU, EEA or Swiss citizens are also eligible.
4. Irish citizens do not need to apply.

All details and links to the application process can be found at gov.uk/eusettledstatus

Flower Ministry – flower arrangers are needed to help with the displays in the Immaculate Conception Church. No experience is necessary as guidance will be given. We work on a rota basis and costs are fully reimbursed. If you think you can help, please speak with Fr Marcus or Millie Hare after Mass.

DIARY DATES

Confirmation – Monday 9 March 7pm to 8.30pm IC hall

Sporting Memories – Tuesday 10 March 2.00pm to 4.00pm IC hall

Come Follow Me (2nd year) – Wednesday 11 March 6.30pm to 7.30pm IC hall

Come Follow Me (1st year) – Wednesday 18 March 6.30pm to 7.30pm IC hall

PPC Meeting – Thursday 16 April 7.30pm IC hall

St George’s Day Proms Afternoon Tea Party - Sunday 26 April **SAVE THE DATE**

Parish visit to the Carmelite Priory, Aylesford, Kent – Saturday 16 May