

The Parish of The Holy Trinity and Our Lady Fleet & Church Crookham



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Mass Times & Venues

10th September 2023 — 16th September 2023
Psalter week 3

Sun 10th Sept: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am (HT): People of the Parish
10.45am (HT): Mass said in Polish
11.00am (OL): Healing of the Parish
Mon 11h Sept: Feria
9.30am (OL): Carlos Alves & Deceased Fam
Tue 12h Sept: Most Holy Name of Jesus
9.30am (HT): Carlos Alves & Deceased Fam
Wed 13h Sept: St John Chrysostom
9.30am (OL): Ann Roach RIP
Thur 14th Sept: Exaltation of the Cross
9.30am(HT): Joachim Pimentel RIP
7.00pm (HT): Mass said in Polish
Fri 15th Sept: Our Lady of Sorrows
9.30am (OL): Carlos Alves & Deceased Fam
Sat 16th Sept: Sts Cornelius and Cyprian
9.30am (OL): Cosme de Cruz RIP
6.00pm (HT): To Be Confirmed

Sun 17th Sept: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am (HT): People of the parish
10.45am (HT): Mass said in Polish
11.00am (OL): David Parry's Intention

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 10:15am – 11:15am and by appointment

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Daily Before weekday Masses
Thursday Exposition – TBC

Baptisms, Funerals & Weddings – By appointment

Sacrament of the Sick & Anointing – Please speak with the parish priest or contact the parish office and leave a message if there is no reply.

SENTINELS AND PEACEMAKERS

The last week has been very unsettling for everyone here in the UK. The education of many of our children, grandchildren and young people was disrupted due to the discovery of Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC), in many of the schools. As if that was not enough, we heard the frightening news of the prisonbreak of Daniel Abeed Khalife (An ex-soldier), from Wandsworth Prison while dressed as a chef. These 2 incidents are disturbing since we are yet to know who knew what and at what time. Discerning realities and reacting appropriately to them are not just left to the government but to everyone of us; we ought to be sentinels and peacemakers as this Sunday readings enjoin us.

In today's First Reading, God asked Prophet Ezekiel to be a sentry/watchman to the House of Israel. As a sentry, Prophet Ezekiel was given the task of keeping attentive watch over the people and pointing out their faults to them to enable change and healing. It is this task of pointing out faults to ensure change and healing that we encounter in today's Gospel. Christ knew there would be wrongdoings within the community He was founding, and He gave us the appropriate recipes for settling them - **Internal and Community Dialogues**. My friends, as we continue our Novena to the Holy Spirit, it is clearer to me that so many people have been wronged and are hurting in our parish. As your parish priest, I sincerely apologise to everyone and beg us to begin the process of dialogue to enable change and healing. As St Paul tells us in the 2nd Reading, let us embrace LOVE which is the one thing that cannot hurt anyone. Remember, we ought to be sentinels and peacemakers.

Fr Johnpromise

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:



Fiona Person, Fatima Alves, Robin Tinsley, Anne Wilcox, Rosemary Tyndall, Ann Mann, Geoff Neal, Stuart Neal, Terry McIntyre, Betty & David Hopkin, Kerry Scars, Anthony D'Costa, Mary Gibbons, Val Nicholas, Tony Mallins, Chris Bennett., Peter Parker.

O Mary, health of the sick, pray for them

PARISH NOTICES

PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE BISHOP: Our Diocesan Bishop – Rt. Rev. Dr. Philip Egan, has written us all a Pastoral Letter – “**You Will Be My Witnesses**”, to be read at all Sunday Masses this weekend within our diocese of Portsmouth. We look forward to Bishop Philip talking to us about his vision for our beloved diocese.

HEALING MASS FOR HURTS & WRONGDOINGS – At the completion of our 9 Days Novena to the Holy Spirit, I would like us to have a Parish Healing Mass for hurts and wrongdoings. Since we do not have a PPC at the moment to consult regarding dates and times, I am throwing it to all our parishioners to suggest likely dates and times that might fit in with most people. I will publish the dates and times I would receive and we will choose a date and time from there. Do email me regarding this, please.

LAST SUNDAY’S CONSULTATION: Thank you for speaking out last Sunday on how you would like me to serve you as your parish priest. I have now published all the options on our Notice Boards. We will gradually implement them. That is my promise to you. **THANK YOU SO MUCH.**

SUNDAY OFFERTORY COLLECTION: From next Sunday, the 17th of September, we will ditch the red offertory buckets and revert to passing the collection bags from pew to pew during the offertory part of the Mass. The offertory collection is our own gift to God at Mass which the priest offers up to God together with the Bread and Wine. Since I am still new and have not met everyone, I would be approaching few of our parishioners to help out in this ministry both at Holy Trinity and Our Lady. When I am settled, we will re-vamp that ministry and others too.

MASS INTENTIONS: Every Mass is offered for a particular intention. It might be for an upcoming Birthday, Thanksgiving to God, Success at work/school, Wedding Anniversary, The Dead, Our Loved ones, Others we know, Souls in Purgatory, The Sick and so on. The minimum donation for any Mass Intention is £10; you can give more if you so wish. We do have lots of free spaces; why not contact the office or approach me and book Mass/Masses.

HIRING THE HALL: Our parish halls can be hired for various events; it is one way we raise money for the work of evangelisation within our community. To hire the hall, do approach Ewa who still helps us out until we find a parish secretary. There is a small token to be paid when hiring the hall to ensure we pay for the electricity, water, and further maintenance. We will certainly waive the fee when the hall is being used for parish activities.

PARISH WELCOMING TEAM: At the end of our parish 9 Days Novena, one of the teams I would like us to revive is the WELCOMING TEAM. This team comprises of those happy, smiling and warm faces we meet upon entrance into our churches. Imagine going into a new place and not knowing anyone there and where to look for things; it can be frustrating for everyone. To ensure our churches remain a happy and warm place for all, I would be approaching few people to help me re-start this team. If you or someone you know have been a member of this team in the past and you would like to be involved in it, do not hesitate to email me via my email: jumeozuru@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

DECEASED IN OUR PARISH: Let us pray for Ann Mann who passed away last week. May She rest in the peace of Christ, Amen. Our condolences to her family.

AN INVITATION TO OUR PARISH’S 9 DAYS NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT, FOR HEALING & TRANSFORMATION

From 3rd September – 11th September 2023

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come, thou Holy Spirit come; And from thy celestial home; Shed a ray of light divine.

Come, thou Father of the poor; Come, thou source of all our store; Come, within our bosom shine.

Thou of comforters the best; Thou the soul's most welcome guest; Sweet refreshment here below.

In our labour, rest most sweet; Grateful coolness in the heat; Solace in the midst of woe.

O most blessed light divine; Shine within these hearts of thine; And our inmost being fill.

Where thou art not, man hath naught; Nothing good in deed or thought; Nothing free from taint of ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew; On our dryness pour thy dew; Wash the stains of guilt away.

Bend the stubborn heart and will; Melt the frozen, warm the chill; Guide the steps that go astray.

On the faithful, who adore; And confess thee, evermore; In thy sevenfold gifts descend.

Give them virtue's sure reward; Give them thy salvation, Lord; Give them joys that never end Amen!!!

Leader: Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful

All: And kindle in them the fire of your love.

Leader: Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

All: And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of life, it is You who will transform our lives, heal our hurts, and bend our wills to experience God, one another, and the Joy of the Gospel, - the Good News that welcomes all, loves all and cares for all, no matter their backgrounds and circumstances in life. Empower us all to forgive the past, embrace the present and to look forward to the future with hope and confidence. Bestow Your Gifts on us all to become missionary disciples who serve everyone in our community wholeheartedly and selflessly.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity, so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. Transform all of us and transform our Parish of Our Lady's, Fleet and Holy Trinity, Church Crookham.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

FIRST COMMUNION 2023-24

The First Communion programme will be starting in November. The introduction for Parents will be on 7th November at 8pm in Our Lady's Hall. The sessions for Reconciliation will begin on November 11th at 10.15am 'till 11.45am in Our Lady's Hall. A full timetable will be sent via email to all participants. Several people have already registered their interest to the Parish Office. Could everyone please fill in the registration form on the Parish website. Click on the Forms tab and then on First Communion. Children must be 7 years of age by August 31st 2023 and above. It is very important that children attend all the sessions and also attend either of the parish Masses on Sunday. A record of attendance will be kept this year.

CLOSING DATE 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023