

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



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Parish Administrator: Awaiting Recruitment

Mass Times & Venues

24th September 2023 — 1st October 2023
Psalter week 1

Sun 24th Sept: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am (HT): People of the Parish
10.45am (HT): Mass said in Polish
11.00am (OL): Mr Herbert Flanagan RIP Anni
Pat Lavelle's Welfare & Home

Mon 25th Sept: Feria

9.30am (OL): Bishop Philip's Intention

Tue 26th Sept: Feria

9.30am (HT): For Ukraine's Victory

Wed 27th Sept: St Vincent De Paul

9.30am (OL): Abel Dias & Deceased Fam

Thur 28th Sept: Feria

9.30am(HT): For the Souls in Purgatory
7.00pm (HT): Mass said in Polish

Fri 29th Sept: Feast of The Archangels

9.30am (OL): Lyn Blanchette's Intention

Sat 30th Sept: St Jerome

9.30am (OL): Carlos Alves RIP
6.00pm (HT): People of the Parish

Sun 1st October: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am (HT): Mark Blanchette's Intention
10.45am (HT): Mass said in Polish
11.00am (OL): Sick and Housebound in our parish

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.

ENVIUS OF GOD'S GENEROSITY?

During my study of Church History, I was struck by the attitudes of some of the early Christians. Think of Constantine the Great who was the first Roman Emperor to convert to Christianity but remained a catechumen throughout his life. Constantine only received baptism on his deathbed because of the Church's teaching at the time - that post-baptismal forgiveness of sins was difficult if not impossible to be granted. He was baptised and died the same year thereby clutching his heavenly seat without much suffering. Compare him to Mother Teresa of Calcutta who served God and humanity throughout her life, experienced Spiritual Darkness for over 50 years, died at the age of 87 and gained the same heavenly reward as Constantine the Great. On the surface, the 2 stories do not make sense because they depict God to be unfair and unjust; however, our God is never unfair and/or unjust, He is simply the God of limitless generosity whose ways and thoughts are different from ours.

This limitless generosity of God is what we read today. In the Gospel, the landowner paid the same amount of money to all those he recruited to work at his vineyard at 9am, 12am, 3pm and 5pm. While the early recruits grumbled at his sense of generosity to them, since they had done most of the day's work and should have been paid more, they lost sight of the fact that He was just to the contract he agreed with them *ab initio*. My friends, we all find ourselves on the same crossroads here in our parish. Those who stayed loyal to the parish are asking what becomes of their place, while those who went away and have returned are hoping things would improve. When I look at all of us, I do not see any dividing lines, all I see are amazing parishioners who are passionate about their parish and want to make it work. May we never be envious of those who stayed or those who left for God is limitless in His generosity and accommodates all of us. Fr Johnpromise

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:



Fiona Person, Fatima Alves, Robin Tinsley, Anne Wilcox, Rosemary Tyndall, Geoff Neal, Stuart Neal, David Hopkin, Kerry Scares, Anthony D'Costa, Mary Gibbons, Val Nicholas, Tony Mallins, Chris Bennett, Anna & Phil Day.
O Mary, health of the sick, pray for them

PARISH NOTICES

WELCOME: A warm welcome to Monty Shepherd who was baptised and added to our parish community.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING MINISTER: We have an exciting volunteer recruitment opportunity here at Our Lady's Fleet and Holy Trinity Church Crookham for a Parish Safeguarding Minister (PSM).

This is a voluntary role with responsibility for raising awareness of good safeguarding practice and ensuring standards are in line with the policies and procedures for the catholic church.

As a PSM you will provide advice and support to all activities involving children, young people and adults at risk within your parish community. The PSM is the link between the Parish and the Diocesan Safeguarding Office. In your role you will be supported with relevant training and advice from the central Diocesan Safeguarding team. The PSM is involved in the safe recruitment of volunteer roles within the parish and has the responsibility for leading the DBS process at Parish level. As a PSM, you will have a clear commitment to keeping children and vulnerable people safe in accordance with the principles of the Catholic Church, our parish and your faith. You will be a good listener, adhere to confidentiality, relate well to children and adults and be willing to work within a team to build relationships.

If you wish to discuss this role further please speak to the parish priest - Fr Johnpromise Umeozuru and/or contact Ruth Attfield, Head of Safeguarding via Email: rattfield@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

(This is an important volunteer role in our parish and we really do need to fill it up. The complete job description is at the back of the church.)

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION: This is for Home Mission which is tasked with the work of Evangelisation here in the UK. Let us support it generously.

MOVING FORWARD AS A PARISH: These are the 7 Teams that need to be revived or established to help move our parish forward:

- ◆ Parish Evangelisation Strategy Team AKA (PPC)
- ◆ Parish Finance Committee
- ◆ Parish Catechetical Team
- ◆ Parish Hospitality Team
- ◆ Parish Liturgy Team
- ◆ Parish Spirituality Team
- ◆ Parish Social & Charity Team

I am still thinking on whether to have **The Parish Care Group** as a separate Team or subsumed under one of the teams above. I want this group to be supported adequately and safeguarded too.

MASS INTENTIONS: 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.

DROP IN CAFÉ: "Coming soon Drop in Cafe. Watch this space!!!"

11AM CHOIR IS BACK: After discussions with Dorina and Katherine, I am delighted to announce that the 11am Choir recommences from the 1st of October. I am grateful to them for agreeing to this. Thank You!!!

HEALING MASS: Do send me your views, please.

SATURDAY EVENING MASS: This restarts from 6pm on the 30th of September. Do disseminate the news.

MY WEEKLY DAY OFF: In addition to the One Month Holiday given to all priests in Canon 533 #2, the Portsmouth Diocesan Clergy Handbook states: "...priests are encouraged to take a day off each week." Since I resumed my service for you, I have not had any day off because I did not want to change anything immediately. However, to serve you well, I need one day off each week to avoid burn-out. To that effect, starting from October 2023, Monday, would be my day off. This means there would not be any Mass in the parish. This is not done out of bad will but good will.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT: We continue the annual four weeks Mass Count for our parish. Do not worry if you see people counting numbers in the church. We need to get it right.

DECEASED IN OUR PARISH: Let us pray for Anita Darlington whose funeral takes place at Our Lady's on 3rd October at 12pm. For Terry Macintyre whose funeral takes place at Our Lady's, on 10th October at 12pm. For Betty Hopkin who died last week. Our condolences to their families and loved ones.

GIFT AID: If you are a UK Tax payer, we would be delighted if you could fill in a Gift Aid Form to enable us get back the taxes you have already paid on the money you give us, at no extra cost to you. The diocese changed its Charity Name from January this year, that is why a new Gift Aid Form is needed.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK: The Farnborough Knights of St Columba Annual Sponsored Walk takes place on Sunday 15th October and this year members are looking to raise funds for Stepping Stones DS & Parity for Disability. These are two local Charities which support our community as follows. Stepping Stones looks to enhance the lives of individuals with Downs Syndrome and help their families. Your support will empower children & people with Downs Syndrome to achieve their full potential and foster an environment of acceptance within our community. Parity enables individuals with complex disabilities by giving them personal growth, skill development, and community integration.

Sponsorship Forms will be available in the Church Porch, or a local Brother will be asking you to sign up to support him/us. This year it is 10Km walk starting at St Swithun's Yateley at 10am and returning there some two hours plus later. To sponsor them direct, please make an online payment to 30.90.09 a/c no. 01793918 Knights of St Columba Council 185. For more details, please contact either Michael Gallagher (077480 57684), Ray Harden (545742), or Frank Stanley (07866 688846). Thank you.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES: Our Lady's and Holy Trinity Churches are open daily from morning till 5pm.

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