

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



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Parish Administrator: Awaiting Recruitment

## Mass Times & Venues

30th September 2023 — 8th October 2023  
Psalter week 2

- Sat 30th Sept: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
6.00pm (HT): Richard Betts RIP
- Sun 1st Oct: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9.00am (HT): Mark Blanchette's Intention  
10.45am (HT): Mass said in Polish  
11.00am (OL): People of the Parish
- Mon 2nd Oct: (NO MASS – PP'S DAY OFF)**
- Tue 3rd Oct: Feria**  
9.30am (HT): Liz Hunt's Intention
- Wed 4th Oct: St Francis of Assisi**  
9.30am (OL): Carl Snyder RIP
- Thur 5th Oct: St Faustina Kowalska**  
9.30am(HT): Ros and Terry Mitchell's Health  
7.00pm (HT): Mass said in Polish
- Fri 6th Oct: Feria**  
9.30am (OL): Sheila Alice Tinsley RIP
- Sat 7th Oct: Our Lady of the Rosary**  
9.30am (OL): Nita & JC Gordon RIP  
6.00pm (HT): Lina Salmon RIP
- Sun 8th October: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9.00am (HT): People of the Parish  
10.45am (HT): Mass said in Polish  
11.00am (OL): Deacon James Snyder

## Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 10:15am – 11:15am (OL), Saturday 5pm – 5:45pm (HT) 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.

## A CHANGE OF HEART & DIRECTION

It was the Greek Philosopher - Heraclitus, who stated that Change is the one thing that is constant in our lives and our world. According to him, nobody can jump twice into the same flowing river, hence, Change is inevitable. It is this same idea and ideal of Change that is at the foundation of the present Synod on Synodality which Pope Francis has invited the entire Church. According to Pope Francis, for this present Synod to be fruitful, we must continue to ask ourselves these 3 Crucial Questions: What needs to Change in me? What needs to Change in my diocese? What needs to Change in the Universal Church? The most pertinent of all the 3 questions above is - **What needs to Change in me?** Yes, every change does not commence with the change of structures and infrastructures, but the change of the individual person. This is the hardest change of all and the crux of this week's Sunday readings.

In today's Gospel pericope from Matthew Chapter 21, Jesus presents us with the parable of the 2 Sons whose father approached to help him in his vineyard. While the first said no and later helped, the second said yes and never bothered. The Greek word used there for the first son's change of heart is *Metamelomia* which means to be repentant, remorseful and to change one's mind and purpose. It is this change of heart and direction that Prophet Ezekiel talked about in today's First Reading when he stated that anyone who renounces his/her past and becomes law-abiding and honest deserves to live and not die. When there is individual change of heart and direction, we inaugurate and guarantee a change of heart and direction within our community by considering others to be better than us. My friends, it is this change of heart and direction that we need in our parish community presently. It is this change of heart and direction that will ensure everyone is welcomed, loved, valued, and included in our parish. Can we do it? Yes, we can!!! 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 and Teresa Sullivan.

## PARISH NOTICES

**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.)**

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL THIS WEEK: Do give generously to this great cause.**

Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast - so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Donate to CAFOD today so that more families can get the expert help they need. Use the envelope in church or give online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)

**MOVING FORWARD AS A PARISH:** I am still consulting on the various heads and deputies of these Teams that need to be revived or established to help move our parish forward:

- ◆ Parish Pastoral Council (Oversees all Teams)
- ◆ Parish Finance Committee
- ◆ Parish Catechetical Team
- ◆ Parish Hospitality Team
- ◆ Parish Liturgy Team
- ◆ Parish Spirituality Team
- ◆ Parish Social & Charity Team
- ◆ Parish Care Group (Led by Fr Johnpromise)

Do give me some time to get to know more parishioners and make informed decisions.

**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:** Thanks to Dorina, Katherine and the entire 11am Mass choir for coming back.

**OCTOBER ROSARY CHALLENGE:** October is the month of the Holy Rosary and The Mark 10 Mission which is a pioneering charity created to boldly share the Gospel and bring the love of Jesus to children across the nations, are inviting children everywhere to pray this wonderful prayer with them each weekday in October. They have created a video for each mystery of the Rosary and invite children to use one of the videos each weekday in October and pray a decade of the Rosary at their various school or in their homes during this month of October. To find our videos and for more information, head to: [www.themark10mission.co.uk](http://www.themark10mission.co.uk)

**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.

**VOCATION PROMOTION VISIT:** Canon John Cooke and Clare Ryan from our Diocesan Department for Vocation Promotion would be with us next weekend the 7/8th of October. **Canon John Cooke writes:**

Have you asked yourself who is responsible for 'finding' your next priest? Is it Cardinal Vincent Nichols, is it down to Bishop Philp or maybe even a task for Fr. Johnpromise to plan for his own succession? It may surprise you to realise that the duty of fostering and supporting vocations lies with the whole Christian community. What do you do at the moment to foster and support vocations? Whilst it is important that each one of us comes to a realisation of our own personal vocation through God's plan for each one of us; our call to holiness & discipleship in Jesus' name - it is good to focus on the need for priestly vocations in our Diocese. I hope that our visit to you highlighting vocations will be memorable, that it stirs up a fresh enthusiasm in the parish for praying for vocations, for actively encouraging vocations & for being open to the possibility of exploring a God-given call. And who knows, it may be the start of a journey towards the priesthood for one of your parish members sat in the pews this weekend. We can all play a part in God's Divine plan because the Holy Spirit works through each one of us.

**SUNDAY TEA & COFFEE AT HOLY TRINITY:** Liz Dooley is appealing for volunteers to help run this in HT Hall every 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month. Our Polish Community uses the hall on the 2nd Sunday of the month for their socials after Mass.

**CHURCH OPENING TIMES:** Our Lady's and Holy Trinity Churches are open daily from morning till 4pm.

### PARISH CONFIRMATION 2024

We are hoping to run a Confirmation Program for our teenagers who have not been confirmed. Forms are available on the parish website. Book Your Place Now!!!