

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



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Mass Times & Venues

10th March 2024 — 17th March 2024
Year B (II) Psalter Week 4

Sat 9th March: 4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare)

6.00pm (HT): Jenny McGarry's Intentions

Sun 10th March: 4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare)

9.00am (HT): People of the Parish

10.45am (HT): Mass celebrated in Polish

11.00am (OL): Fahey Family RIP

Mon 11th March: No Mass—Day Off

Tue 12th March: Tuesday of Lent

9.30am (HT): Fr Paul Nwune's Intentions

Wed 13th March: Wednesday of Lent

9.30am (OL): Pope Francis' Intentions

Thurs 14th March: Thursday of Lent

9.30am (HT): All the Holy Souls

7.00pm (HT): Mass celebrated in Polish

Fri 15th March: Friday of Lent

9.30am (OL): Peace throughout the world

Sat 16th March: Saturday of Lent

9.30am (OL): Michael Stanier RIP

6.00pm (HT): Sr Alberta Lally OP RIP

Sun 17th March: 5th Sunday of Lent

9.00am (HT): Stasia Cody RIP

10.45am (HT): Mass celebrated in Polish

11.00am (OL): People of the Parish

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.

HAVE YOU EVER EXPERIENCED GENUINE LOVE?



Although I am very close to my mum and dad and respect them equally; I must admit that I would not be who and where I am today, without my mum who has stood-by me through all the ups and downs of my life. She is both my best friend and my biggest fan; she is equally the biggest influence in my life. When I left the seminary in 2010 after 17 years of formation, so many people wrote me off, in fact, so many told my parents not to waste their time with me. One early morning in November 2010, my mum asked me to go for a walk with her; during that walk, she relayed to me everything people had told her. Then, turning to me, she held my hands and said: **“I do not care what people are saying about you, all I want you to know is that you are my child and I will love you till the end. All I want is your happiness and nothing more.”** When my mum hugged me that morning, I felt her heartbeats and I reassured her that I would never disappoint her. It is my mum's love that has kept me sane and stable, and motivated me ever since; she has never stopped reminding me of her love for me.

In our Gospel Reading, we meet that famous quotation from John 3:16 — For God loved the world so much, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not be lost, but will have eternal life. Yes, God loves each and everyone of us as we are and nothing will ever change that. This love of God is palpably portrayed in the First Reading from 2 Chronicles; while the Israelites were suffering in slavery due to their own mistakes, God still loved them and restored their freedom. On this Mothering Sunday, we pray and celebrate all our biological and spiritual mothers, for mirroring this love of God to us, even when we did not deserve it. **Fr Johnpromise**



WE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:
Fiona Pearson, Fatima Alves, Robin Tinsley, Anne Wilcox, Geoff Neal, Stuart Neal, David Hopkin, Kerry Scares, Anthony D'Costa, Mary Gibbons, Val Nicholas, Tony Mallins, Anna & Phil Day, Graeme Healey, Ray Swinburne, Maeve King, Lesley O'Toole and John Sheehan.

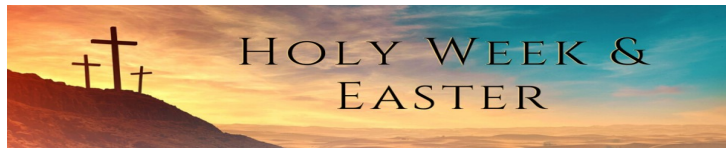
PARISH NOTICES



OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING MINISTERS: I am thrilled to announce that having finished their trainings and passed all the stipulated checks, the Safeguarding Department of our Diocese of Portsmouth, has confirmed **Penny Romaya and Brian McDermid**, as Our Parish Safeguarding Ministers. I thank them for the time, energy and resources they have invested to get here. Let us welcome them and support them in their work in making our parish a **SAFE PLACE** for everyone.

THIS WEEK'S 2ND COLLECTION: Is for **The Clergy Assistance Fund**, which assists all clergy in need of help. I recommend it to you and plead we support it in our own way. Thank you and God bless you for all you do.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE 2024



LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: On Wednesday 20th of March at 7pm at Holy Trinity, Church Crookham.

PALM SUNDAY MASSES: Saturday 6pm at Holy Trinity, 9am at Holy Trinity and 11am at Our Lady's.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: 8pm at Holy Trinity & Watching at HT Hall till 12pm.

GOOD FRIDAY MORNING: 10am Stations of the Cross at Our Lady's for FHC Children & Young Families. 10am Stations of the Cross at Holy Trinity for adults.

Good Friday Service: 3pm at Our Lady's.

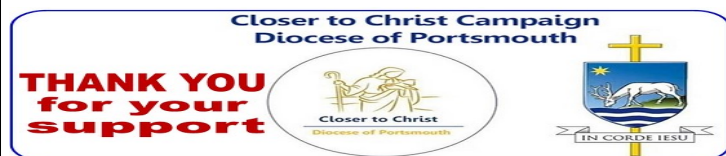
Prayers around the Cross: 7pm at Holy Trinity.

HOLY SATURDAY MORNING: 10:15am & 11am - Blessing of Food at Holy Trinity with the Polish Community.

HOLY SATURDAY NIGHT (EASTER VIGIL): 8pm at Our Lady's, Fleet.

EASTER SUNDAY: 9am at Holy Trinity and 11am at Our Lady's.

CLOSER TO CHRIST CAMPAIGN PASTORAL PHASE



We have now raised **£138,805** from **52 pledges** in our parish. Thank you all from my heart; you are the best! Our parish will benefit a lot from these contributions. I recommend it to those still thinking about it.

DROP IN CAFÉ LENT LUNCH FOR CAFOD: On Wednesday, 20th March 2024, the Drop in Cafe will be serving a Lent Lunch in aid of CAFOD. They will be serving soup, rolls and teacakes, as well as tea and coffee. All donations will go to CAFOD to support farmers in Liberia. Come along and support this worthy cause, and enjoy a friendly atmosphere at the same time. This will be the last Drop in Cafe until April 10th. Thank U!



HAPPY MOTHERING SUNDAY: On this Mothering Sunday and on behalf of everyone in our parish, we wish all mothers, grandmothers, great grandmothers, step-mothers, spiritual mothers and all mothers in every sense of the term, a Happy Mothering Sunday. Thank you for who you are and all you have done and continue to do for us. Thank you for all the hectic days and sleepless nights to see us through life. Thank you for loving us even when we were so annoying and stubborn. Thank you for believing in us when we did not believe in ourselves. May God bless you all. **WE LOVE YOU MOTHERS!!!**

HART VOICES' SPRING CONCERT: Hart Voices is delighted to spring into 2024, with their Spring Concert at All Saints Church, Fleet on Saturday the 16th of March 2024 at 7.30pm. They will be performing a joyous selection of English romantic music celebrating the very best of the choral tradition, and will be conducted by Hart Voices' Musical Director—Roy Rashbrook. Note, complimentary refreshments will be served during the interval. Tickets: £17 (Under 16: £5). To book, go to: www.hartvoices.org.uk

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (VIA CRUCIS) IN LENT

During the Holy Season of Lent, we focus on the sufferings of Christ by journeying with Him by praying the Stations of the Cross. Our Stations of the Cross would be:

- On Tuesday after Morning Mass at Holy Trinity
- On Wednesday at 7pm at Our Lady's
- On Friday after Morning Mass at Our Lady's

ADORE SPIRITUAL MINI-RETREAT VIA ZOOM: The Catholic Charismatic Renewal will be holding a Mini-retreat on Zoom on **23rd March 2024 from 10am to 1pm**, for spiritual renewal with Mass, Adoration, prophetic reflection, praise, testimony, inspiring talk and prayer. The guest speaker will be Jenny Baker, the National leader of Celebrate and Former Vice Chair of Renewal Services. She will be talking on the topic – **MADE HOLY BY JESUS**, which is part of this year's theme: "CHOSEN TO BE HOLY." Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance by typing this to your browser: bit.ly/ADOREMAR2024

OUR PARISH DEDICATED FIRST AIDERS: Until we train up more First Aiders for our parish, I am happy to announce that 2 of our parishioners who are experts in this field have agreed to look after us.

- Katherine Shaw: Katherine is a Paramedic and will look after Holy Trinity.
- Frances Plowman: Frances is a Qualified First Aider as well as a First Aid Trainer; she will look after Our Lady's.

2ND COLLECTION FOR EASTER FLOWERS: Next weekend, the 16/17 March 2024, we will have a 2nd Collection for Easter Flowers to beautify our churches. We want our churches to be welcoming and inviting throughout Eastertide and beyond.

JOB VACANCIES IN OUR DIOCESE: There are few job opportunities within our Diocese of Portsmouth. Why not have a look and apply to any of them that appeals to you and your skills set. To access the job vacancies, type this web address into your browser: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs/>