

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



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Mass Times & Venues

11th February 2024 — 18th February 2024
 Year B (II) Psalter Week 2

Sat 10th Feb: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 6.00pm (HT): Ken & Diana Jackson RIP

Sun 11th Feb: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9.00am (HT): Libby Austin's Birthday & Welfare
 10.45am (HT): Mass celebrated in Polish
 11.00am (OL): People of the Parish

Mon 12th Feb: No Mass—Day Off

Tue 13th Feb: Shrove Tuesday
 9.30am (HT): Patrick Convery's Intentions

Wed 14th Feb: Ash Wednesday
 9.30am (OL): Leonardo & Family's Intentions
 7.00pm (HT): Kurt Richard Luther's Health

Thurs 15th Feb: Thursday after Ash Wednesday
 9.00am(HT): Joao Silvino & Deceased Family
 7.00pm (HT): Mass celebrated in Polish

Fri 16th Feb: Friday after Ash Wednesday
 9.30am (OL): Murray Family's Intention and
 Bill Freeman on his birthday.

Sat 17th Feb: Saturday after Ash Wednesday
 9.30am (OL): John & Peter Spelman RIP
 6.00pm (HT): Joan Convery's Intention

Sun 18th Feb: 1st Sunday of Lent
 9.00am (HT): People of the Parish
 10.45am (HT): Mass celebrated in Polish
 11.00am (OL): Mihalachi Neculai RIP

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.

AN OUTSIDER FOR ALL OUTSIDERS



In his book - **Pope Francis: Untying the Knots**, Paul Valley told the story of an encounter Pope Francis had while he was a parish priest in Argentina. One of his female parishioners who was a single mother and could not find work, was known to be trading herself as a means of survival and to feed her children. When Pope Francis (Fr Jorge Bergoglio as he was) heard of that, he asked the woman to meet him. The woman was very nervous since she was aware everyone knew what she was doing and was petrified she would be told off by the priest. When Pope Francis met her, he gave her a hug and called her **Senora**. He then gave her a parcel he had asked Caritas to put together for her and an offer for employment to get her off the streets. The woman was visibly moved and cried excessively. Afterwards, she told Pope Francis she was moved that he treated her as a normal person and addressed her officially as Senora, instead of a lowly and filthy person. For that reason, she turned her back to her trade and straightened her life. It is this being one with outsiders both in the Church and in the society that we encounter in today's readings.

During the time of Christ, lepers were outsiders, outlaws and outcasts of the society. They were only allowed to live on the outskirts of towns and villages as we encounter in today's First Reading and the Gospel. However, it is with such outcasts that Christ mingled and interacted. They were His friends, they approached Him freely, He touched them personally and lived with them. Who are the outcasts of today? I think of the LGBT Community who have faced lots of condemnation from the Church; I think of individuals living with Mental Health illness who have been failed by our society. Like Christ, you and I are called to reach out to them and touch them. **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, and Lesley O'Toole.

PARISH NOTICES

PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED DURING HALF TERM: From Monday 12th to Friday 16th February, the parish office will be closed; this is to enable our Parish Administrator enjoy a much needed holiday time with her family. In her absence, I will be around after Masses to attend to your needs. We thank Jacqueline for the excellent job she is doing for us here in the parish.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE, CREAM TEA & PROSECCO:



Shrove Tuesday Pancake, Cream Tea & Prosecco, takes place on Tuesday 13th of February 2024, at Holy Trinity Church Hall at 5pm. **We still have 10 Free Tickets to give away.** Do get your free tickets to enable us prepare adequately and serve you well. We want to make it a memorable and safe parish social event.

THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT COMMENCES



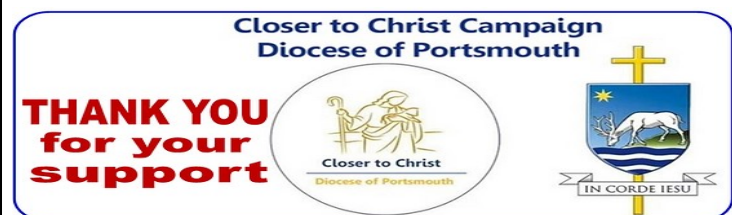
Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. **This year, Lent starts on 14th February 2024 with Ash Wednesday Mass. We have 2 Masses on this day in our parish - 9:30am at Our Lady's and 7pm at Holy Trinity. Ashes will be distributed at the Masses.**

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

CLOSER TO CHRIST CAMPAIGN GROUP MEETINGS



A Massive thank you to all our parishioners who have participated in this campaign. So far, we have **achieved 50% of our target.** Let us work together to get our target of £95k for the training of our seminarians, caring for our priests and reviving our parishes.

A WEEK OF ACCOMPANIED PRAYER IN OUR PARISH



REGISTER NOW: To register online, go to our parish website and click on the Button - **Week of Accompanied Prayer.** It will open up to a form you need to fill and submit. Alternatively, copy and paste this link on your google browser:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdWB8QR5E9BWRa7TbFgFKwBVkNUKQ32tTnorur8wZDG5pMrBQ/viewform>

Early registration is requested and highly recommended. If you are unable to register online, do contact the Parish Admin or Fr Johnpromise and give them your details. Registration closes on Sunday 25 February

A contribution of **£30** towards costs is suggested, but this must not be a barrier to participation. If you are able to contribute more, this would be helpful. Flyers are at the back of the church.

CONFIRMATION CATECHESIS SCHEDULE 2024



After Half Term Break, all our registered confirmation candidates would be notified and their meeting dates, times and venue communicated to them. **We have 17 of our youngers who have registered.**

MORE READERS NEEDED IN OUR PARISH: Our parish needs more readers for our Sunday Masses. It is my desire that we have 2 readers at each of our Sunday Masses – A reader for the First Reading and Psalm when the choir is not singing it and Another for the 2nd Reading, Gospel Acclamation and Bidding Prayer when Deacon James is not around. Apart from our current readers, if anyone would like to be part of our parish reading rota, do email David Parry at: parryd1@btinternet.com

PARISH FIRST AIDERS NEEDED: If anyone would like to be a part of Parish First Aiders' Team, do send your details by emailing our Parish Admin - Jacqueline at: office@htaol.org.uk We will provide you with all the necessary training and equipment to adequately carry out this ministry.

Until we train up some First Aiders, if there are parishioners who are First Aiders at their places of work, and are happy to be called upon to help out presently in the parish, do email Fr Johnpromise and give him your details.

OUR DECEASED PARISHIONERS: Let us pray for William (Bill) Charles Freeman, whose Funeral Service takes place on Tuesday, 13th February 2024 at Our Lady's Church at 11:15am. Our condolences to Dot his lovely wife, his family and loved ones. May he rest in the peace of Christ, Amen.