

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



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## Mass Times & Venues

12th November 2023 — 19th November 2023  
Psalter week 4

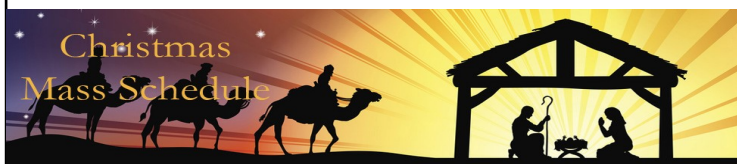
<b>Sat 11th Nov:</b>	<b>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
6.00pm (HT):	Mary & Walter Edwards RIP
<b>Sun 12th Nov:</b>	<b>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9.00am (HT):	People of the Parish
10.45am (HT):	Mass said in Polish
11.00am (OL):	Mary Thomas' 105th Birthday
<b>Mon 13th Nov:</b>	<b>NO MASS — DAY OFF</b>
<b>Tue 14th Nov:</b>	<b>Feria</b>
9.30am (HT):	For Peace in the world
<b>Wed 15th Nov:</b>	<b>St Albert the Great</b>
9.30am (OL):	Philomena Leahy RIP (Anniversary)
<b>Thur 16th Nov:</b>	<b>St Edmund of Abingdon</b>
9.30am(HT):	Nicole Le Jeune's Intention
7.00pm (HT):	Mass said in Polish
<b>Fri 17th Nov:</b>	<b>Feria</b>
9.30am (OL):	Michael & Nora Maloney RIP (Anni)
<b>Sat 18th Nov:</b>	<b>Dedication of Sts Peter &amp; Paul B</b>
9.30am (OL):	For Priests in their needs
6.00pm (HT):	Dora Oliver RIP
<b>Sun 19th Nov:</b>	<b>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9.00am (HT):	Aileen Smith's Intention
10.45am (HT):	Mass said in Polish
11.00am (OL):	Deceased Catenians' Brothers

## BE CONSISTENTLY VIGILANT

My dad was one of the young soldiers that fought in the Nigeria-Biafra Civil War. There are two crucial lessons he shared with me from that war. Firstly, my dad told me that wars will never be a way of resolving any conflicts and he would never want to be part of any war in his life time. Secondly, that during the war, they were all taught a mantra which has accompanied him throughout his life. That mantra is: "WE ARE SURROUNDED BY ENEMIES; BE CONSISTENTLY VIGILANT." According to my dad, they were asked to repeat the above mantra as often as possible so as not to let their guards down and be routed by the enemies. It is this consistent vigilance that we are reminded of today.

At the end of today's parable of the wise and foolish virgins, from Matthew Chapter 25, Christ advised His disciples to stay awake. The Greek word used there is *Gregoreite* which comes from *Gregoreo* meaning to be attentively watchful of ourselves and events around us to avoid being taken unawares. To help us do this, we need the gift of Wisdom as our First reading tells us. One group of people who were consistently vigilant are the men and women who died fighting for the freedom we enjoy today. May we always remember them. Fr Johnpromise

## OUR PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2023



**24th December 2023 - Christmas Vigil Mass for Children:** 6pm at Our Lady's Church, Fleet.

**24th December 2023 - Christmas Midnight Mass:** 8:30pm at Holy Trinity Church, Church Crookham.

**25th December 2023 - Christmas Day Mass:** 10am at Our Lady's Church, Fleet.

## 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.



## WE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Fiona Pearson, 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, Teresa Sullivan, Graeme Healey, and Ray Swinburne.

## PARISH NOTICES



Today is Remembrance Sunday and a national opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life. We remember the Armed Forces, and their families, from Britain and the Commonwealth, the vital role played by the emergency services and those who have lost their lives as a result of conflict or terrorism.

To mark this celebration, there will be a Civic Service of Remembrance at All Saints Church this Sunday at 2:30pm. After the service, we will gather in the church car park for a procession through the town to the memorial in Ghurka Square, for the Town's Act of Remembrance taking place at 3:40pm.

I will be there in union with my fellow ministers as Christians Together in Fleet & Church Crookham, to pray, pay our respects, and stand in solidarity as One United Kingdom. If you are free, do enjoy us for the service and the procession. It will be great to see a lot of our parishioners there.

We Will Remember Them!!!

### CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN FLEET & CHURCH CROOKHAM



What a joy it was for me to have been warmly welcomed to this part of the vineyard of the Lord by all the Christian Ministers in Fleet & Church Crookham. They really went out of their way and gave me a VIP welcome. I promised to work together with them in promoting God's kingdom in this part of the world.

Ecumenism is not just what we do but part and parcel of who we are as Catholic Christians. In John 17:21, Christ prayed for all His followers to be ONE. We are the ones to open our hearts so that that prayer of Christ will become a reality here and now. Yes, they will know we are Christians by our love.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** We do need Altar Servers (Boys & Girls) to serve at our Sunday Masses both at Holy Trinity and Our Lady's. Dear parents, if your son and/or daughter have made their First Holy Communion and are willing to volunteer, do write down their names and your contact details on the sheet provided. We will train them appropriately. Do sign up, please!

**YOUTH SUNDAY - CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER:** If you play an instrument and would like to form an instrumental music group to support the 11 o'clock Mass on 26 November please contact Katharine Lewis at [pilgrimsofhart@gmail.com](mailto:pilgrimsofhart@gmail.com). All ages and abilities welcome - you can try it out and see how you get on. Transposed music (eg for clarinet or trombone) can be provided but Katharine will need to know in advance to prepare. It would be lovely to mark this Sunday in a special way. Please note for safeguarding purposes under 18s need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian at any practice.

**PARISH HEALING MASS & INTERNATIONAL SUPPER:** After listening to what our parishioners have sent to me, I have decided that the best day to have the PARISH HEALING MASS would be on SATURDAY - 2ND OF DECEMBER 2023. To unite our parish all the more, the leaders of the Parish Social/Fun Team and I agreed to have an International Supper that evening too. The idea is to have the Healing Mass in the afternoon and then finish in the hall with varieties to eat and to drink from.

**SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH OF 'DROP IN CAFÉ':** The Drop in Café was launched on Wednesday the 8th of November, and it was a huge success. It was great to see some old and new faces who dropped in, had some tea/coffee, cake, scones and/or biscuits and chatted. Thanks to Liz Hardless, Christine Cresswell (Scone Queen) and Lizzie Eckett, for the time, energy and resources you put in. The next Drop in Café is on the 22nd of November @ Our Lady's Hall. Why not come along and bring a friend and/or neighbour.

**SHOEBOXES:** Please bring your Shoebox for Operation Christmas Child, to either church on 11th or 12th November for collection and delivery to the local hub. Remember to include your £5.00 donation in the box.

**ANGELS BLESSING SERVICE:** This will be held at All Saints Church, Church Road on Sunday November 26th at 4pm with refreshments afterwards. I am sure lots of people will welcome the opportunity to see the beautifully renovated church and to meet with our friends from Christians Together in Fleet.

**CAKE SALE FOR PURPLE COMMUNITY FUND:** There will be a Cake Sale after Mass at both churches on Sunday 10th December 2023 in support of the above Charity that support poor families in the Philippines. Please do bake something and give them to Liz Dooley at Holy Trinity, Christine Creswell or Liz Hardless at Our Lady on or before Sunday the 10th December. If you can help in this regard, do approach any of the ladies and inform them. They will be delighted. Let us support this Charity, please.

**PILGRIMS CAFÉ IN LIVINGSTONES FLEET:** A group of Christian men and women meet once a fortnight in Livingstones Fleet High Street, to chat, drink coffee and eat cake! The next get together is Thursday 16th November from 10:30 -12:00. We are currently raising money for FACCTS, Churches Together in Schools, with a Christmas Raffle. This is a great space on Fleet High Street to relax among fellow Christians and have a nice time. I am a regular and I love every second of it. Come and join us and relax.

### 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!!