

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



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## Mass Times & Venues 14th April 2024 — 21st April 2024 Year B (II) Psalter Week 3

**Sat 13 April:** 3rd Sunday of Easter  
 6.00pm (HT): Jenny McGarry's Intentions

**Sun 14th April:** 3rd Sunday of Easter  
 9.00am (HT): James McCluskey RIP 30th Anniv  
 10.45am (HT): Mass celebrated in Polish  
 11.00am (OL): Dick & Yvonne Wells RIP

**Mon 15th April:** No Mass - Day Off

**Tue 16th April:** Tuesday of Eastertide  
 9.30am (HT): Mary, William & Alison Ramsay RIP

**Wed 17th April:** Wednesday of Eastertide  
 9.30am (OL): Letty Convery's Birthday

**Thurs 18th April:** Thursday of Eastertide  
 9.30am (HT): Thanksgiving to St Anthony  
 7.00pm (HT): Mass celebrated in Polish

**Fri 19th April:** Friday of Eastertide  
 9.30am (OL): Sally Dunne's Birthday

**Sat 20th April:** First Holy Communion Mass  
 11.00am (OL): Rita Gaunt's Intentions  
 6.00pm (HT): Francis Eggert RIP

**Sun 21st April:** 4th Sunday of Easter  
 9.00am (HT): Mary & Walter Edwards RIP  
 10.45am (HT): Mass celebrated in Polish  
 11.00am (OL): People of the Parish and First Holy Communion Children

## HAVE YOU ANYTHING HERE TO EAT?



One of the hobbies which I indulge in whenever I can is visits to museums to get acquainted in the history and culture of people around the world. When I was in Geneva, I visited their **Museum of Arts and History** and was thrilled by the exhibitions therein. While going through the paintings that mean so much to them, I was struck by the painting above as it was displayed side-by-side; it was equally the first time I had come into contact with it. Initially, my religious sensitivity found it revolting and I wanted to ignore it; however, my curiosity overpowered me and I decided to read the description beside it. My discovery threw me off balance. The painting above is referred to as either Roman Charity or Cimon and Pero and recorded in the 'Nine Books of Memorable Deeds and Sayings', by the great ancient Roman historian – *Valerius Maximus*.

It is the story of a hungry man who stole a loaf of bread to feed his starving family, but was caught and sentenced to death by starvation. The man's daughter who had recently given birth begged the authorities to allow her an hour of visit to her dad each day. Since the breastfeeding mother was not allowed to bring anything for her dad and fearing he would die of starvation, fed him with her breastmilk. She was caught and imprisoned but her dedication to and affection for her dad were so moving that both were freed and the family provided for out of public funds for the rest of their lives. On this 3rd Sunday of Easter, we are invited to look at the wounds of loneliness, hurt, isolation, hunger and thirst of people around us and touch them by providing for their needs as the disciples provided for Christ. **Fr Johnpromise**

### 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, 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 Sally Dunne.

## PARISH NOTICES

### MY EASTER BREAK IN GENEVA



One of the famous English expressions very dear to my heart is – All work and no play, makes Jack a dull boy. Our Holy Week and Easter Sunday celebrations were profoundly spiritual and deeply moving; however, I was exhausted in the end and needed some time of rest. I am so happy to have had 5 wonderful days of rest in Geneva. The weather was brilliant, the food was delicious, the chocolate was heavenly while the entire experience was worthwhile. During my time in Geneva, I was given a VIP treatment as I was received as a guest of the Vatican at the UN Headquarters in Geneva and given access to all the spaces. It was great to interact with the officials, sit-in in a UN official deliberations on Cambodia as well as witnessed some diplomatic presentations. I had lovely time of contemplation alongside Geneva Water Fountain – *Jet d'Eau* and was totally refreshed. I am back recharged and rejuvenated. I look forward to serving you all with my entire being and energy, in love and compassion.

**ROSARY FOR PEACE:** The next Knight's Rosary for Peace will be on **Wed 24th April at 7.30pm** at **Our Lady & St Dominic's Church, High View Road, Cove, Farnborough GU14 7PT**. All parishioners are welcome to join them that night to pray for Peace in the World; especially in Ukraine and the Holy Land.

**PILGRIMS CAFÉ ON MONDAY 15TH APRIL 10.30-12.30:** The Pilgrims Cafe is now temporarily relocated to the Harry Sheppard Room in Our Lady Hall from 10.30-12.30 on Monday 15th April. There will be coffee, cake and chat, all are welcome. Donations towards costs would be gratefully received.

### ANY PARISHIONER WITH HORTICULTURAL SKILLS?



One of the promises I made to you all upon assumption of my duties as your humble servant, was to cut down parish expenses and boost our income; I am glad that our parish is out of deficit. To sustain that tempo, I have been reviewing all our parish contracts to ensure we are financially responsible and transparent. One of the areas we have been spending a lot of money on each month is paying landscapers to **cut our hedges and maintain the garden at Our Lady's**. The garden is not much; the main issue is cutting down the hedges. Are there parishioners with horticultural skills who can do this for us, please? If yes, do email me. Thank You!

## CLOSER TO CHRIST CAMPAIGN - UPDATE!!!

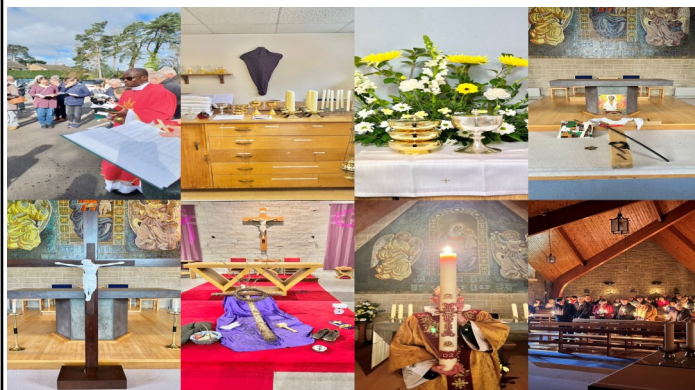
Closer to Christ Campaign  
Diocese of Portsmouth

**THANK YOU  
for your  
support**



I promised to give you regular updates on where we are as a parish with regard to this Campaign. I am happy to announce that **we have now raised over £175,000 from 66 families** in our parish. Thank you so much for supporting this campaign. May God bless and reward you all. You are simply the **BEST!**

### OUR PARISH HOLY WEEK & EASTER CELEBRATIONS



We were able to capture some of our parish Holy Week and Easter liturgies in photos. Thanks to all parishioners who took these pictures and sent them to us. It is my desire to compile them and hopefully get an album together. Thank you for making the above celebrations very memorable. God bless you.

**MARRIAGE CARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support. They are looking for Marriage Preparation Course Facilitators to prepare couples for the Sacrament of Marriage (full training is provided for this role), Qualified Relationship Counsellors to support couples in distress and Trustees to provide governance and strategic direction for the organisation. For more information please visit: [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk), you can also get in touch by email: [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk)

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:** Every 4th Sunday of Easter is Good Shepherd Sunday and as much, there is a **2nd Collection for The Training of Seminarians**. Our diocese of Portsmouth has 12 Seminarians in formation; let us support their training with our 2nd Collection on the 21st of March.

**WELCOME TO BABY MICHAEL FRANCIS WARD:** We thank God for adding to our number in the parish with the Baptism of Baby Michael Francis Ward which takes place this Sunday at Our Lady's at 2pm.

**PUBLICATION OF MARRIAGE BANNS (1 of 3):** Mr **Mattia Sorrentino** who resides in our parish, wants to be united in Holy Matrimony to **Miss Susanna Pagni**, who equally resides in our parish. If anyone knows of any lawful impediment that would stop them entering into Holy Matrimony, do contact me.

**MY PROFOUND APPRECIATION FOR YOUR EASTER OFFERING TO ME:** Our Parish Bookkeeper - Kim Hasty, has now calculated your Easter Offering to me and the **Total Amount is £5,300.30**. I shouted when the amount was revealed to me; I am speechless at your generosity and support of me. Thank you all for your magnanimity and charity. I promise to continue to serve you with all my being and to pray for all of you on daily basis. **God bless You!!!**