

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



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Mass Times & Venues

14th January 2024 — 21st January 2024
Year B (II) Psalter Week 2

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| Sat 13th Jan: | 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 6.00pm (HT): | Patrick Convery RIP |
| Sun 14th Jan: | 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 9.00am (HT): | People of the Parish |
| 10.45am (HT): | Mass celebrated in Polish |
| 11.00am (OL): | Ann Josephine Mann RIP |
| Mon 15th Jan: | No Mass—Day Off |
| Tue 16th Jan: | Feria |
| 9.30am (HT): | Alison Ramsay RIP |
| Wed 17th Jan: | St Anthony, Abbot |
| 9.30am (OL): | God's Mercy & Grace |
| Thurs 18th Jan: | Feria |
| 9.30am(HT): | John Convery RIP |
| 7.00pm (HT): | Mass celebrated in Polish |
| Fri 19th Jan: | Feria |
| 9.30am (OL): | Connie Snyder RIP |
| Sat 20th Jan: | The Blessed Virgin Mary |
| 9.30am (OL): | John Parsons RIP |
| 6.00pm (HT): | People of the Parish |
| Sun 21st Jan: | 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 9.00am (HT): | Barbara Black's 80th Birthday |
| 10.45am (HT): | Mass celebrated in Polish |
| 11.00am (OL): | Terry Macintyre 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.

WE HAVE FOUND THE MESSIAH, HAVE YOU?



When one of our parishioners learnt I was going to Malta, she decided to give me a personal gift - A personalised tour of St John's Co-Cathedral in Valletta, Malta, by its Rector - Mgr Paul Carmel Vella. When he opened the doors of St John Co-Cathedral to me, I was simply blown away by its magnificence. It is a church adorned with a beauty that cannot be explained but beheld. The Co-Cathedral is a church covered in gold, a church with over 407 tombstones adorning its floor and a church with two personalised paintings of Caravaggio with his signature on one of them. Although the Co-Cathedral welcomes over 2500 visitors every day of the year, it is still a place of profound encounter with God, and I certainly found God in that magnificent edifice.

In our Sunday readings of this week, we are presented with the singular reality of finding God after a period of discernment. In the First Reading, the young Samuel had to rely on Eli's wealth of wisdom to direct him to God who was calling Him. In today's Gospel, the disciples of John the Baptist had to rely on the competent knowledge of their master who pointed them to Jesus Christ. However, before they could introduce others to Jesus, they had to check Him out themselves. The same goes for us, we can only lead people to God if we have found Him ourselves. And where can we find Him today? The document of the Second Vatican Council - *Sacrosanctum Council*, answers this when it talks about the **Four Presences of God at Mass** — Christ is present in His Word, in the Eucharistic Species, in the gathered assembly, and in the person of the minister. Yes, I found Christ at St John's Co-Cathedral in the exact way I find Him in our parish church and in all our parishioners at Fleet and Church Crookham. Have you found Him, yet? **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, Chris Bennett, Anna & Phil Day, Daphne Weeks, Graeme Healey, Ray Swinburne, Maeve King, and Lesley O'Toole.

PARISH NOTICES



I AM BACK FROM MY CHRISTMAS BREAK: My holiday in Malta was a huge success. I was able to rest enough, ate a lot, toured most of the historic sites, and made new and lasting memories. A big shoutout to Lesley O'Toole, through whose connection, I was given a personalised but grand tour of St John's Co-Cathedral. I prayed for all of you and your intentions therein, and asked God to shower His blessings upon you all.

2023 CHRISTMAS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: I came back to a lovely but surprising email from our Parish Bookkeeper—Kim Hasty, regarding your Christmas Collection Gift to me. The total amount realised from the Online Portal, Cash in the offertory baskets, Cheques, Standing Orders and Gift Aid, came to **£6,058.13** This is the highest Christmas Gift I have ever received since my ordination to the priesthood. I am simply blown away by your love and generosity. Thank you so much. I renew my promise to serve you all. May God bless you for loving me so much.

TODAY IS PEACE SUNDAY 2024: Every 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time is PEACE SUNDAY as stipulated by Pope Francis. The topic for this year is **"Artificial Intelligence and Peace."** At this precarious time with threat of uncontrolled AI and the rising tensions in the Middle East, let us pray for peace in our lives and our world.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Last week, when I published the membership of our PPC, I missed one person and that was my fault. The PPC is the highest Service Body in our parish. Canon 536 paragraph 1 has this to say about the PPC: **"...A Pastoral Council is to be established in each parish, over which the pastor presides and in which the Christian faithful, together with those who share in pastoral care by virtue of their office in the parish, assist in fostering pastoral activity."** Here is the full list of the members of our PPC. They are:

- ◆ Gordon Hardless – Chairperson
- ◆ Caroline Steiner – Vice Chairperson
- ◆ Pauline Tetlow – Secretary
- ◆ Michael Gallagher – Core Member 4 Finance
- ◆ Dermot Caleb – Core Member 4 Property
- ◆ Dominic Arthur – Core Member 4 Diversity
- ◆ Theo Farrell – Core Member 4 Young Adults
- ◆ Christine Cresswell – Core Member 4 Welcomers
- ◆ Angela Smith – Core Member 4 Welcomers
- ◆ Joe Lindsey-Clark – Core Member 4 Socials
- ◆ Jerome Farrell – Core Member 4 Liturgy
- ◆ Sara Van Wely – Core Member 4 Spirituality
- ◆ Deacon James Snyder – Ex Officio Member
- ◆ Fr Johnpromise – Ex Officio Member

SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 21st



There will be a 2nd Collection next weekend for St John's Cathedral which is the Mother Church of our Diocese of Portsmouth. This is part of what the Dean of the Cathedral said: "Father James writes:

"I became Dean of our Cathedral Church of St John the Evangelist in September 2022. Since then, the parish has paid for emergency repairs of serious leaks in the Blessed Sacrament and St Patrick chapels, and in the Discovery Centre, which cost £23,060 in total. The cost of these repairs was paid for by parishioners, who responded generously to an appeal for contributions. In January 2023, the 120-year-old West Window began to collapse because of deterioration in the lead work. Its restoration was completed in December 2023 at an estimated final cost of more than £100,000. So far, we have raised almost £38,000 towards the cost of restoration of the West Window. These projects have used up virtually all the Cathedral's available funds...I fully appreciate the financial pressures being felt by you and by your parishioners but would appeal to you to promote and support the Second Collection for the Cathedral on 21st January. **Never has this annual collection by parishes for the Mother Church of the Diocese been more critical or needed. Your support is vitally important to us.**" Let us support our Cathedral and the various works therein.

OUR PARISH CENSUS: Because of GDPR, there is need to update our Parish Database to ensure compliance with law. To ensure all our parishioners are on our database, we hope to carry out this project at all our Sunday Masses next weekend. Each of us would be given a pen and a form to fill. The form takes only 5 minutes to fill and will be collected at the end of Mass. My promise to us all is that this will not prolong our normal Sunday Mass time.

CONFIRMATION 2024 - FINAL CALL: If you are a young adult who is from 14 years above, you have not been confirmed and would like to be confirmed, you have until the end of January to register. All registrations are done online and via our parish website. Click on **Parish Form** and it will lead you to all the forms in our parish, click on **Register for Confirmation 2024** and send us your details. At the end of January, we shall commence the necessary preparations towards that. **It will be fun!!!**

WEEK OF CHRISTIAN UNITY: This starts from the 18th to the 25th of January, 2024. Do pray for it.