

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



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Parish Administrator: Appointment To Be Confirmed

Mass Times & Venues

15th October 2023 — 22nd October 2023
Psalter week 4

- Sat 14th Oct:** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
6.00pm (HT): Mrs Agnes Adegbe RIP
- Sun 15th Oct:** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am (HT): James Graham's Intention
10.45am (HT): Mass said in Polish
11.00am (OL): People of the Parish
- Mon 16th Oct:** (NO MASS — DAY OFF)
- Tue 17th Oct:** St Ignatius of Antioch
9.30am (HT): Vera & Ernst Schaerli RIP
- Wed 18th Oct:** St Luke, Evangelist
9.30am (OL): Fr Peter Hart's Intention
- Thur 19th Oct:** Feria
9.30am(HT): Deacon James Snyder's Intention
7.00pm (HT): Mass said in Polish
- Fri 20th Oct:** Feria
9.30am (OL): Noreen Conroy RIP
- Sat 21st Oct:** The Blessed Virgin Mary
9.30am (OL): Virginia Reed's Intention
6.00pm (HT): Joan Convery's Recovery & Parish
- Sun 22nd Oct:** 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am (HT): Terry Lavelle RIP
10.45am (HT): Mass said in Polish
11.00am (OL): John & Peter Spelman RIP

WEARING THE RIGHT WEDDING GARMENT

While growing up in Nigeria with my siblings, we had two sets of clothes; the first set was the ordinary day-to-day clothing we wore at home and while playing with our friends as they were hand downs from our older siblings. The second set of clothes was our SUNDAY FINEST which we wore to Mass on Sundays, when playing hosts to important guests in our family and when going to visit wealthy relatives. My parents gave us various rules and regulations regarding our Sunday Finest - They must not be worn without their permission, they must always be properly folded, hung up and wrapped as on the day they were bought; while wearing them, we must desist from all dirt, and finally, when they were dirty, they must be given to mum who alone had the requisite training to wash them fittingly. As a young man, I treasured my Sunday Finest because they were not only adorable, but they were also tailored to fit my physique. Each time mum and dad asked us to put on our Sunday Finest, we knew that was a big occasion and we looked forward to it with profound excitement.

In our Sunday Readings of this week, we are reminded of the importance of wearing our Sunday Finest to the wedding banquet the Lord is preparing for us. In the First Reading from Isaiah 25, we are informed that this banquet would be made up of fine strained wines, with rich and juicy food. In the Gospel from Matthew 22, we are reminded that although everyone is invited (*Kaleo* - Summoned/Called) to this wedding banquet, there is only one prerequisite - Everyone must wear *Enduma Gamos* - 'A Proper Wedding Banquet Outer Garment'. This proper wedding banquet outer garment does not need to be from Gucci, Louis Vuitton, Balenciaga, Versace, Burberry, and the like; however, it must be an expensive garment made up of our charitable deeds to all peoples without discrimination nor demarcations, for charity is the form, mover, mother, and root of all the virtues according to St Thomas Aquinas. 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 Person, 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 and Teresa Sullivan.

PARISH NOTICES

NEW PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Code of Canon Law makes it mandatory for every parish to have a PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE. Canon 537 states it thus: "Can. 537 In each parish there is to be a finance council which is governed, in addition to universal law, by norms issued by the diocesan bishop and in which the Christian faithful, selected according to these same norms, are to assist the pastor in the administration of the goods of the parish, without prejudice to the pre-script of can. 532." I thank the immediate past Parish Finance Committee headed by Mrs Yasmin Keren for the excellent work they have done and I hope they will continue to help out in order areas of our parish life. I have now established a New Parish Finance Committee with these parishioners:

- Michael Gallagher – Chairperson
- Maria Dyer – Secretary & Gift Aid
- Kim Hasty – Bookkeeper & Treasurer
- Ellen Gotel – Member (Money Counting)
- Property Person (To be announced later)
- Deacon James Snyder – Ex Officio Member
- Fr Johnpromise (PP) – Ex Officio Member

I thank them all for agreeing to be members of this committee; they are tasked with ensuring the Finance and Property of our parish are well managed. I will work with them to make this happen. Do pray for them and we look forward to their official inauguration.

PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENT: In keeping with my promise to you all that I will be open, honest, transparent and accountable to you, I have now published the Parish Financial Statement from 31st August 2018 to 31st August 2023. It is on our parish website and there is hardcopy to take home and read. My profound appreciation to Kim Hasty (Our Parish Bookkeeper) for working very hard to make this a reality. Thank you so much Kim. If you have any questions about the financial statement, do come to me or to Kim.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC): The Parish Pastoral Council is another important body in the parish that assists the parish priest in discharging his pastoral and evangelisation ministry within the parish. Canon 536 paragraph 1 has this to say about it: "...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." The Council's role is primarily to research, consider, and propose for action, those matters considered to be truly 'pastoral. To help me in this, I have made some key appointments:

- ◆ Gordon Hardless – Chairperson
- ◆ Caroline Steiner – Vice Chairperson
- ◆ Dominic Arthur – Core Member for Diversity
- ◆ Theo Farrell – Core Member for Young Adults

More appointments to the PPC to be announced next week and then their official inauguration. Thank you for accepting to serve our parish and all our parishioners in this regard. May God bless you all.

THE NEW PARISH WEBSITE: We now have a new parish website with the same domain name as the previous one (www.htaol.org.uk). I hope this website is easier for all of us to navigate through. It has all the necessary information about our parish. **Do subscribe to the newsletter.**

HOLY TRINITY PRESBYTERY LANDLINE: To ensure all our parishioners and everyone who needs me can get hold of me, I have now installed a landline in the presbytery where I reside in Church Crookham. This is my landline number: **01252 974664**

ANNUAL MASS COUNT: This is the last weekend for the annual four weeks Mass Count for our parish. Thanks to Angela Smallwood and Ellen Gotel who helped us out in this regard.

DECEASED IN OUR PARISH: Let us pray for Betty Hopkin whose funeral will take place on Friday, 27th October 2023 at 11am at the Holy Angels Catholic Church, Ash, near Aldershot. Her burial will take place in the cemetery across the road and the wake at Farnham Castle. David Hopkin and family will be pleased for friends to attend. Do contact their daughter (Laura Francis) if you will be attending. Telephone 07941288949, Email: lauramfrancis@icloud.com We equally pray for Ann Wallace and Dora Oliver. Our condolences to their families and loved ones.

MASS INTENTIONS: The minimum donation for any Mass Intention is £10; you can give more if you so wish. We do have lots of free spaces; why not contact the office or approach me and book Mass/Masses.

GIFT AID: If you are a UK Tax payer, we would be delighted if you could fill in a Gift Aid Form to enable us get back the taxes you have already paid on the money you give us, at no extra cost to you. The diocese changed its Charity Name from January this year, that is why a new Gift Aid Form is needed.

SUNDAY TEA & COFFEE AT HOLY TRINITY: We restart Tea, Coffee, Cakes & Biscuits after the 9am Mass at Holy Trinity. Thanks to Liz Dooley and her Team of Volunteers for making this possible. Let us make use of this opportunity to come together as a one parish community.

DROP IN CAFÉ (WOOHOO): The Drop In Cafe will open on Wednesday 8th November from 1.00 pm - 3.00pm in Our Lady Church Hall. Everyone is welcome. While not bring along a friend to enjoy coffee/tea, cake and a chat. If you would like to volunteer to help in the Café, do contact Liz Hardless on 01252628334.

MONTHLY ROSARY FOR PEACE: This holds on Tuesday 24th Oct at Our Lady's Church, Kings Road Fleet at 7.30pm. Fr Johnpromise is also providing Benediction on the night; so do please come and join the Knights of St Columba as they continue their prayers for peace in our troubled world.

IT'S TIME TO FILL UP SHOEBOXES: If you would like to fill a Shoebox for Operation Christmas Child, pamphlets can be found in the porch of both churches. Please read the list of suggested gifts carefully including those which are no longer acceptable. Collection will be from both Our Lady's and The Holy Trinity on Sunday November 12th. Thank you as you do this.

FLOWER ARRANGERS AT HOLY TRINITY: Many thanks to Rita G, Linda D, and Barbara W, for taking up the flower arrangement at Church Crookham. God Bless you for serving us in this ministry.

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!!!