

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



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## Mass Times & Venues

19th November 2023 — 26th November 2023  
Psalter week 1

**Sat 18th Nov:** 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
6.00pm (HT): Dora Oliver RIP

**Sun 19th Nov:** 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
9.00am (HT): Aileen Smith's Intention  
10.45am (HT): Mass celebrated in Polish  
11.00am (OL): Deceased Catenians' Brothers

**Mon 20th Nov:** NO MASS — DAY OFF

**Tue 21st Nov:** The Presentation of the BVM  
9.30am (HT): Josephine Walton RIP

**Wed 22nd Nov:** St Cecilia  
9.30am (OL): Sheila Healy RIP (Anniversary)

**Thurs 23rd Nov:** Feria  
9.30am(HT): Liz Hardless' Intention  
For Eleanor Conway's Surgery  
7.00pm (HT): Mass celebrated in Polish

**Fri 24th Nov:** Sts Andrew Dung-Lac & Comp  
9.30am (OL): Nicole Le Jeune's Intention

**Sat 25th Nov:** The Blessed Virgin Mary  
9.30am (OL): Liz Hardless' Intention  
6.00pm (HT): Terry Macintyre RIP

**Sun 26th Nov:** Christ the King (Solemnity)  
9.00am (HT): People of the Parish  
10.45am (HT): Mass celebrated in Polish  
11.00am (OL): Dick & Yvonne Wells RIP

## A PERFECT WIFE/HUSBAND? HMMM...

When I asked my mum how she met my dad, she burst out laughing. My mum told me that my dad was a shy teenager when they met after she was introduced to my dad by my paternal grandma. According to my mum, my paternal grandma had a shop opposite theirs in the village market, and observed her keenly. As a teenager, my mum was very close to her mother (My Maternal grandma) and helped her at her shop everyday. When my dad returned home from his military posting, my paternal grandma asked him to buy a lovely gift for my mum which he did. However, my dad was so shy to give my mum the gift that my paternal grandma took it from him, gave it to my mum and told my mum that my dad was in love with her. That began a courtship that led to their being married 46years ago this year. Although my parents have been married for a long time, my mum still calls me sometimes asking me to talk to my dad or she would kill him (Joking of course). Yes, no marriage is perfect and there is no perfect wife/husband as we hear in this Sunday's First Reading. Every marriage is the coming together of a man and a woman, who do not hide their talents but pull them together to create an amazing family as we hear in this Sunday's Gospel. Remember, nobody is TALENTLESS!!! 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, 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

**WELCOME BACK TERRY CLEMENTS:** Terry Clements is a household name in our parish and for so many years, he has trained and coordinated our Parish Altar Servers. I am delighted to announce that I have reinstated Terry back to his role as our Parish Master of Ceremonies and the Coordinator of our Altar Servers. He will work alongside me in training and coordinating our altar servers. Thanks Terry for agreeing to come back.

**CATENIANS APPEAL WEEKEND:** The Catenians is a Catholic Organisation that supports the Church, Young People, Family, Friendship and Each Other. They build friendship network for Catholics to share their faith as well as have fun along the way. This is a great organisation that has got my 100% backing. Do listen to their appeal this weekend. Why not join them to learn more, grow in your faith and make friends too.

**MEDITATION GROUP:** One of the amazing ways we pray to God is through Meditation; however, so many of us struggle with this or do not know how to meditate properly. Alas, help is here finally. If you would like to know more about Meditation, Julia Williamson supported by Susan Short, will be running a Meditation Group starting on Tuesday the 21st of November 2023 at Sydney Room of Our Lady's Hall, at 2pm. If you would like to take part, come along on the day and/or email Julia at [juliawilliamson3@icloud.com](mailto:juliawilliamson3@icloud.com)

**YOUTH SUNDAY - CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER:** Are you a young person, under 25 years old, Sunday the 26th of November is National Youth Sunday. Would you like to take an active part in 11am mass which involves: Reading, Offertory Collection, Welcoming, Bidding Prayers, and Music? Do let one of us know. Email Louise - [louise@louiseandben.plus.com](mailto:louise@louiseandben.plus.com) Angela - [angelaasmith@ntlworld.com](mailto:angelaasmith@ntlworld.com), Katherine - [pilgrimsofhart@gmail.com](mailto:pilgrimsofhart@gmail.com)

Alternatively we will be at mass this weekend to take names. Let us make the Youth Sunday a memorable one. Please note for safeguarding purposes under 18s need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian at any practice.

**A DAY OF DEVOTION TO OUR LADY:** This takes place at Our Lady Help of Christians, North Camp on 25th November 2023. It begins with Mass at 10 am Mass, a Talk on Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal at 11.30 am, and Rosary at 1.30pm. Buffet Lunch and refreshments will be provided. All welcome!!!

**WALK THROUGH NATIVITY - YOUR HELP IS NEEDED:** The Christians Together in Fleet and Church Crookham are organising a Walk Through Nativity on Gurkha Square at the Fleet Christmas Festival taking place on 22nd November. They do more help to put up the tents at 11am and take them down at 7:30pm. If anyone of us can help with either or both of them, kindly email Paul at [paul.einchcomb@ntlworld.com](mailto:paul.einchcomb@ntlworld.com)

There will be some simple crafts at the end of the walk through, which require supervision. If you can help for an hour between 4-7pm (4-5, 5-6, 6-7) do get in touch with Ros at [ros@fleetbaptist.org.uk](mailto:ros@fleetbaptist.org.uk)

If anyone has a large dark curtains, material or back drops - preferably black - that you are willing to lend, do contact Ros and let her know. We do need your help.

Also any large plastic table coverings (the thick non-disposable ones are best) - you are willing to lend, then please let Ros know too.

## PARISH HEALING MASS & INTERNATIONAL SUPPER:

Our Parish Healing Mass comes up on Saturday 2nd November 2023 at 4:30pm at Our Lady's Church. We settled on Our Lady's because of the size of the hall there which gives us the space to have the International Supper afterwards. The Healing Mass commences at 4:30pm. Within the Mass, we will have the opportunity to pencil and lay down our past pains, hurts and aspirations for the future at the foot of the Cross. All the write-ups would be burnt at the end of that Mass. **The Healing Mass will be the only Mass of the parish that day; this means there will not be a Mass at 9:30am and 6pm.**

Joe Lindsey-Clark (Chair of our Parish Social Team) will be talking to us at the end of Sunday Masses on the modalities for the International Supper.

**DROP IN CAFÉ:** Our Drop in Café comes up on Wednesday 22nd November from 1.00pm -3.00pm in Our Lady's Hall. This week we will be serving soup and roll; tea, coffee, cake and scones. Come along and meet new people, bring your friends and enjoy the happy atmosphere. Do make a generous donation to help cover the cost.

**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:** Jane Walker of Purple Community Fund will be visiting both churches and speaking at all Masses on Saturday 9th December and Sunday 10th December 2023. Jane will be selling PCF gifts and we will be selling cakes after Sunday Masses at Holy Trinity and Our Lady. All proceeds will go to PCF. Do bake a cake to sell to support PCF. Bring cakes on the day to Liz Dooley at Holy Trinity in the porch or Liz Hardless and Christine Creswell at Our Lady in the Hall. Thank you so much as you do this.

**LIVINGSTONES FLEET – CAN YOU HELP?:** This amazing Christian space that belongs to us on Fleet High Street is on the verge of closing, unless we help out to sustain its operations. To do this, they need additional volunteers to fill these roles:

**2 Additional Lead Volunteers**  
**1 Administration Officer**  
**1 Additional Trustee**

The specifications for the above volunteer roles are in the porch for anyone to take home, think about them and act on them. We do need this awesome space to remain open for all Christians in Fleet and CC. To act, email Emma at [emma@mabin.co.uk](mailto:emma@mabin.co.uk)

**DECEASED IN OUR PARISH:** Let us pray for Rosemary Tyndall who passed away last week and whose funeral takes place on Friday 8th December 2023 at Our Lady's Church at 10:30am. Our condolences to her husband Mike, her children and loved ones.

**APPRECIATION FROM CAFOD:** CAFOD sent us a letter appreciating our parish for raising £965 during our recent Harvest Fast Day. Thank you all for being so generous. I am proud of you and equally proud being your parish priest. God bless you all!!!

## 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!!