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



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Mass Times & Venues 21st April 2024 — 28th April 2024 Year B (II) Psalter Week 4

Sat 20th April: 4th Sunday of Easter 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 & First Holy

Communion Children

Mon 22nd April: No Mass - Day Off Tue 23rd April: Saint George, Martyr

9.00am (HT): Carl Ecker RIP

Wednesday of Eastertide Wed 24th April: 9.30am (OL): Fr Paul Dzwig's Intentions

Thurs 25th April: St Mark, Evangelist 9.30am (HT): Thanksgiving to St Jude 7.00pm (HT): Mass celebrated in Polish Fri 26th April: Friday of Eastertide 9.30am (OL): Joanne Cair's Intentions Sat 27th April: Saturday of Eastertide

9.30am (OL): Bernie Young RIP 6.00pm (HT): People of the Parish Sun 28th April: 5th Sunday of Easter 9.00am (HT): Phyllis Cripps RIP

10.45am (HT): Mass celebrated in Polish

11.00am (OL): Lolie Rock RIP & For Deacon James

Birthday

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.

GOOD SHEPHERDS LAY DOWN THEIR LIVES



During his homily at my Priestly Ordination at Portsmouth Cathedral on 20th July 2019, Bishop Philip told Fr Nishan and I, that the priesthood will cost us everything including our own lives. As Bishop Philip said those words, they sent shivers down my spine and the image that flashed through my mind then was that of St Oscar Romero. Oscar Romero was born on 15th August 1917 in El Salvador and was ordained a priest in 1942. As a priest, he was noted for his conservative reputation but also for his love for the poor and suffering people of his country. When Romero was appointed the Archbishop of San Salvador, his closest friend - Fr Rutilio Grande, was killed by the government for supporting the poor to become selfreliant; Romero was fired up to continue his work. Romero became the voice of the voiceless and started speaking out against poverty, social injustice, assassinations and tortures that had become the norm with the Revolutionary Government Junta. While Romero was celebrating Mass on March 24th 1980, an assassin shot him. The last sentence of his sermon that day was: "...that we can give our body and our blood to suffering and pain, like Christ, not for himself, but to impart notions of justice and peace to our people."

On this 4th Sunday of Easter which is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday, let us ask God to transform us into good shepherds in our families, places of work, and in our parish; so that we care passionately for all God's people without discrimination. May He equally give us the grace like St Oscar Romero, to be the voice of the voiceless and to speak truth to power in today's society. 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, Anna & Phil Day, Graeme Healey, Ray Swinburne, Maeve King, Lesley O'Toole, Sally Dunne and Sarah Hughes.

PARISH NOTICES

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

Clergy Training Fund

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, our **2nd Collection is for The Training of Seminarians.** Our diocese of Portsmouth has 12 Seminarians in formation; let us support their training with our 2nd Collection this week and ask God to form them into compassionate but ardent ministers of His Word and Sacraments. Thank you so much for your support.

MASS ON TUESDAY 23RD APRIL AT 9AM: The Mass on Tuesday the 23rd of April will be at 9am at Holy Trinity. The reason for this change in time is due to the fact that on that day, we have a Diocesan Clergy Study Day (Ars Celebrandi) at Southampton and it officially starts at 11am. To help me get there at the right time, I would like us to have Mass at 9am. Thanks so much for your understanding.

DROP IN CAFÉ WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL 1PM-3PM: Our Drop in Café comes up on Wednesday 24th April from 1pm-3pm in Our Lady Hall. Do come along for delicious soup, cheese scones and homemade cakes; it is equally a place to meet new people and/or catch up with old friends. All are welcome. Donations to cover costs are greatly appreciated. We look forward to having you with us. You will have a great time!

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.

FIRST AIDERS NEEDED IN OUR PARISH



Our parish is still in need of First Aiders for all our Masses and activities. This is a crucial ministry that keeps all of safe. To be a part of this team, it is important to note that the person needs to be able to move quickly and swiftly. If anyone would like to be a part of Parish First Aiders' Team, do send your details via email to the parish office. We will provide everyone involved with all the necessary training and equipment to adequately carry out this ministry.

For those who are interested, the few options we have mapped out for this training would be one of these **Saturdays: 18th May, 25th May, 1st June or 15th June.** While contacting the office, if you are able to indicate one of the above Saturdays that you are able to have the training, that will help us a lot. You do not need to have an idea of First Aid to be part of this team; we will train and equip you for the situations that might arise within a parish setting. Do think about this and possibly sign up for it. Our First Aid Trainer is already waiting for us to sign up. **Every Little Helps!!!**

THE CITIZENS ADVISE RUSHMOOR FUNDRAISER



One of our parishioners - Laura Loh, is a singer-songwriter and works as a volunteer at Citizens Advice Rushmoor. Her exceptional musical talent, angelic singing voice, and her work at the Citizens Advise, sparked the idea of a music night in support of the above amazing charity that has impacted positively on the lives of a lot of people in the area. The Night of Music and Fundraiser comes on up Friday, 3rd May 2024. To find out more about Laura Loh and the event visit www.lauraloh.com

To get tickets to this event, type-in this link into your browser: https://www.westendcentre.co.uk/event/citizens-advice-rushmoor-fundraiser-chinabears-laura-loh-and-guests. Let us support our own parishioner - Laura, and this great event. Thanks.

WELCOME TO BABY THEODORE WILKINSON: We thank God for adding to our number in the parish with the Baptism of Baby Theodore Roger Wilkinson which takes place this Sunday at Holy Trinity Church, at 2pm. To God be the glory.

OUR PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024



On Saturday, 20th April 2024, 15 children from our parish made their First Holy Communion surrounded by their family and friends. It was a delightful and joyful celebration. The children will be joining us at the 11am Mass to introduce themselves to the wider parish and be joining us in the hall after Mass for some cake and nibbles. One of them had already made his First Communion in February, while another one will be making hers in Slovakia later this year. That brings the total number of First Holy Communion in our parish to 17 for the year 2024.

THANK YOU FROM OUR PARISH SOCIAL, FUN & FUNDRAISING TEAM: Our Parish Social Group has organised 2 big events and realised some money which has now been paid into the parish account. From the Internation Supper in December 2023, we realised £149.75; from the Pancake and Prosecco Evening in February 2024, we realised £226.54. Thank you so much for your generosity and for supporting our parish. May God bless you!

PUBLICATION OF MARRIAGE BANNS (2 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.