

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



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Mass Times & Venues

21st January 2024 — 28th January 2024
Year B (II) Psalter Week 3

Sat 20th Jan:	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
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
Mon 22nd Jan:	No Mass—Day Off
Tue 23rd Jan:	Feria
9.30am (HT):	Frank McAlinden RIP
Wed 24th Jan:	St Francis De Sales
9.30am (OL):	Zoe Mickel Ferguson's Intentions
Thurs 25th Jan:	The Conversion of St Paul
9.30am(HT):	For All Priests
7.00pm (HT):	Mass celebrated in Polish
Fri 26th Jan:	Sts Timothy & Titus
9.30am (OL):	Alice Bailey's Intentions
Sat 27th Jan:	The Blessed Virgin Mary
9.30am (OL):	Astrid O'Dea RIP
6.00pm (HT):	Eamon Mckeown RIP
Sun 28th Jan:	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am (HT):	Carlos Alves & Deceased Family
10.45am (HT):	Mass celebrated in Polish
11.00am (OL):	People of the Parish

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.

THE WORD OF GOD IS ALWAYS GOOD NEWS



Before our Christmas festivities, I was invited to talk to some young people who were 8 years and above. For my opening discussion with them, I chose one of the popular stories in the Bible — **The Parable of the Prodigal Son**. When I asked how many of them knew the story or had heard about it, I was shocked to the core of my being to learn that none of them knew the story or had heard about it. I felt compassion for them that they are missing out on those wonderful stories that my mum and dad shared with me while I was growing up. As a young boy, one of the gifts my parents gave each of us was 'A Children's Bible' with pictures that illustrated the key stories in both the Old and New Testaments. Before going to bed each night, mum and dad gathered us together for a family night prayer, which always began with either of them reading a story to us from the Children's Bible. When we learnt how to read properly, mum and dad drew up a reading rota amongst us their 6 kids. I can still picture my Children's Bible in my mind's eyes, and how worn-out it became over the years.

On this 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time which Pope Francis instituted as **THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD**, with his 2019 *Motu Proprio* — *Aperuit Illis*, we are encouraged to take up regular reading of the Bible to encounter the God who speaks to us in the same way He asked Jonah to preach repentance to the people of Nineveh in our First Reading. One thing is certain, our regular reading of the Word of God will lead us to "Repent and believe the Good News," as Christ proclaimed in our Gospel Reading. Yes, the Bible is the Good News of God. **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

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR ST JOHN'S



Our 2nd Collection this weekend is for St John's Cathedral which is the Mother Church of our Diocese of Portsmouth. The Cathedral Parish is in dire financial strain presently and needs our financial assistance. As the Dean of the Cathedral reminded us – **"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: In all our Sunday Masses this weekend, we would be conducting our Parish Census to update our parish database and ensure it complies with GDPR. If you are away this weekend, do email me and I will keep a census form for you to fill later on.

PARISH RAFFLE DRAW: FORTNUM & MASON HAMPER



A very generous parishioner has given the parish a Fortnum & Mason Hamper to be raffled. Tickets for this raffle would be sold in all our Sunday Masses this weekend. It costs £5 for a strip of the raffle ticket. The draw takes place during tea/coffee after the 11am Mass at Our Lady's. All proceeds will go to our Parish Project Fund. Thanks for your anticipated support.

DROP IN CAFÉ: This will be on Wednesday 24th January from 1pm to 3pm in Our Lady's Hall. Come and warm up with a bowl of soup and a roll or cheese scone, served between 1-2. Or drop in for delicious home made cakes, toasted teacakes and a cup of tea served from 1-3. Bring your friends and meet up with new friends in a warm, cosy atmosphere. Donations towards costs will be greatly appreciated.

NB – Kings Rd will be closed that day; if you are driving, come up Connaught Rd and enter the car park from Connaught Rd.

CLEANERS FOR HOLY TRINITY CHURCH: We do need more volunteers to help out in cleaning Holy Trinity Church. If you can give us some of your time, do email our Parish Administrator at: office@htaol.org.uk Thank you for considering this and for helping out.

CAFOD MEETINGS: You are invited to come to a CAFOD meeting to find about the difference that your donations make. This meetings will take place on Saturday 27th January at Corpus Christi Church hall – 60 Sturges Road, Wokingham RG40 2HE, from 10:30am to 1:30pm or on Saturday 3rd February at St Philip Howard Church hall – Bishopsfield Road Fareham PO14 1ND. A simple lunch will be provided at both meetings. For us to have an idea of numbers and for catering purposes, do book your place by emailing Jo at jlewry@cafod.org.uk or by phone on 07710 094447.

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!!!**

DECIDING THE WAY FORWARD FOR LIVINGSTONES: There will be an important meeting of all Christians in Fleet and Church Crookham at **Fleet Baptist Church on Monday 29th January at 7.30PM**, to decide on the possible closure of LivingStones, in its current form. All Christians in Fleet, Church Crookham and our local areas are invited to come together and help discern God's will for LivingStones' future. Let us try our best to be present.

ROSARY FOR PEACE: The Knights of St Columba continue their monthly Rosary for Peace on Tuesday 30th Jan at 7.30 at St Swithun's Yateley. There will be Mass that Tuesday night at 7pm; the Rosary comes up immediately afterwards. Do come and join us as we continue our prayers for peace in the world. Thank you for honouring our invitation.

APPRECIATION FROM MISSIO RED BOXES: A huge thank you to all our parishioners who are supporting Missio via the Red Boxes contribution. Last year, our parishioners raised **£4,397.53** via their Red Boxes. Thank you for your kindness. May God bless you.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE, CREAM TEA & PROSECCO:



Our Parish Social & Fun Team is inviting all our parishioners to an amazing event they have planned to bring everyone together during the forthcoming Half Term and before the start of the Holy Season of Lent. It is – **Shrove Tuesday Pancake, Cream Tea & Prosecco**. This will take place on **Tuesday 13th of February 2024, at Holy Trinity Church Hall at 5pm**. It will be an evening of fun, laughter and joy. Do keep this date firmly in your diaries. More details on this will follow in subsequent weeks. You will not want to miss this at all!!!