

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



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Parish Administrator: Appointment To Be Announced Shortly

## Mass Times & Venues

22nd October 2023 — 29th October 2023  
Psalter week 1

- Sat 21st Oct: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
6.00pm (HT): Joan Convery's Recovery & Parish
- Sun 22nd Oct: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9.00am (HT): Terry Lavelle RIP (Anniversary)  
10.45am (HT): Mass said in Polish  
11.00am (OL): John & Peter Spelman RIP
- Mon 23rd Oct: (NO MASS — DAY OFF)**
- Tue 24th Oct: Feria**  
9.30am (HT): John Julie's Intention
- Wed 25th Oct: Feria**  
9.30am (OL): Liz Hunt's Intention
- Thur 26th Oct: Feria**  
9.30am(HT): Sheila Barlow's Int (Birthday)  
7.00pm (HT): Mass said in Polish
- Fri 27th Oct: Feria**  
9.30am (OL): Siou Sheridan's Operation Int
- Sat 28th Oct: Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles**  
9.30am (OL): Emily Murray's Intention  
6.00pm (HT): Charlie Convery's Intention
- Sun 29th Oct: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9.00am (HT): Holy Souls in Purgatory  
10.45am (HT): Mass said 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.

## ACCOUNTABLE TO CEASAR & TO GOD

Since the publication of our parish financial statement last Sunday, a lot of parishioners have asked questions centring around 2 major issues that deserve to be responded to publicly. Firstly, **SO PRIESTS ARE PAID SALARY/WAGES?** The answer to this is **NO**. Salaries and wages must correspond to the enormity of work, the skills of the individual and present-day inflation. On the contrary, priests receive a monthly stipend from the parish they serve; for our diocese of Portsmouth and in this Fiscal Year, this is £418 per month. It is from this stipend that I pay my personal bills such as my medical prescriptions when I am sick, my dentist care, and my regular eye tests. It is equally from that stipend that I buy my personal clothes, shoes, pay for my annual holidays, my car insurance, contribute to my personal pension fund, help various UK and Nigerian Charities that are close to my heart, and assist my parents in Nigeria when they seek my help. Let us be honest, £418 per month is not a lot of money to live on; this is why parishioners are encouraged to assist their priests financially at Christmas and Easter and whenever they can.

Secondly, given what happened in the past, **WILL FR JOHNPROMISE NOT OVERRIDE THE PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE AND SPEND THE PARISH MONEY AS HE PLEASES?** The answer to this is **NEVER**. Fiscal Responsibility is paramount to me from my professional background and I am not ready that mess that up now. Our diocese has a rule that for any parish that is in red, all projects that are above £2,000 cannot be initiated without the approval of the parish finance committee and the diocese; for parishes that are in black, that amount rises to £5,000. As your parish priest, I have appointed onto the PFC, men and women of integrity, who have the expertise to exercise the needed checks and balances. In line with my informed conscience and before God who will judge me, my promise to you is this: **I will never spend your money without due clearance and authorisation. Fr Johnpromise has promised!!!**



## 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, Teresa Sullivan and Ray Swinburne.

## PARISH NOTICES

### MORE APPOINTMENTS TO OUR PARISH TEAMS

**NEW PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE:** 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)
- Dermot (Derry) Caleb (Property Advisor)
- Deacon James Snyder – Ex Officio Member
- Fr Johnpromise (PP) – Ex Officio Member

**DERMOT (DERRY) CALEB (OUR NEW PARISH PROPERTY ADVISOR):** Derry is our new Parish Property Advisor and a parishioner too. Derry is a retired Chartered Engineer CIBSE, and a Fellow of the Institute of Hospital and Estate Management. Prior to his retirement, Derry was the Director of Estates and Facilities at the University of Surrey for 26 years. He was equally the chairman of the UK Association of University Directors of Estates and Facilities. Derry has spent over 40 years in Estate Management, Strategic Planning, Estates Maintenance and Capital Development, in higher education, hospitals and commercial businesses. I am so happy to introduce Derry and welcome him to our Parish Service Team. Thank you Derry, for accepting to serve us all here in the parish

**PARISH WELCOMING TEAM:** This is a very important team in our parish. It is comprised of those lovely, smiling and happy faces our parishioners and visitors to our parish meet at the door of our churches. They are the ones to welcome people warmly, help them settle and look after them if they do not know what to do and/or where to go. Since we have 2 churches, to make it easier to coordinate the Welcoming Rota, I have appointed 2 Chairs and 2 Vice Chairs for each of the churches. They are the ones to put together a welcoming rota for each of the churches.

- Angela Smith – Chairperson Holy Trinity
- Christine Cresswell – Chairperson Our Lady
- Brenda Culverhouse – Vice Chair Holy Trinity
- Paul Latawska – Vice Chair Our Lady

#### Members on Rota Basis

- Phil Marshall – Holy Trinity 9am
- Jenny McKeown – Holy Trinity 6pm
- Jean Mukarati – Holy Trinity 9am
- Liz Dooley – Holy Trinity 9am
- Dominic, Cerys & Cruz Arthur – Holy Trinity 9am
- Bruce & Brenda Squirrel – Our Lady's 11am
- Hilary Wells – Our Lady's 11am
- Anne Morgan-Jones – Our Lady's 11am
- Genie Williamson – Our Lady's 11am
- Helen & Charles Payne – Our Lady's 11am
- Maggie Timms – Our Lady's 11am

If anyone emailed me regarding being a member of the Parish Welcoming (Hospitality) Team, and your name is not on the list above, do nudge me and I will include it. I will forward your contact details to the Chairpersons to enable them get a rota going.

**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.

**PARISH SOCIAL/FUN TEAM:** One of the crucial ways of being a parish community is for the parish to have various social events throughout the year. To help us in this venture are:

- ♦ Joe Lindsey-Clark – Chairperson
- ♦ Mike Henry – Vice Chair
- ♦ Suzie Lindsey-Clark
- ♦ Liz Dooley
- ♦ Liz Hardless
- ♦ Angela Smallwood
- ♦ Rita Gaunt
- ♦ Christine Cresswell
- ♦ Lizzie Eckett

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC):** It is my desire that all the leaders of the various Parish Teams will become members of it. When the leader of a team cannot come to the meeting, the deputy represents him/her at the meeting.

- ♦ Gordon Hardless – Chairperson
  - ♦ Caroline Steiner – Vice Chairperson
  - ♦ Pauline Tetlow – Secretary
  - ♦ Michael Gallagher – Core Member for Finance
  - ♦ Dominic Arthur – Core Member for Diversity
  - ♦ Theo Farrell – Core Member for Young Adults
  - ♦ Angela Smith – Core Member for Welcomers
  - ♦ Joe Lindsey-Clark – Core Member for Socials
- More appointments in the coming weeks.**

**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 whose funeral will take place on Monday the 13th of November at 11am at St Michael & St George, Queen's Avenue, Aldershot. GU11 2BY.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:** Today, we celebrate World Mission Sunday. Missio supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, you will help missionaries to bring the love and hope of Jesus to situations of poverty and injustice. Do support them by donating using the Missio Envelope or online by visiting their website: [mission.org.uk](http://mission.org.uk)

**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.

#### 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!!