

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



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Mass Times & Venues
24th March 2024 — 31st March 2024
Year B (II) Psalter Week 2

Sat 23rd March: Palm Sunday
6.00pm (HT): Nadja Smith & Her Family's Intns
Sun 24th March: Palm Sunday
9.00am (HT): Francisco & His Family's Intns
10.45am (HT): Mass celebrated in Polish
11.00am (OL): Barbara Wilson's Intentions

Mon 25th March: No Mass - Day Off
Tue 26th March: No Mass - Chrism Mass with Bishop Philip and All the Clergy at Portsmouth Cathedral
Wed 27th March: Wednesday of Holy Week
9.30am (OL): Becki Snyder's Intentions & For Priestly Vocations

HOLY TRIDUUM

Thurs 28th March: Maundy Thursday
8.00pm (HT): Eamon McKeown RIP
Fri 29th March: Good Friday Service
3.00pm (OL): Patricia Finn's Wellbeing
Sat 30th March: Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)
8.00pm (OL): People of the Parish
Sun 31st March: Easter Sunday
9.00am (HT): Terry Lavelle RIP
10.45am (HT): Mass celebrated in Polish
11.00am (OL): Pope John Paul II RIP

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 DIE IS CAST! ARE YOU READY?

Holy Week Timeline



On the 14th of February 2024 (Valentine's Day), we started our Lenten Journey with Ash Wednesday. I appealed to us on that day, to revisit our Lenten Observances and ensure they are not perfunctory actions but exercises that transform our hearts. Instead of just giving up chocolates, cakes, biscuits, booze and food, which we would all go back to on Easter Sunday; I encouraged us to do two things: Give up Negativity which destroys people and communities and Take up Positivity which builds up everyone. As we commence our journey of Holy Week, let us ask ourselves this crucial question - **Have we given up negativity and taken up positivity?** This is what the Church asks us to do today in that address directed to us before the blessing of Palms. The priest says this: "Dear brethren, since the beginning of Lent until now, we have prepared our hearts by penance and charitable works. Today, we gather together to herald with the whole Church, the beginning of the celebration of our Lord's Paschal Mystery." It is interesting to note that Lent summons us to prepare our hearts and not just to trim our physical appearances.

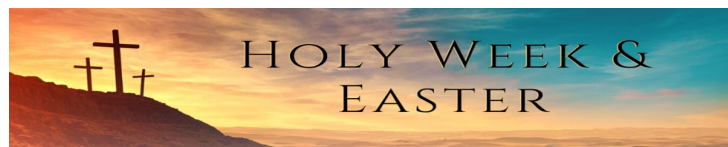
My friends, although the human heart is one of the most important organs in the human body, it is equally where we feel emotions more deeply. When our hearts have been properly prepared, we would not shout "Hosanna to the Son of David" on Palm Sunday, and then turn around on Good Friday and shout "Crucify Him" by not loving God and our neighbours as we love ourselves. Yes, the die is cast, the scene is set and there is no going back; however, which character in the Passion Narrative will you and I be portraying? Hopefully the women who remained with Jesus till the end. **Are you ready?** 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 and John Sheehan.

PARISH NOTICES

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE 2024



MAUNDY THURSDAY: 8pm at Holy Trinity & Watching at HT Hall till 12pm.

GOOD FRIDAY MORNING: 10am Stations of the Cross at Our Lady's for FHC Children & Young Families. 10am Stations of the Cross at Holy Trinity for adults.

Good Friday Service: 3pm at Our Lady's.
Prayers around the Cross: 7pm at Holy Trinity.

HOLY SATURDAY MORNING: 10:15am & 11am - Blessing of Food at Holy Trinity with the Polish Community.

HOLY SATURDAY NIGHT (EASTER VIGIL): 8pm at Our Lady's, Fleet.

EASTER SUNDAY: 9am at Holy Trinity and 11am at Our Lady's.

TUESDAY THE 26TH OF MARCH 2024: This would be the Chrism Mass of Bishop Philip with all the clergy at Portsmouth Cathedral. To enable us get there in good time, there wouldn't be a Mass. However, I will open Holy Trinity Church at 8:30am for Rosary and Stations of the Cross. I will ask one of our parishioners to lead the Stations as we have done every Tuesday in Lent.

WASHING OF FEET ON HOLY THURSDAY



If you would like your feet to be washed at the 8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday, do write your name on the sheet of paper in the porch at both churches. Please, do not be shy about this, it is the practical demonstration of all priestly ministries and what I owe you. Do let me serve you, please.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR HOLY PLACES: At the end of our Good Friday Service, there would be a retiring collection for the Holy Places. This collection is used for the maintenance of the Holy Places and the Christians of the Holy Land who are the living stones of the Holy Land. They do need our help especially now with all the crisis in the Middle East which has affected their lives and livelihoods.

EASTER POSTERS: The traditional Easter Posters via the local Farnborough Council of the Knights of St Columba, will be available at all Masses this Palm Sunday for parishioners to take home and display on their windows and doors. Please do take one with you.

DENTIST CAR PARK IS CLOSED: Due to some work that need doing at Fleet Bupa Dentist Clinic, over the Easter weekend their carpark will become unavailable to parishioners at Mass times as it will be covered by scaffolding. This will affect parking on Sunday and weekday Mass times for about 10 weeks. To reciprocate the good relationship we have with them, during the week, about 4 to 6 dentist cars will be parking their cars at Our Lady's car park from 7:30am.

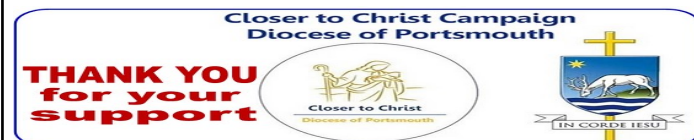
EASTER COLLECTION: It is the usual tradition that the collections over the Easter Mass period is given to our Parish Priest. I am sure you will join me in wishing Fr Johnpromise a Blessed and Holy Easter. Please, do equally express this appreciation via the offertory collection plate on Saturday and Sunday; this will help support him and his ministry during the coming months. You can also make a direct online payment to the parish bank account with these details: **Sort Code: 30-93-04, Account Number: 01862597**, with Fr JP Easter as the reference. You can equally give via Cheques payable to either Fr Johnpromise or CDP Fleet and Church Crookham, with Fr JP Easter written on it. Thank you for all your support so far to Fr JP. **Michael Gallagher**.

2 EASTER HAMPERS FOR RAFFLE



We have 2 wonderful Easter Hampers to be raffled. Tickets for this raffle would be sold in all our Sunday Masses this weekend. **The 2nd Hamper which is even more attractive and bigger was donated to us by the Polish Community.** It costs £5 for a strip for the raffle ticket. The draw takes place during tea/coffee after the 11am Mass at Our Lady's on Palm Sunday. All proceeds will go to our Parish Account. Thanks for your anticipated support.

CLOSER TO CHRIST CAMPAIGN - IT'S A WRAP!!!



We have now brought this Campaign to a close and I am happy to announce that **we have now raised over £172,200 from 63 families** in our parish. If you indicated to have a PACK, one has been sent to you; once you complete it either give it to me at any time or post it to the Campaign Office. **Thank U**

FLEET ½ MARATHON ON SUNDAY 24TH MARCH: This takes place on Palm Sunday meaning there would be road closures and traffic around our Fleet. For all our 11am Mass parishioners, do plan ahead to arrive Our Lady's in time for our Palm Sunday celebrations. Our wishes go to all those taking part in the marathon and raising money for good causes.

WEEK OF ACCOMPANIED PRAYER



What a wonderful week it was! Thank you all! Our six visiting guides felt so loved and welcome. 31 parishioners journeyed through the week. And many others helped make the week wholly 'successful' and memorable by providing hospitality, meals, administrative back up, muscles, artistry, financial donations, and all importantly an umbrella of supportive prayer from various teams and monastic communities. May the many blessings and graces of the week continue to emerge and flow as we journey on as individuals and as a parish community.