

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



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Mass Times & Venues 25th February 2024 — 3rd March 2024 Year B (II) Psalter Week 2

Sat 24th Feb:	2nd Sunday of Lent
6.00pm (HT):	Ros Mitchell's Birthday Intentions
Sun 25th Feb:	2nd Sunday of Lent
9.00am (HT):	Shelley Patrick Rost RIP 3rd Anniv
10.45am (HT):	Mass celebrated in Polish
11.00am (OL):	People of the Parish
Mon 26th Feb:	No Mass—Day Off
Tue 27th Feb:	Tuesday of Lent
9.30am (HT):	Frs Peter, Emmy, Eladio RIP
Wed 28th Feb:	Wednesday of Lent
9.30am (OL):	Pauline Neil RIP
Thurs 29th Feb:	Thursday of Lent
9.30am(HT):	Thanksgiving to Jesus of Prague
7.00pm (HT):	Mass celebrated in Polish
Fri 1st March:	St David (Feast)
9.30am (OL):	Paddy Manning RIP
Sat 2nd March:	Saturday of Lent
9.30am (OL):	Antonio De Cruz RIP
6.00pm (HT):	People of the Parish
Sun 3rd March:	3rd Sunday of Lent
9.00am (HT):	Giles Evans RIP
10.45am (HT):	Mass celebrated in Polish
11.00am (OL):	Cosme De Cruz 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 PURPOSE OF THE TRANSFIGURATION BY POPE BENEDICT XVI

Dear Brothers and Sisters, this Second Sunday of Lent is known as the Transfiguration of Christ. Indeed, in the Lenten itinerary, having invited us to follow Jesus into the wilderness to face and overcome the temptations with Him, the Liturgy now proposes that we climb the “mountain” of prayer with him to contemplate God’s glorious radiance on His human face. The episode of the Transfiguration of Christ is unanimously attested by the Evangelists Matthew, Mark and Luke. There are two essential elements: first of all, Jesus leads the disciples Peter, James and John up a high mountain and there “he was transfigured before them” (Mk 9:2) and His face and His garments shone with dazzling light while Moses and Elijah appeared beside him; the second, a cloud overshadowed the mountain peak and from it came a voice saying: “This is my beloved Son; listen to him”. Thus, light and the voice: the divine radiance on Jesus’ face, and the voice of the heavenly Father that witnesses to Him and commands that He be listened to.

The mystery of the Transfiguration must not be separated from the context of the path Jesus is following. He is now decisively oriented to fulfilling His mission, knowing all too well that to arrive at the Resurrection He must pass through the Passion and death on the Cross. It is for this reason that Jesus takes three of them with him up the mountain and reveals His divine glory, the splendour of Truth and of Love. Jesus wants this light to illuminate their innermost hearts when they pass through the thick darkness of his Passion and death, when the folly of the Cross becomes unbearable to them. God is light, and Jesus wishes to give his closest friends the experience of this light which dwells within Him. After this event, therefore, He will be an inner light within them that can protect them from any assault of darkness. Even on the darkest of nights, Jesus is the lamp that never goes out. My dear brothers and sisters, we all need inner light to overcome the trials of life. This light comes from God and it is Christ who gives it to us, the One in whom the fullness of deity dwells. **Pope Benedict**



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, and Lesley O’Toole.

PARISH NOTICES

CAFOD LENT APPEAL 2024



James the Fisherman

Lent 2024

CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

no one beyond reach

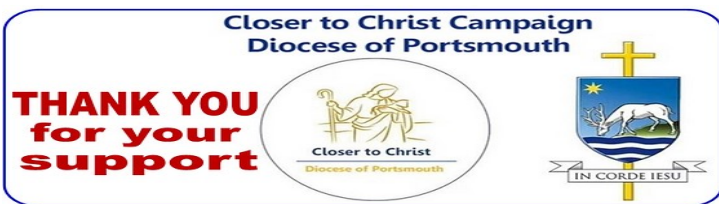
I hope we all had a fulfilling Lenten Family Fast Day on Friday 23rd of February. CAFOD Lent Appeal 2024 focuses on the story of James and his community in New Kru Town of Monrovia, Liberia. James relies on our generosity to get the right tools to catch enough fish to feed his wife Cynthia and their son Messi. Let us support them with what we have saved up from our 2024 Lenten Family Fast Day. Thanks so much.

WEEK OF ACCOMPANIED PRAYER 17-22ND MARCH



Just a few 'in person' spaces left, plus a number of online spaces via Zoom in the evenings. Register today online via the Parish Website for this wonderful opportunity for a retreat in daily life. Go to our parish website and click on the Button - **Week of Accompanied Prayer**. It will open up to a form you need to fill and submit. Only few spaces left.

CLOSER TO CHRIST CAMPAIGN PASTORAL PHASE



I am delighted to announce that our parish has surpassed its goal of £95,000, we have now raised over £115,000. Thank You! Thank You!! Thank You!!! As a human being, I was petrified when we were asked to carry out this campaign in our parish; however, I trusted in God and in the immense generosity of all of you our parishioners. You have lived up to the fact that you are all Can-Do Catholics who love the Church and the Diocese profoundly. I am proud of all of you. We have moved into the **Pastoral Phase** of the campaign and I know every member of our parish who has not yet participated would have received a PACK by post and a letter from me. I beg you to read the letter and pack, then consider contributing to the campaign as much as you can. Anything we realise from now on will be shared equally between the diocese and our parish.

MONTHLY ROSARY FOR PEACE: The Knights have a rosary for peace at the Forces Cathedral Church of St Michael & St George, Queens Avenue Aldershot on **Tuesday 27th Feb at 7.30pm**. Do please come and join them on this occasion to continue their prayers for peace throughout the World. We do need peace!

OLD PASCHAL & USED CHURCH CANDLES



We do have lots of old Paschal and used Church candles that need to be disposed. Unfortunately, we do not have the technical knowhow to do so. If you know of candle makers or candle companies that are happy to collect them at no extra charge from us, do put me in touch with them and I will arrange for them to collect all of them free of charge.

CONFIRMATION SESSIONS SCHEDULE 2024



Our 2024 Pastoral Area Confirmation comes up on Saturday 8th June 2024 at 11am at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. The **First Confirmation Session** for all our candidates who have registered will be on **Sunday 3rd March 2024, from 9:30am to 10:50am at Our Lady's Hall, followed by 11am Mass**. We urge parents to remember the Parental Consent Form to be filled and signed by them, and the Code of Conduct Form to be signed by the candidates themselves. Once completed, they are to be handed over to the Parish Administrator at the parish office or to Fr Johnpromise after Mass.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR EVERYONE: On Friday, 1st March 2024, Christians Together in Fleet and Church Crookham, will be holding 2 services to mark the World Day of Prayer with the theme – **"I beg you, bear with one another in love."** The 1st Service holds at 10am at Church on the Heath – The Key, Fleet GU51 1HA; the 2nd Service holds at 7pm at Fleet Baptist Church – 115 Clarence Road, Fleet GU51 3RS. Let us come together and pray with our Christian brothers and sisters as Jesus asked us.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (VIA CRUCIS) IN LENT

During the Holy Season of Lent, we focus on the sufferings of Christ by journeying with Him by praying the Stations of the Cross. Our Stations of the Cross would be:

- On Tuesday after Morning Mass at Holy Trinity
- On Wednesday at 7pm at Our Lady's
- On Friday after Morning Mass at Our Lady's

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT: The Divine Mercy Apostle is holding a Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat 2024 at St Michael & St George, the Cathedral Church of the Forces, Queen's Avenue, Aldershot, Hampshire, GU11 2BY, on Saturday 9 March 2024 from 11 am to 4 pm led by the Marian Fathers. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and the Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All are welcome! **Divine Mercy Devotion is the short summary of the Cross.**