

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



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## Mass Times & Venues

26th November 2023 — 3rd December 2023  
Psalter week 2

**Sat 25th Nov:** **Christ the King (Solemnity)**  
6.00pm (HT): Terry Macintyre RIP  
**Sun 26th Nov:** **Christ the King (Solemnity)**  
9.00am (HT): People of the Parish  
10.45am (HT): Mass celebrated in Polish  
11.00am (OL): Dick & Yvonne Wells RIP  
**Mon 27th Nov:** **NO MASS — DAY OFF**  
**Tue 28th Nov:** **Feria**  
9.00am (HT): Matthew, Ellen, & Maro Walton RIP  
**Wed 29th Nov:** **Feria**  
9.30am (OL): Sheila Barlow's Intention  
**Thurs 30th Nov:** **St Andrew, Apostle**  
9.30am(HT): Raymond Smelser RIP  
Deceased Parishioners & Dearest  
7.00pm (HT): Mass celebrated in Polish  
**Fri 1st Dec:** **Feria**  
9.30am (OL): Robin Tinsley's Intention  
**Sat 2nd Dec:** **Healing Mass of the Parish**  
4.30pm (OL): Jim & Pat Martin RIP  
Ann Wallace RIP  
**Sun 3rd Dec:** **1st Sunday of Advent**  
9.00am (HT): People of the Parish  
10.45am (HT): Mass celebrated in Polish  
11.00am (OL): Jansi Mony's Intention

## HAVE YOU SEEN THE EXAM QUESTIONS?

Throughout my Primary School Years, the academic calendar was divided into 3 Terms that commenced in January and terminated in December. The Final Year Examinations in December were make or break examinations. They were not only tough and draining because the teachers designed the questions to test everything they had taught from January to December, but they were equally nerve-racking since no pointers/clues/aids were provided by the teachers. We were on our own and left to figure things out. On this last Sunday of the Church's Liturgical Year of 2023, our Lord Jesus Christ presents us with what our Final Year Examination would look like, and He wants us all to get First Class Honours in that major course that matters — **Discipleship**.

On this Solemnity of Christ, King of the Universe, established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 to reaffirm the centrality of Christ and His reign in our minds, our wills, our hearts and our bodies; we are presented with a different kind of kingship. Christ's kingship/reign is not that of power and/or authority, but that of Mercy, Compassion and Love towards those on the margins of society. It is a truism that we shall not be judged on the many Masses we attended, but on love and love alone. **Fr Johnpromise**

## OUR PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2023



**24th December 2023 - Christmas Vigil Mass for Children:** 6pm at Our Lady's Church, Fleet.

**24th December 2023 - Christmas Midnight Mass:** 8:30pm at Holy Trinity Church, Church Crookham.

**25th December 2023 - Christmas Day Mass:** 10am at Our Lady's Church, Fleet.

## 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.



**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, Teresa Sullivan, Graeme Healey, and Ray Swinburne.

## PARISH NOTICES

**HEATING AT OUR LADY'S CHURCH:** The heating at Our Lady's, Fleet, is BACK ON. Woohoo!!! The past few weeks have not been an easy one for me as your parish priest. I have stayed up late praying and worrying about the gas leak that was discovered at Our Lady's and the huge amount needed to sort it out. However, our Property Advisor – Dermot Caleb, who managed several estates until his retirement, asked for a 2nd and a 3rd opinion from two separate commercial gas companies and engineers. Those 2nd and 3rd opinions confirmed there is no gas leak at Our Lady's. The 3rd gas engineer checked our boilers, conducted our Gas Safety Check and reconnected us back to the gas mains. I am so grateful for the so many experts in our parish who have always given us their time and talents. Thank you all for your patience the last two weeks and for coming to Church wrapped up. You are simply the best. May God bless you all.

**THIS WEEK'S TUESDAY MASS(28/11/23):** The time for this week's Tuesday Mass would be at **9am at Holy Trinity**. The reason for this is that a dear family has asked me to assist them in the funeral of their beloved father and the only slot available on this day is 10am. Since I would need 30 minutes to drive to the crematorium, I decided to bring the Mass forward. I do not like cancelling parish Masses. Remember, the Mass on that day would be at 9am.

**MASS FOR OUR DECEASED PARISHIONERS & LOVED ONES:** On Thursday the 30th of November and at the 9:30am Mass at Holy Trinity, I will be offering Mass for all our Deceased Parishioners and Loved ones. The Book of Remembrance which we opened on 1st of November in our two churches would be placed in front of the Altar for this Mass. We will equally have the opportunity to light a candle in their memories during this Mass. At the end of Mass, I will solemnly close the Books of Remembrance and return them to the Parish Safe for safe-keeping.

I am aware that our parish has a wonderful tradition of organising a separate Mass for this celebration with teas, coffees, and cakes; however, due to the upcoming Parish Healing Mass and International Supper, we did not feel it was appropriate to burden parishioners more. This is why this year's celebration is a lowkey one. We will go back to our tradition next year.

**PARISH HEALING MASS & INTERNATIONAL SUPPER:** Our Parish Healing Mass comes up on Saturday **2nd November 2023 at 4:30pm at Our Lady's Church**. The Healing Mass commences at 4:30pm. Within the Mass, we will have the opportunity to pencil and lay down our past pains, hurts and aspirations for the future at the foot of the Cross. All the write-ups would be burnt at the end of that Mass. **The Healing Mass will be the only Mass of the parish that day; this means there will not be a Mass at 9:30am and 6pm.**

Our International Supper begins immediately after the Healing Mass. We do need all our parishioners to attend. **DO NOT BE SHY!!!** Do contact Joe Lindsey-Clark and indicate what you can bring for the International Supper. **Joe's details are: Telephone: 01252 621556 or email him at [ajlc70@gmail.com](mailto:ajlc70@gmail.com)**

**MEDITATION GROUP:** If you would like to know more about Meditation, Julia Williamson supported by Susan Short, will be running a Meditation Group on **Tuesday the 28th of November 2023 at Sydney Quick Room of Our Lady's Hall, at 1:30pm**. If you would like to take part, come along on the day and/or email Julia at [juliawilliamson3@icloud.com](mailto:juliawilliamson3@icloud.com)

**PARISH ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE:** Part of my Canonical duties as your parish priest is to look after the spiritual needs of all the parishioners. One of the Traditional ways of addressing this during Advent is to organise an Advent Penitential Service with the opportunity for individual confessions. I have invited few priests to help me out in this regard. **This will take place on Tuesday the 19th of December at 7pm at Holy Trinity**. This is a great way to prepare spiritually for Christmas.

**COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** There will be a Second Collection on the 17th of December for flowers that would be used to decorate our churches during Christmastide. It is important that our churches wear festive looks during the festive season.

**CAKE SALE FOR PURPLE COMMUNITY FUND:** Jane Walker of Purple Community Fund will be visiting both churches and speaking at all Masses on Saturday 9th December and Sunday 10th December 2023. Jane will be selling PCF gifts and we will be selling cakes after Sunday Masses at Holy Trinity and Our Lady. All proceeds will go to PCF. Do bake a cake to sell to support PCF. Bring cakes on the day to Liz Dooley at Holy Trinity in the porch or Liz Hardless and Christine Creswell at Our Lady in the Hall. Thank you so much as you do this.

**DECEASED IN OUR PARISH:** Let us pray for Rosemary Tyndall who passed away last week and whose funeral takes place on Friday 8th December 2023 at Our Lady's Church at 10:30am. Our condolences to her husband Mike, her children and loved ones.

**FLEET ORCHESTRA CONCERT:** This is a Christmas Concert by Fleet Orchestra, **to be performed at Ss Philip & James Church on Wednesday 13th of December at 8pm**. The concert will feature music by many famous composers including Bach, Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, Schubert and Rogers & Hammerstein. This is a free concert with a retiring collection for Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. Our own Aileen Smith is be playing in this concert and it would be great to be there and support her. **GO AILEEN!!!**

**CATENIANS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER:** Parishioners are welcome to attend the Catenians Annual Christmas Dinner at the North Hants Golf Club on Friday the 15th of December from 6:45pm. Tickets cost £39.50 which includes a 3-course meal, and pre-dinner drinks. Dress code - Black Tie or Lounge Suits optional. This is their Premier event of the year and one that is well attended. For further information please contact Phil McCluskey or 07594 500123 or email: [mjdspmcc@icloud.com](mailto:mjdspmcc@icloud.com)

**ARE YOU ALONE ON CHRISTMAS DAY?:** As we approach the festive season of Christmas with all the merriments involved, we cannot forget the fact that it might be a lonely period for some people with no families/friends around. If you or anyone you know might be alone on Christmas Day, do send their names and addresses to me. A generous parishioner has 5 spaces around their Christmas Table and would like to share them with parishioners who might be alone on that day. If any of us has a free space around our Christmas Table, do get in touch with me. Let us spread the glad tidings of Christmas. Nobody should be alone on that special day.

## 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!!**