

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



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## Mass Times & Venues 28th April 2024 — 5th May 2024 Year B (II) Psalter Week 1

<b>Sat 27th April:</b>	<b>5th Sunday of Easter</b>
6.00pm (HT):	People of the Parish
<b>Sun 28th April:</b>	<b>5th Sunday of Easter</b>
9.00am (HT):	Phyllis Cripps RIP
10.45am (HT):	Mass celebrated in Polish
11.00am (OL):	Lolie Rock RIP & Deacon James I Birthday
<b>Mon 29th April:</b>	<b>No Mass - Day Off</b>
<b>Tue 30th April:</b>	<b>Tuesday of Eastertide</b>
9.30am (HT):	Kathleen & Michael Parrent RIP
<b>Wed 1st May:</b>	<b>St Joseph the Worker</b>
9.30am (OL):	Fr Johnpromise Birthday & Intentions
<b>Thurs 2nd May:</b>	<b>St Athanasius, Bishop</b>
9.30am (HT):	Alice Elizabeth & William Smit RIP
7.00pm (HT):	Mass celebrated in Polish
<b>Fri 3rd May:</b>	<b>Sts Philip &amp; James, Apostles</b>
9.30am (OL):	Abel Machado
<b>Sat 4th May:</b>	<b>The English Martyrs</b>
9.30am (OL):	Connie & Wilf Wigley RIP
6.00pm (HT):	People of the Parish
<b>Sun 5th May:</b>	<b>6th Sunday of Easter</b>
9.00am (HT):	Teresa O'Beirne RIP
10.45am (HT):	Mass celebrated in Polish
11.00am (OL):	Alan Sullivan 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.

## MY GOD AND MY CONSCIENCE



One of the many foolish things we did as young seminarians in Nigeria, was to apportion nicknames to people based on our perception of them. The 2nd Rector during my Major Seminary training in Nigeria was a very conscientious man who was diligent with his formative duties. Each time we had the Rector's Conference, he always concluded it with these words: **My God and My Conscience would bear me witness that I have told you the truth.** Before long, we nicknamed him, 'My God and My Conscience'. Whenever any of us sighted him from a long way away, one of us would shout out - My God and My Conscience; that was enough information to everyone around to be on their best behaviour. This priest was so assiduous with his duties that after one term as the Rector of our seminary, he was appointed a Bishop. On the day the seminary bade him farewell, he gave a speech that brought tears to everyone; he concluded his farewell speech by stating that his conscience was clear before God that he never led any of us astray, that he was ready to stand before God and give an account of his stewardship. It is this same clear conscience that we hear of in our readings this Sunday.

In our Second Reading from 1John Chapter 3, we are reminded that if our conscience does not condemn us, then we do not need to be afraid of God's presence; this is because our conscience is God's messenger who speaks to us behind a veil, as St John Henry Newman stated. However, for us to obey our conscience and be at peace with God, we need to form our conscience with the Word of God, the Teachings of the Church, Prayer, and the advice of wise people. By so doing, we remain faithful branches and inextricably attached to Christ who is the Vine. **Fr Johnpromise**



**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:**  
Fiona Pearson, Fatima Alves, Robin Tinsley, Anne Wilcox, Geoff Neal, Stuart Neal, David Hopkin, Kerry Scars, Anthony D'Costa, Mary Gibbons, Val Nicholas, Tony Mallins, Anna & Phil Day, Graeme Healey, Ray Swinburne, Maeve King, Lesley O'Toole, Sally Dunne and Sarah Hughes.

## PARISH NOTICES

### OUR PARISH PATRONAL FEAST DAY & BBQ



As it is customary in our parish, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity is always observed as our Parish Patronal Feast Day wherein all our parishioners from both churches worship and party together. **This year's Feast falls on Sunday, 26th May 2024.** As such, the members of our Parish Liturgy Team and our Parish Social/Fun Team, have already met and streamlined the events of the day. **There will only be one Sunday Mass on that day at 11am at Holy Trinity;** it will be followed immediately by the party on the grounds of Holy Trinity. Our Parish Social/Fun Team have already asked some people to take charge of various things; however, they will need our assistance too. Here are the various things taking place that day:

**BBQ** - Fr JP, Dave Reed, Candy Head & Johnny Wilson  
**Tents/Gazebos** - Mike Henry, Martyn Flanagan, Candy/Rob Head

**Games for Children** - Angela Smallwood, Liz Dooley & Confirmation Candidates

**Plants** - Liz and Gordon Hardless

**Drinks** - Mike Henry & Paul Flanagan

**Cakes** - Marion Caleb, Philippa Pedlingham and others

We do need parishioners to help out in the above fields, if you can, do email me and I will signpost you to the right department. Thanks in advance for supporting Our Parish Patronal Feast Day.

### **PILGRIMS CAFÉ MONDAY 29TH APRIL, 10.30-12.15:**

This Monday, the Pilgrims Café will meet in the Harry Sheppard Room of Our Lady's Hall from 10.30-12.15 for Tea, coffee, cake and chat. All are welcome, and donations towards costs will be gratefully received.

### FIRST AIDERS NEEDED IN OUR PARISH



If anyone would like to be a part of our Parish First Aiders' Team, do send your details via email to the parish office. For those who are interested, the few options we have mapped out for this training would be one of these **Saturdays: 18th May, 25th May, 1st June or 15th June.** Do indicate which of these days is favourable to you for the training.

**FR SEAN TOBIN:** On Friday, 26th April 2024, all of us clergy received this news from Bishop Philip. "Fr. Sean Tobin has taken early retirement from priestly ministry on health grounds. We would like to express our immense gratitude for his ministry and his dedication in the Diocese. Please keep him in your prayers." Fr Sean was our parish priest for more than 6 years and was loved by all. He is equally my personal friend and has helped me settle down in the parish; I treasure him a lot. Let us thank God for his ministry and pray for him to enjoy his retirement now. I will be in touch with him to know how we can celebrate him and to bid him proper farewell as a parish community for his ministry among us. **God bless Fr Sean!!!**

## OUR PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024



On Saturday, 20th April 2024, 15 children from our parish made their First Holy Communion surrounded by their family and friends. On Sunday, they had their Thanksgiving Mass and a party in the hall afterwards to celebrate. A huge "Thank You" to our own Ellen, Imre, and Deacon James, for making this year's First Holy Communion, a great success.

### ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL ALDERSHOT IS RATED OUTSTANDING BY OFSTED



Massive Congratulations to the Staff, Pupils and Governors of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Aldershot, who were rated **OUTSTANDING** by Ofsted during their February School Inspection. This is an amazing school and one of our parishioners - Bill James, is the Executive Principal. Well done Bill!!!

### WELCOME TO BABIES YVES HADLEY & JAXON DELF:

We thank God for adding to our numbers in the parish with the Baptism of Baby Yves Francois Raleigh Hadley, which takes place during the 11am Mass at OL this Sunday, and the Baptism of Baby Jaxon Thomas Delf, which takes place this Sunday at Holy Trinity Church, at 2pm. **Thanks be to God!**

**THANK YOU FROM OUR SEMINARIANS:** During our 2nd Collection last weekend, we raised **£585** for the Clergy Training Fund. I thank you all on behalf of all our seminarians who will benefit from that fund. May God bless you for your generosity.

**PUBLICATION OF MARRIAGE BANNS (3 of 3):** Mr **Mattia Sorrentino** who resides in our parish, wants to be united in Holy Matrimony to **Miss Susanna Pagni**, who equally resides in our parish. If anyone knows of any lawful impediment that would stop them entering into Holy Matrimony, do contact me.

### THE 1ST OF MAY IS MY SPECIAL DAY



On the 1st of May, do join me for the 9:30am Mass at OL if you can, as I celebrate my 42nd Birthday. It is a day I thank God for the wonder of my being, and for His choice of me despite my weaknesses and unworthiness. I have arranged for a Big Cake to be baked which all of us could cut and indulge in, after Mass that Wednesday morning. To God be the glory!