

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



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Mass Times & Venues

28th January 2024 — 4th February 2024
 Year B (II) Psalter Week 4

Sat 27th Jan: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 6.00pm (HT): Eamon Mckeown RIP
Sun 28th Jan: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9.00am (HT): Carlos Alves & Deceased Family
 10.45am (HT): Mass celebrated in Polish
 11.00am (OL): People of the Parish

Mon 29th Jan: No Mass—Day Off
Tue 30th Jan: Feria
 9.30am (HT): Barbara Smelser's Intention
Wed 31st Jan: St John Bosco
 9.30am (OL): Stan & Ruth Wharf RIP
Thurs 1st Feb: Feria
 9.30am(HT): Jessica Less & Norman Lees RIP
 7.00pm (HT): Mass celebrated in Polish
Fri 2nd Feb: The Presentation of the Lord
 9.30am (OL): Guido Pezzoni RIP
 7.00pm (HT): Natalia Caplina RIP
Sat 3rd Feb: Saint Blaise
 9.30am (OL): Alison Berry RIP
 6.00pm (HT): People of the Parish
Sun 4th Feb: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9.00am (HT): Carlos Alves & Deceased Family
 10.45am (HT): Mass celebrated in Polish
 11.00am (OL): People of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

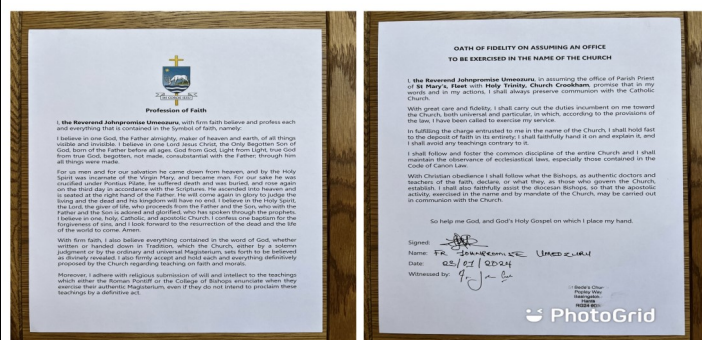
Saturday 10:15am — 11:15am (OL), Saturday 5pm — 5:45pm (HT) and by appointment

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.

SPEAKING/TEACHING WITH AUTHORITY



When Bishop Philip came back from his Study Leave, he called and checked up on me to know how I was fairing in Fleet and Church Crookham. During that telephone conversation, we agreed to meet in January. On Monday, 22nd January 2024, I had a one-to-one meeting with Bishop Philip here in Fleet. The meeting lasted for 2 and half hours; we ended up at Bella Capri for supper which the Bishop graciously paid for. During our meeting, I gave the Bishop an account of my stewardship so far, and informed him of the wonderful welcome, support, care and love I have received and continue to receive from our parishioners. I informed him of the pains and hurts of the last few years, and the fact we are all healing together and enjoying a New Dawn in our parish. The Bishop listened attentively to me, empathised with our situation, advised me on how to be better in my ministry and asked me to convey his paternal closeness to all our parishioners. The next day been Tuesday, in a short ceremony witnessed by Fr John Chadwick (The Dean of our Deanery), in front of the Blessed Sacrament, with my hands on the Book of the Gospels, I made the Profession of Faith and took the Oath of Fidelity, as the constituted Parish Priest of Fleet and Church Crookham, with the authority to teach what the Church teaches and not my thoughts.

On this 4th Sunday, we are reminded that our authority to minister to others comes from Christ. However, for us to be relevant in this modern age, we must live out what we teach. As one of our parishioners reminded me, it seems all the Church wants the Laity to do is to Pray, Pay and Obey; that time has changed, all the ministers of the Church MUST live, and minister like Christ. **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, and Lesley O'Toole.

PARISH NOTICES

PARISH FINANCE UPDATE: Over the 4-month period (Sept to Dec) income is slowly increasing. Total Income to 31st Dec 2023 was £48,836.74 and expenditure was £49,083.75 - a small loss of £247.00. The average Standing Order Giving is just over £2.96k pm (per month) with Envelopes approx. £1k pm and Cash £1.6k pm. Hall hire brings in £2.77k pm with rental of Our Lady's Presbytery bringing in £1.14k pm. Further income sources include a regular contribution from the Polish Community and going forward we will benefit from parish social events. The average monthly running costs for the Church, Office & Presbytery is £12.25k. In the next few months, we will incur some significant expenditure with boiler upgrades, but this is within the budget. The parish overall account balances are £47k credit. Thank you all for your giving to the parish by whichever means you use. Do please ensure that you have signed a **CDP Gift Aid Form**. The Finance Committee is presently reviewing the future of the Centenary Fund; we will make our findings known to you all. Thank you & God Bless. **Michael Gallagher - Chair of Parish Finance Committee.**

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION: Hampshire County Council is asking for people's views on the future of some local services in a public consultation on options to help the Authority meet a £132 million budget shortfall by April 2025. As Catholics, part of our civic responsibilities is to take active participation in the public life of our county in an informed, committed, and constructive manner, with a focus on the common good. To be part of this consultation, go to <https://www.hants.gov.uk> and click on **Future Services Consultation**.

OUR PARISH CENSUS: Thanks to all our parishioners who participated in last week Parish Census. If you were not around, there are Census Forms in the porch, do complete one for yourself/family and return it to the parish office. Thank you as you do this.

OUR DECEASED PARISHIONERS: Let us pray for Christopher Louis Bennett whose Funeral Service takes place on Tuesday, 30th January 2024 at Our Lady's Church at 2pm. For William (Bill) Freeman, whose Funeral Service takes place on Tuesday, 13th February 2024 at Our Lady's Church at 11:15am. Our condolences to their families and loved ones. May they rest in the peace of Christ, Amen.

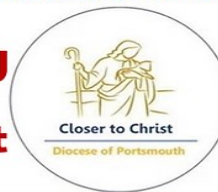
SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE, CREAM TEA & PROSECCO: Our Parish Social & Fun Team is inviting all our parishioners to an amazing event they have planned to bring everyone together during the forthcoming Half Term and before the start of the Holy Season of Lent. **Shrove Tuesday Pancake, Cream Tea & Prosecco.**



This will take place on Tuesday 13th of February 2024, at Holy Trinity Church Hall at 5pm. It will be an evening of fun, laughter and joy. Do keep this date firmly in your diaries. More details on this will follow in subsequent weeks. You will not want to miss this at all!!!

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CLOSER TO CHRIST CAMPAIGN GROUP MEETINGS: If anyone in our parish would like to know more about this new and exciting campaign, ask questions as well as learn how to get involved, 3 Group Meetings have been scheduled with us and Ciaran who is supporting me in this campaign. The dates are: **Tuesday, 6th February at Holy Trinity Church Hall from 10:15 to 11am; Thursday, 8th February at Holy Trinity Church/Hall from 6pm to 6:45pm; Friday, 9th February at Our Lady's Church/Hall from 10:15am to 11am.** Thanks for your support.

2ND COLLECTION FOR ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL: My profound appreciation goes to all our parishioners for your generosity last week to St John's Cathedral which is the Mother Church of our Diocese. We raised a total sum of **£958.35**. I am thrilled by that and super proud of you all. May God bless and reward you all.

PARISH RAFFLE DRAW: The winner of our last week Raffle Draw is Bill James. Massive Congratulations to him. From that Raffle Draw, we raised **£517**, which has now been paid into the Parish Project Account. Thank you all for your massive support.

CONFIRMATION 2024 - FINAL CALL: If you are a young adult who is from 14 years above, you have not been confirmed and would like to be confirmed, you have until the end of January to register. All registrations are done online and via our parish website. Click on **Parish Form** and it will lead you to all the forms in our parish, click on **Register for Confirmation 2024** and send us your details. At the end of January, we shall commence the necessary preparations towards that. **It will be fun!!!**

DECIDING THE WAY FORWARD FOR LIVINGSTONES: There will be an important meeting of all Christians in Fleet and Church Crookham at **Fleet Baptist Church on Monday 29th January at 7.30PM**, to decide on the possible closure of Livingstones, in its current form. All Christians in Fleet, Church Crookham and our local areas are invited to come together and help discern God's will for Livingstones' future. Let us try our best to be present.

KSC SPONSORED WALK SUCCESS: A big thank you to all parishioners for their help in allowing the Knights to achieve a total of **£3,270** in their sponsorship. At the December Christmas Dinner this allowed us to present £1,635 to each Charity; Parity for Disability & Stepping Stones DS. Both Charities were very grateful to receive such a sum. Thank U.

ROSARY FOR PEACE: The Knights of St Columba continue their monthly Rosary for Peace on Tuesday 30th Jan at 7.30 at St Swithun's Yateley. There will be Mass that Tuesday night at 7pm; the Rosary comes up immediately afterwards. Do come and join us as we continue our prayers for peace in the world. Thank you for honouring our invitation.

CANDLEMAS - 2ND FEBRUARY: There are 2 Masses on Friday, 2nd of February - 9:30am at Our Lady and 7pm at Holy Trinity. The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, brings Christmastide to a close.