

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



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Mass Times & Venues

29th October 2023 — 5th November 2023
Psalter week 2

Sat 28th Oct: **30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
6.00pm (HT): Charlie Convery's Intention
Sun 29th Oct: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am (HT): Holy Souls in Purgatory
10.45am (HT): Mass said in Polish
11.00am (OL): People of the Parish
Mon 30th Oct: **(NO MASS — DAY OFF)**
Tue 31st Oct: **Feria**
9.30am (HT): Thanksgiving for David & Jane
Wed 1st Nov: **ALL SAINTS (A HOLY DAY)**
9.30am (OL): Safe Delivery of Baby Ben Hardless
7.00pm (HT): Peace in the Holy Land
Thur 2nd Nov: **All Souls**
9.30am(HT): Libby Austin's Full Recovery
7.00pm (HT): Mass said in Polish
Fri 3rd Nov: **Feria**
9.30am (OL): Teresa Sullivan's Full Recovery
Sat 4th Nov: **St Charles Borromeo**
9.30am (OL): S. Kathlyn RIP
6.00pm (HT): Catherine Doherty's Intention
Sun 5th Oct: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am (HT): Mary Bailey RIP & People of Parish
10.45am (HT): Mass said in Polish
11.00am (OL): Jean Gallagher RIP (Anniversary)

NO ONE LOVES ME!!! - A PETRIFYING CRY!

Mother Teresa of Calcutta became a known figure because of her love for humanity especially the poorest and those on the margins of society. Her love for the poor was so profound and infectious that even while she was alive, she was dubbed THE SAINT OF THE SLUMS. Among the many thought-provoking sayings of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, there is one that has had a profound effect on me and stays at my bedside. It is this: "At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by -I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was naked, and you clothed me. I was homeless, and you took me in." The above statement of Mother Teresa of Calcutta in the 20th Century was summarised in the 16th Century by St John of the Cross thus: "In the evening of life, we will be judged on LOVE ALONE." It is this greatest, all-embracing but new commandment (**MANDATUM NOVUM**) of love, that we are presented with in our Sunday's Readings.

In the Gospel pericope, Jesus answered that the greatest commandment of the law (**Megale entole en to nomo**) is to love God with the entirety of our being (De 6:5) and to love our neighbour as ourselves (Lev 19:18). To avoid confusion on who our neighbour is, the First Reading gives us a list of who they are: Strangers, Widows, Orphans, Poor People, and the Needy. The Lord made it clear that if we do not love them and they cry to Him, He would not be so kind to us. This is why the cry of the 6-year-old - Arthur Labinjo-Hughes, of Solihull, West Midlands, before he died in June 2020, that "No-one loves me and no-one gonna feed me", haunts me every day. Is it possible that in our parish, there are people who feel unloved and uncared for? Why not reach out to that parishioner you know nothing about and start off a conversation. May we never exclude anyone from being our neighbour and our love. **Yes, we shall all be judged on love alone!!!** Fr Johnpromise

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 Person, Fatima Alves, Robin Tinsley, Anne Wilcox, Rosemary Tyndall, Geoff Neal, Stuart Neal, David Hopkin, Kerry Scares, Anthony D'Costa, Mary Gibbons, Val Nicholas, Tony Mallins, Chris Bennett, Anna & Phil Day, Teresa Sullivan and Ray Swinburne.

PARISH NOTICES

OUR NEW PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: I am happy to announce that we now have a Parish Administrator and she is **Mrs Jacqueline Bradley-Green**. She is a parishioner and attends Mass regularly at Church Crookham. Jacqueline is passionate about building our parish and hopes that her experiences from other parishes and working communities can help get everyone involved in our community again. Jacqueline will start working for us on Monday the 30th of October. She will be based at the Parish Office in Fleet and comes down to Church Crookham one day a week to ensure everything is fine. Her working hours are 9am to 2pm from Monday to Friday. Do join me in welcoming her to this new role. Let us assist her to settle in slowly but steadily.

We thank Ewa Nowak for all she did for us and for holding the fort during the recruitment period. She has now come to the end of her time with us, and we wish her well in her new job.

WELCOME BACK ROB HEAD: As part of my uniting and unifying our parish, I am delighted to announce that Rob Head is back to our parish and takes up his duty as Property Maintenance and a member of the Parish Finance Committee. Property Maintenance is a very important part of what we do to ensure our buildings are safe for all. I thank Rob for agreeing to do this for us. Let us welcome him. With Rob's appointment, the Parish Finance Committee is now complete with these members:

NEW PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- Michael Gallagher – Chairperson
- Maria Dyer – Secretary & Gift Aid
- Kim Hasty – Bookkeeper & Treasurer
- Ellen Gotel – Member (Money Counting)
- Dermot (Derry) Caleb (Property Advisor)
- Rob Head – (Property Maintenance)
- Deacon James Snyder – Ex Officio Member
- Fr Johnpromise (PP) – Ex Officio Member

WELCOMING TEAM AT HOLY TRINITY: We are still looking for welcomers for the 6pm and 9am Masses at Holy Trinity. If you can help, do get in touch with me. The members of the Welcoming Team have the important duty of welcoming people warmly when they arrive for Mass, giving them the necessary Hymn and Mass Books for the day, helping them settle and looking after them if they do not know what to do and/or where to go. Do consider helping us in this regard.

READERS & COLLECTORS AT 6PM MASS: Since we only re-established this Mass of recent, we do need to re-establish readers and collectors for it. If you attend the 6pm Mass and can help us, do email me and I will get the names together and get a rota going.

MASS INTENTIONS: The minimum donation for any Mass Intention is £10; you can give more if you so wish. We do have lots of free spaces; why not contact the office or approach me and book Mass/Masses.

GIFT AID: If you are a UK Tax Payer, we would be delighted if you could fill in a Gift Aid Form if you have not done so already. This enables us to claim back the taxes you have already paid on the money you give us at no extra cost to you. The diocese its Charity Status in January this year, that is why a new Gift Aid Form is needed. As TESCO says - **"EVERY LITTLE HELPS!"**. Do help the parish in this regard. Thank you all for all your support to the parish so far. God bless you!!!

ALL SAINTS: The 1st of November is All Saints Day and a Holy Day too. We have 2 Masses here in the parish: 9:30am Mass at Our Lady's and 7pm at Holy Trinity. Do join us for that Great Solemnity.

ALL SOULS & BLESSING OF GRAVES: The 2nd of November is All Souls Day. It is a day we pray for all our loved ones who have gone before us. There will be Mass at 9:30am at Holy Trinity. At 10:30am, there will be the Traditional Blessing of Graves at Fleet Cemetery. If you would like the grave/s of your loved ones to be blessed, do come along and join me in that Spiritual Work of Mercy.

BLESSING OF DE LA SALLE BROTHERS' GRAVES: The blessing of the graves of our six De La Salle Brothers which are presently on the grounds of Four Seasons Hotel in Dogmersfield Park, will take place on Sunday the 5th of November at 3pm, at the grounds of the hotel. If anyone would like to attend and to ensure they are looked after, do email Jerome Farrell at jerome@dunelm.org.uk

DECEASED IN OUR PARISH: Let us pray for Ann Wallace whose funeral will take place on Monday the 13th of November at 11am at St Michael & St George, Queen's Avenue, Aldershot. GU11 2BY.

PARISH HEALING MASS & INTERNATIONAL SUPPER: After listening to what our parishioners have sent to me, I have decided that the best day to have the PARISH HEALING MASS would be on SATURDAY - 2ND OF DECEMBER 2023. The above date is the last day of the Church's Liturgical Year and it is my desire we enter the Church's New Liturgical Year on a new slate. To unite our parish all the more, the leaders of the Parish Social/Fun Team and I agreed to have an International Supper that evening too. The idea is to have the Healing Mass in the afternoon and then finish in the hall with varieties to eat and to drink from. I will be asking some parishioners to help me in planning the Healing Mass. If you would like to help, do not hesitate to contact me.

DROP IN CAFÉ: The Drop in Café will open on Wednesday 8th November from 1pm – 3pm in Our Lady's Church Hall. Everyone is welcome. While not bring along a friend to enjoy coffee/tea, cake and a chat. If you would like to volunteer to help in the Café, do contact Liz Hardless on 01252 628334.

IT'S TIME TO FILL UP SHOEBOXES: If you would like to fill a Shoebox for Operation Christmas Child, pamphlets can be found in the porch of both churches. Please read the list of suggested gifts carefully including those which are no longer acceptable. Collection will be from both Our Lady's and The Holy Trinity on Sunday November 12th.

MILK BOTTLE TOPS: A reminder that Genie at OL and Jenny at HT, are still collecting milk bottle tops and in all colours (Proceeds to Hampshire and IOW Air Ambulance). They equally collect Drink Can Pulls (for the Philippines). Please keep separate and leave at back of the Churches. Thank you so much.

MONEY COUNTERS: We need more volunteers to help us in this field. You would be trained on what to do and shadowed while doing it. Do email the Chair of our Parish Finance Committee – Michael Gallagher at micheal.gallagher@sky.com

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!!