

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



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Mass Times & Venues

31st March 2024 — 14th April 2024
 Year B (II) Psalter Weeks 1 and 2

Sat 30th March: Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)

8.00pm (OL): People of the Parish

Sun 31st March: Easter Sunday

9.00am (HT): Terry Lavelle RIP

10.45am (HT): Mass celebrated in Polish

11.00am (OL): Pope John Paul II RIP

Mon 1st April: No Mass

Tue 2nd April: No Mass

9.30am (HT): Easter Break

Wed 3rd April: No Mass

9.30am (OL): Easter Break

Thurs 4th April: No Mass

9.30am (HT): Easter Break

Fri 5th April: No Mass

9.30am (OL): Easter Break

Sat 6th April: No Mass

9.30am (OL): Easter Break Ends!

6.00pm (HT): Tony Percy & Deceased Family

Sun 7th April: Divine Mercy Sunday

9.00am (HT): People of the Parish

10.45am (HT): Mass celebrated in Polish

11.00am (OL): Genie Williamson's Intentions

Mon 8th April: The Annunciation (Solemnity)

8.30am (OL): Sarah Van Wely's Intns & WAP

Tue 9th April: Tuesday of Eastertide

9.30am (HT): Patricia Penn RIP

Wed 10th April: Wednesday of Eastertide

9.30am (OL): HRH Prince Philip RIP

Thurs 11th April: St Stanislaus - Martyr

9.30am (HT): Sydney Ward's Intentions

Fri 12th April: Friday of Eastertide

9.30am (OL): Cecilia & Peter Marshall RIP

Sat 13th April: Saturday of Eastertide

9.30am (OL): People of the Parish

6.00pm (HT): Jenny McGarry's Intentions

Sun 14th April: 3rd Sunday of Easter

9.00am (HT): James McCluskey RIP 30th Anni

10.45am (HT): Mass celebrated in Polish

11.00am (OL): Dick & Yvonne Wells RIP

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS



During the proclamation of the Exsultet on Easter Vigil, we heard this - "The sanctifying power of this night dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners, drives out hatred, fosters concord, and brings down the mighty." Yes, Christ' Death has made us whole both in mind and in heart. It was Saint Augustine of Hippo who emphatically stated, "**We are Easter people and Alleluia is our song.**" May the Paschal Candle in our churches be a constant reminder to us that light will always conquer darkness. Hence, overcome with Easter joy, let us rejoice in and celebrate Our Saviour's Resurrection; for if Christ did not rise, our faith would have been in vain. Happy Easter!!! 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 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, Lesley O'Toole and John Sheehan.

PARISH NOTICES

EASTER COLLECTION: It is the usual tradition that the collections over the Easter Mass period is given to our Parish Priest. I am sure you will join me in wishing Fr Johnpromise a Blessed and Holy Easter. Please, do equally express this appreciation via the offertory collection plate on Saturday and Sunday; this will help support him and his ministry during the coming months. You can also make a direct online payment to the parish bank account with these details: **Sort Code: 30-93-04, Account Number: 01862597**, with Fr JP Easter as the reference. You can equally give via Cheques payable to either Fr Johnpromise or CDP Fleet and Church Crookham, with Fr JP Easter written on it. Thank you for all your support so far to Fr JP. He appreciates all of them. **Michael Gallagher**

FR JOHNPROMISE' EASTER BREAK: It is customary for priests to take some time off to rest and recharge after the Holy Week Festivities. To that effect, my Easter Break starts on Monday the 1st of April to Saturday the 6th of April 2024. I will be spending my Easter Break in Geneva, Switzerland, and hoping to get enough rest. I will be back on Saturday morning while normal Parish Life resumes with Saturday Evening Mass which would be the 1st Mass of Divine Mercy Sunday.

PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR FEW DAYS: The Parish Office is closed from the 29th of March till the 2nd of April. It reopens on Wednesday the 3rd of April. Our Parish Administrator has worked so hard and deserves some time with her family. While I am away, our 2 churches will equally be closed from the evening of Easter Sunday till Tuesday, the 2nd of April. They will be open for prayers from Wednesday the 3rd of April.

DENTIST CAR PARK IS CLOSED: Due to some work that need doing at Fleet Bupa Dentist Clinic, over the Easter weekend their carpark will become unavailable to parishioners at Mass times as it will be covered by scaffolding. This will affect parking on Sunday and weekday Mass times for about 10 weeks. To reciprocate the good relationship we have with them, during the week, about 4 to 6 dentist cars will be parking their cars at Our Lady's car park from 7:30am.

VARIOUS 2ND COLLECTIONS & FUNDRAISING EVENTS: In the last few weeks, our parish has engaged in various 2nd Collections and Fundraising events; I am happy to update all of us on what we raised from all of them.

- Clergy Assistance Fund 2nd Collection: **£729.84**
- Easter Flowers 2nd Collection: **£573.95**
- Drop in Café Lent Lunch for CAFOD: **£255**
- The Slimmings' Blanket & Quilt Sales: **£113**
- Easter Hamper Raffle Draw: **£571**

On behalf of the parish and the other good causes we raised the above money for, I wish to thank you all personally and profoundly. May God bless you for your generosity. I say this with pride - **I am happy to be here as your parish priest.** Thank you so much.

DECEASED IN OUR PARISH: Let us pray for Elizabeth Ann Parkinson (Betty Parkinson) who passed away on the 16th of March 2024. **Betty's funeral takes place on Monday 8th April 2024 at Aldershot Park Crematorium at 10:00am.** Our condolences to her children and loved ones. I will be celebrating this funeral and it would be great to have some of our parishioners present on that day. Betty and her late husband (Peter Parkinson) were great pillars of our parish. If you are free on that day, do come along, please.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION: Since the 25th of March was the Monday of Holy Week, **this solemnity was transferred to Monday the 8th of April.** Since it is one of the great solemnities of our salvation and falls on a Monday, I will be celebrating Mass on that day at Our Lady's. However, since I am equally officiating at Betty's funeral service at 10am at Aldershot Crematorium and need enough time to get there, **I have brought forward the Mass on that day to 8:30am.** This way, we are able to accord the solemnity the reverence it deserves and I will not turn-up late to Betty's funeral. I humbly plead with us all to understand this decision.

DROP IN CAFÉ WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL: The Drop in Café will reopen on 10th April from 1.00-3.00pm for soup, cheese scones, rolls, teacakes and home-made cake (we also have gluten free cake). Tea and coffee are also served by our wonderful waitresses. Come along with friends or meet new friends in our friendly and relaxed atmosphere. Donations towards costs greatly appreciated.

RELOCATION OF PILGRIMS CAFÉ: Due to the temporary closure of Livingstones, we have relocated Pilgrims Café to the Harry Shepard room in Our Lady's Hall. This will be on Monday 15th April, Monday 29th April and Monday 13th May from 10:30am to 12:30pm on each of those days. After those dates we hope to return to Livingstones. Tea, coffee and cake will be available. Come along and enjoy each other's company and chat. All our welcome!

THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER



This is an exciting course to prepare us for a new life in the Holy Spirit this Pentecost. This course runs from 10th April - 29th May in St. Joan's Centre, Farnham. The course is free and aims to deepen our faith and help us to live our lives empowered by the Holy Spirit. If you would like to know more and/or sign-up to this course, contact Alastair Emblem via email at: alastairemblem@yahoo.co.uk

RETRouvaille IS HERE TO HELP: Retrouvaille is a Catholic programme but is open to married couples of any faith, or none. It is offered as a gift from the Catholic Church to any married couple who wishes to heal the difficulties they are experiencing in their marriage. The programme is presented by trained volunteers who themselves have experienced the programme and want to share the benefits they have experienced first-hand in their own relationships. Feel free to explore the 'Retrouvaille's website www.retrouvaille.org.uk, for further information and/or to contact them for more information, their numbers are 07961 391889 (Caroline) and 07884 490235 (Michael).

THE CLOCKS GO FORWARD ON EASTER SUNDAY



In the UK, the clocks will go forward by one hour on Sunday 31 March 2024, when local time hits 1:00am. That means the new local daylight time will therefore be 2:00am. **Set your clock, please.**