

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



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Mass Times & Venues

3rd December 2023 — 10th December 2023
Year B (II) Psalter Week 1

Sat 2nd Dec: 4.30pm (HT):	Healing Mass of the Parish Jim & Pat Martin RIP Ann Wallace RIP
Sun 3rd Dec: 9.00am (HT): 10.45am (HT): 11.00am (OL):	1st Sunday of Advent People of the Parish Mass celebrated in Polish Jansi Mony's Intention
Mon 4th Dec: Tue 5th Dec: 9.00am (HT):	NO MASS — DAY OFF Feria Henry, Josephine & Aiden F. RIP
Wed 6th Dec: 9.30am (OL):	St Nicholas Genie Williamson's Intention
Thurs 7th Dec: 9.30am(HT): 7.00pm (HT):	St Ambrose M Fitzgerald RIP Mass celebrated in Polish
Fri 8th Dec: 9.30am (OL): 7.00pm (HT):	Immaculate Conception of BVM Brenda Taylor's Health & Welfare Libby Austin's Full Recovery
Sat 9th Dec: 9.30am (OL): 6.00pm (HT):	Feria For Priests all over the world People of the Parish
Sun 10th Dec: 9.00am (HT): 10.45am (HT): 11.00am (OL):	2nd Sunday of Advent Walter O'Dea RIP Mass celebrated in Polish Majorie Parsons 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.

AWAKE, AWAKE, FLING OFF THE NIGHT

Advent comes from the Latin words *Advenire* - To come to, or *Adventus* - Coming. The Season of Advent is a time of preparation, when our hearts and minds are actively focused on the THREE COMINGS OF CHRIST as St Bernard of Clairvaux stated in his treatise on Advent in the 12th Century. **These three comings of Christ are: His Coming in History - Christmas; His Coming in Majesty - Parousia; and His Coming in Mystery - In the Sacraments of the Church and in each and everyone of us.** These three comings of Christ are what we are summoned to reflect upon in this Season of Advent that inaugurates the Church's New Liturgical Year.

On this First Sunday of Advent, we are admonished by Jesus Christ in our Gospel pericope to **STAY AWAKE (Gregoreo — Consistently Watchful)**. Unless we are awake, we will not discover the beauty in all our parishioners. Unless we are awake to the many new things God is doing in our parish, we will continue to hang-on to our past hurts instead of acknowledging the New Dawn in our parish. Unless we are consistently watchful, we might keep pointing the accusing fingers on others and not ourselves. My friends, let us stay awake to the many new things God is doing in our midst & parish. **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.



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, Daphne Weeks, Graeme Healey, and Ray Swinburne.

PARISH NOTICES

PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP PHILIP: After a few months away from the diocese, Bishop Philip is back from his Study Leave and Retreat. He sends his greetings to all of us for accompanying him with our prayers and best wishes. He has written us a Pastoral Letter to be read in all Sunday Masses within the Diocese of Portsmouth this weekend. Welcome Back, My Lord!!!

PARISH FINANCES: The first Parish Finance Committee meeting took place on 23rd Nov and a Budget for this year (2023-24) was agreed - Income (£134k), Expenditure (£162k). The Parish/Diocese Fiscal Year runs from September to August each year. For the first two months (Sept/Oct) our Income was £21,173 [Offertory (inc. SPF), £10,539; Hall, £3,864; OL Presb rent, £2,288; Tax Reclaim, £2,300; Other Income £2,182], and Expenditure is £20,692. The committee is aware of major repair and upgrade works that we will need to consider as well, subject to reserve funds being available to cover this. Presently we have an overall Parish balance of £38k credit. We are therefore asking all parishioners to consider what they can afford each week/month to contribute to the Parish. Please also make sure that if you are a tax payer that you have signed the new Diocese Gift Aid Form, in favour of the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth (CDP). Thank you for your continued support of the Parish. — Michael Gallagher, Chair, Parish Finance Committee.

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. It is my desire for all parishioners to attend.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ON DECEMBER 8TH: This is one of the big solemnities in our Church. As such, there will be 2 Masses in our parish; 9:30am at Our Lady's and 7pm at Holy Trinity. Do join us, please.

CHRISTIAN AID CHRISTMAS CAROLS: Our local Christian Aid group has organised a "Christmas Carols and Readings" Service. This takes place on Sunday the 3rd of December at All Saints Church, Church Road, at 3pm. Entry is free and there will be Tea/Coffee as well. Donations go to Christian Aid.

DROP IN CAFÉ: Our Drop in Café is on Wednesday 6th December in Our Lady Hall from 1-3. Please do note that soup will only be served between 1-2, while scones and cakes will be all afternoon. Donations will be gratefully received. As we are getting so busy, we really need some volunteers to help out. Please, do come and join our team in serving our community. Contact Liz Hardless on lizhardless@gmail.com

ROSARY FOR PEACE: The Knights' Monthly Rosary is on Wed 13th Dec at Our Lady's Kings Road Fleet at 7.30pm with Benediction. Please do come and join us as we continue our prayers for Peace and for those that are unwell.

CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS FOR CHILDREN: We would like the kids in our parish to take part in this Mass. If you can sing, play, read, act, do the welcoming, offertory collection and any other thing, do contact Katherine Lewis on pilgrimsofhart@gmail.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. For Mary Messer whose Funeral takes place on Friday 15th December 2023 at Holy Trinity Church at 10:30am. Our condolences to their families and loved ones. May they rest in the peace of Christ, Amen.

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

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.

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!!