

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



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## Mass Times & Venues 3rd March 2024 — 10th March 2024 Year B (II) Psalter Week 3

- Sat 2nd March: 3rd Sunday of Lent**  
6.00pm (HT): People of the Parish
- Sun 3rd March: 3rd Sunday of Lent**  
9.00am (HT): Giles Evans RIP  
10.45am (HT): Mass celebrated in Polish  
11.00am (OL): Cosme De Cruz RIP
- Mon 4th March: No Mass—Day Off**
- Tue 5th March: Tuesday of Lent**  
9.30am (HT): Thanksgiving to St Joseph
- Wed 6th March: Wednesday of Lent**  
9.30am (OL): Daphne Weeks — Thanksgiving
- Thurs 7th March: Thursday of Lent**  
9.30am(HT): Gotel Family RIP  
7.00pm (HT): Mass celebrated in Polish
- Fri 8th March: Friday of Lent**  
9.30am (OL): Fr Johnpromise's Intentions
- Sat 9th March: Saturday of Lent**  
9.30am (OL): Vasco Gomes RIP  
6.00pm (HT): Jenny McGarry's Birthday
- Sun 10th March: 4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare)**  
9.00am (HT): People of the Parish  
10.45am (HT): Mass celebrated in Polish  
11.00am (OL): Fahey Family 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.

## MERCHANTS IN THE TEMPLE



In 2016, Gianluigi Nuzzi, an Italian Journalist and Author, published a book that rocked the entire world especially the Catholic Church — Merchants in the Temple. This book details the so many fights of Pope Francis towards clearing the Vatican and its Bank of financial corruption, manipulations and transactions, since his election as Pope. I was still discerning a call to the Catholic Priesthood when the book was published and a friend of mine in Rome ordered it, sent to me as a gift with this note — “Is this the type of Church you want to be associated with?” I read the book with an open mind but was troubled at some of the findings therein. I then remembered the words of Bishop Barron who at the time was still the Rector of Mundelein Seminary USA — **It is when a house is on fire, that firemen are needed to put out the fire.** Having found the above book an uncomfortable read, I resolved then to be financially transparent when I eventually become a priest. Yes, I know the Church still has a long way to go in this regard; I am optimistic we will get there with the help of parishioners keeping strict watch on our financial dealings.

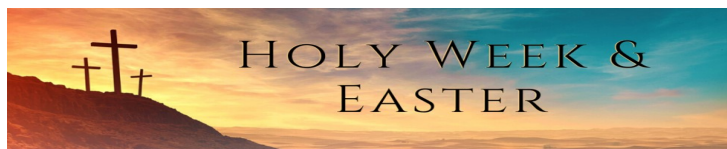
In our Sunday Gospel, we meet the red-faced Jesus who could not stomach the merchants selling cattle, sheep, and pigeons, as well as the money-changers in the holy Temple of Jerusalem. In His anger, He scattered their trade and drove them away. Is it possible that Christ could do the same thing in our Church today? Are there things we do in our churches that have taken prominent position and even replaced God? I hope not! It is to counteract this, that our First Reading reminds us of the Decalogue which is summarised first in the Love of God and then the Love of our fellow men and women. That way, we acknowledge God as the one with the message of eternal life and never replace Him with anything else. **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, Lesley O'Toole and John Sheehan.

## PARISH NOTICES

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE 2024



**LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE:** On Wednesday 20th of March at 7pm at Holy Trinity, Church Crookham.

**PALM SUNDAY MASSES:** Saturday 6pm at Holy Trinity, 9am at Holy Trinity and 11am at Our Lady's.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY:** 8pm at Holy Trinity & Watching at HT Hall till 12pm.

**GOOD FRIDAY MORNING:** 10am Stations of the Cross at Our Lady's for FHC Children & Young Families.

10am Stations of the Cross at Holy Trinity for adults.

**Good Friday Service:** 3pm at Our Lady's.

**Prayers around the Cross:** 7pm at Holy Trinity.

**HOLY SATURDAY MORNING:** 10:15am & 11am - Blessing of Food at Holy Trinity with the Polish Community.

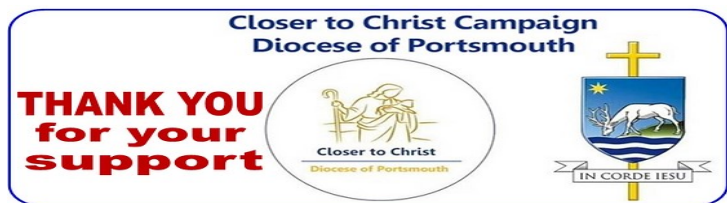
**HOLY SATURDAY NIGHT (EASTER VIGIL):** 8pm at Our Lady's, Fleet.

**EASTER SUNDAY:** 9am at Holy Trinity and 11am at Our Lady'.

**DROP IN CAFÉ:** The Drop In Café is open on **Wednesday 6th March from 1-3pm**. Soup, rolls and cheese scones, will be served from 1pm until 2pm, and toasted teacakes and homemade cake from 1-3pm. We urge you to come and experience our warm and friendly atmosphere with waitress service. Bring a friend or meet new friends, all are welcome!!!

**ORGANISTS/PIANISTS NEEDED IN THE PARISH:** There are some Sundays our regular organists/pianists are not available to accompany us in our Sunday Masses due to their personal commitments. If any of our parishioners knows how to play the organ/piano no matter how minimal, do email Fr Johnpromise, please.

### CLOSER TO CHRIST CAMPAIGN PASTORAL PHASE



We have now raised £126,988 from 41 pledges in our parish. Thank you all from my heart. For those who are still thinking about it, there is no pressure at all. I beg you to read the letter and pack, then consider contributing to the campaign as much as you can. Anything we realise from now on will be shared equally between the diocese and our parish.

**SECOND COLLECTION FOR 9/10TH MARCH:** There would be a 2nd Collection next weekend for the Clergy Assistance Fund. This is a fund that assists all clergy in various difficult and tight situations/conditions. This is one of the mandatory second collections we have throughout England and Wales; if it was not mandatory, I would have scrapped it because you have all contributed a lot already. On behalf of all the clergy who benefit and will benefit from this, I thank you all for your continued generosity. May God bless you all.

**FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND:** Friends of the Holy Land would like to thank all our parishioners for raising **£632.71** through our 2023 Crib Offerings, for Christians in the Holy Land. According to them, conditions continue to be extremely challenging in the Holy Land, and they ask us to remember FHL and those they support in our prayers.

### WELCOME TO OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES



A warm welcome to the 20 youngsters from our parish who are being prepared for Confirmation. They would be with us at the 11am Mass from now till after their confirmation. Let us pray for them and their catechists that they have fun throughout.

**HART VOICES' SPRING CONCERT:** Hart Voices is delighted to spring into 2024, with their Spring Concert at All Saints Church, Fleet on Saturday the 16th of March 2024 at 7.30pm. They will be performing a joyous selection of English romantic music celebrating the very best of the choral tradition, and will be conducted by Hart Voices' Musical Director—Roy Rashbrook. Note, complimentary refreshments will be served during the interval. Tickets: £17 (Under 16: £5). To book, go to: [www.hartvoices.org.uk](http://www.hartvoices.org.uk)

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS (VIA CRUCIS) IN LENT

During the Holy Season of Lent, we focus on the sufferings of Christ by journeying with Him by praying the Stations of the Cross. Our Stations of the Cross would be:

- On Tuesday after Morning Mass at Holy Trinity
- On Wednesday at 7pm at Our Lady's
- On Friday after Morning Mass at Our Lady's

**DIVINE MERCY RETREAT:** The Divine Mercy Apostle is holding a Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat 2024 at St Michael & St George, the Cathedral Church of the Forces, Queen's Avenue, Aldershot, Hampshire, GU11 2BY, on Saturday 9 March 2024 from 11 am to 4 pm led by the Marian Fathers. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and the Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All are welcome! **Divine Mercy Devotion** is the short summary of the Cross.

**OUR PARISH DEDICATED FIRST AIDERS:** Until we train up more First Aiders for our parish, I am happy to announce that 2 of our parishioners who are experts in this field have agreed to look after us.

- Katherine Shaw: Katherine is a Paramedic and will look after Holy Trinity.
- Frances Plowman: Frances is a Qualified First Aider as well as a First Aid Trainer; she will look after Our Lady's.

I will introduce both of them to the welcomers. I thank them for taking on this role in our parish.

**CAFOD LENTEN APPEAL:** Our 2024 CAFOD Lenten Family Fast Day was a huge success. From our second collection, the total sum of **£1,482.87** was realised without the Gift Aid added. When CAFOD adds the Gift Aid and sends the total figure to us, we will publish it as well. A big Thank You to all our parishioners for your profound generosity to so many charitable courses. I am proud of all of you!!!