

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



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Mass Times & Venues

5th October 2023 — 12th November 2023
Psalter week 3

Sat 4th Oct: **31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**
6.00pm (HT): Catherine Doherty's 95th Birthday
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)
Mon 6th Oct: **NO MASS – DAY OFF**
Tue 7th Oct: **Feria**
9.30am (HT): Dalton Mikel's Intention
Wed 8th Nov: **Feria**
9.30am (OL): Mary Snyder RIP
Thur 9th Nov: **Dedication of Lateran Basilica**
9.30am(HT): Edna & John McGarry & Norah RIP
7.00pm (HT): Mass said in Polish
Fri 10th Nov: **St Leo the Great**
9.30am (OL): Carlos Alves
Sat 11th Nov: **St Martin of Tours**
9.30am (OL): Phil Day's Health & Wellbeing
6.00pm (HT): Mary & Walter Edwards RIP

Sun 12th Oct: **32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9.00am (HT): People of the Parish
10.45am (HT): Mass said in Polish
11.00am (OL): Mary Thomas' 105th Birthday

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.

SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD

One of the many official titles of the Pope is - Servant of the Servants of God. Around the 6th Century, John the Faster, became the Patriarch of Constantinople and before long, he started flexing his muscles. He arrogated himself powers that did not belong to him and even convoked synods to question the affairs of other Patriarchs. To assert his powers, John the Faster assumed a new title - Ecumenical Patriarch, which was reserved for and held by the Pope alone. To ensure nobody was in no doubt what the office of the Pope and all ministers in the Church must be, Pope Gregory I, took the title - SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD. Since the 9th Century till date, that title has become synonymous with the Popes, and they have lived it out in various ways. It is this call to service and not to power/authority that we are presented with today.

In the First Reading of this Sunday, all of us who are ministers of the Church in one way or the other, are called to place God at the centre of everything we do, instead of seeking for self-adulation and aggrandisement. The Gospel Reading shows us the perfect way of doing that which is by being the servants (**DIAKONOS**) for all. Yes, we are all called to be deacons/servants in the Church, since the office of deacons is that of service to all. Pope Francis summarised this in his homily at the conclusion of the present phase of the Synod on Synodality thus: "To love is to serve... There can be no true religious experience that is deaf to the cry of the world. There is no love of God without care and concern for our neighbour; otherwise, we risk becoming pharisaic. We may have plenty of good ideas on how to reform the Church but let us remember: to adore God and to love our brothers and sisters with His love, that is the great and perennial reform. To be a worshipping Church and a Church of service, washing the feet of wounded humanity, accompanying those who are frail, weak, and cast aside, going out lovingly to encounter the poor." Let us remember this crucial fact – **There is no power and/or authority in the Church, all we have in the Church is SERVICE, AND SERVICE ALONE.** Fr Johnpromise



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

BAMENDA SUNDAY & RETIRING COLLECTION: This Bamenda Sunday finds us on the threshold of the 50th anniversary year of the formation of the link back in 1974, when Bishop Derek Worlock of Portsmouth met the first Bishop of Bamenda, Paul Verdzekov. They initiated the diocesan twinning as a response to the Vatican II document, *Gaudium et Spes*, which applied Scripture and the Church's Social Teaching to everyday life in the world, urging us to treat one another in a spirit of brotherhood - to look after and love one another. Many of you will be aware that since 2016 the anglophone provinces of Cameroon have witnessed appalling conflict between the armed forces and those opposing the government, resulting in thousands of deaths and over 700,000 people being displaced - some fled as refugees to Nigeria, but thousands sought refuge in Bamenda where the Church has provided practical help with the support of Portsmouth and other charitable organisations.

In this year's **Bamenda News**, you can read about the Ntenefor Mission Station, where Fr Bernardine Nsom went to the new St Felix Church as Parish Priest on his return to Bamenda last October from Bournemouth. The population of the area has mushroomed with the influx of Internally Displaced People. The church is there for a Sunday congregation of 1,200 over two Masses and a small school for 300, which is grossly inadequate for the 650 children now attending - there are 75 children in the nursery class and 97 primary children in just one classroom! So they need to build a bigger school; a presbytery; a hall; housing, offices and shops to generate rental income to enable the parish to become self-sufficient in the future - and to service it all, they need a borehole for a water supply and sanitation. I realise these are difficult times for all of us, however if you can make a donation, however small, we will ensure that every penny will go to support projects in Bamenda. Thank you very much!

Our collectors would be at the door with baskets to receive any financial help you can give to our twin diocese of Bamenda. Do give generously to this project.

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!!!

ALTAR SERVERS: We do need Altar Servers (Boys & Girls) to serve at our Sunday Masses both at Holy Trinity and Our Lady's. Dear parents, if your son and/or daughter have made their First Holy Communion and are willing to volunteer, do write down their names and your contact details on the sheet provided. We will then organise a day and time for their training to show them what to do and how to do it. Do sign up.

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 this Sunday the 5th of November at 3pm, at the grounds of the hotel. It seems 3 of the brothers would join us this year. It would be good if some of us are able to attend. If anyone would like to attend and to ensure they are looked after, do email Jerome Farrell at jerome@dunelm.org.uk

YOUTH SUNDAY - CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER:

If you play an instrument and would like to form an instrumental music group to support the 11 o'clock Mass on 26 November please contact Katharine Lewis at pilgrimssofhart@gmail.com All ages and abilities welcome - you can try it out and see how you get on. Transposed music (eg for clarinet or trombone) can be provided but Katharine will need to know in advance to prepare. It would be lovely to mark this Sunday in a special way. Please note for safeguarding purposes under 18s need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian at any practice.

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. 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.

THE LAUNCH OF 'DROP IN CAFÉ': Our long awaited Drop in Café launches this Wednesday the 8th of November from 1pm – 3pm @ Our Lady's Hall. Come along and enjoy tea, coffee, and cake; as well as meet new people for a good old natter. Bring along a friend or neighbour. Yes, all are welcome in this place. We are excited to see you all.

SHOEBOXES: Please bring your Shoebox for Operation Christmas Child, to either church on 11th or 12th November for collection and delivery to the local hub. Remember to include your £5.00 donation in the box.

ANGELS BLESSING SERVICE: This will be held at All Saints Church, Church Road on Sunday November 26th at 4pm with refreshments afterwards. I am sure lots of people will welcome the opportunity to see the beautifully renovated church and to meet with our friends from Christians Together in Fleet.

KSC WALK: Seven walkers completed the sponsored walk on Sunday 15th October. The Knights would be grateful if all sponsorship money could be paid in. Please look out for a Brother Knight over the next 2 weekends. Alternatively, send money direct to 30.90.09 A/C 01793918 Knights of St Columba Council 185. Remember the walk is raising funds for Stepping Stones for Downs Syndrome Children + Parity for Disability. Thank you all for your support.

MONEY COUNTERS: More volunteers are needed. You would be trained on what to do and shadowed while doing it. Do email the Chair of our PFC – 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!!