

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



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Mass Times & Venues

7th January 2024 — 14th January 2024
 Year B (II) Psalter Week 1

- Sat 6th Jan:** **The Epiphany of the Lord**
 6.00pm (HT): Reg & Ellen Longstaff RIP
- Sun 7th Jan:** **The Epiphany of the Lord**
 9.00am (HT): The Hatchett Family's Intention
 10.45am (HT): Mass celebrated in Polish
 11.00am (OL): Valerie Nicholas' Intention
 The People of the Parish
- Mon 8th Jan:** **No Mass**
- Tue 9th Jan:** **No Mass**
 9.30am (HT): Christmas Break
- Wed 10th Jan:** **No Mass**
 9.30am (OL): Christmas Break
- Thurs 11th Jan:** **No Mass**
 9.30am(HT): Christmas Break
 7.00pm (HT): Mass celebrated in Polish
- Fri 12th Jan:** **No Mass**
 9.30am (OL): Christmas Break
- Sat 13th Jan:** **No Mass**
 9.30am (OL): Christmas Break Ends!
 6.00pm (HT): Patrick Convery RIP
- Sun 14th Jan:** **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 9.00am (HT): People of the Parish
 10.45am (HT): Mass celebrated in Polish
 11.00am (OL): Ann Josephine Mann RIP

THE ONE TRUE STAR THAT SHINES FOR ALL



The Hollywood Walk of Fame is among the top tourist destinations around the world; it is equally the most successful marketing idea of all times. The idea was crafted by E.M. Stuart in 1953 to maintain the glory of a community whose name means glamour and excitement throughout the world. Since 1960 when the first star in honour of Stanley Kramer was laid on the new Walk, a lot of entertainers around the world have continued to jostle for position on that Walk. At 11:30am on the 11th of December 2023, Zac Efron, became the latest celebrity to be honoured with the 2,767th Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame for his contributions to Motion Pictures. Although entertainers work so hard to outshine the others, contribute to the community and go through a rigorous process of vetting, before they are selected and their star unveiled, there is only one true star that shines for all, does not need to be vetted by anyone, and whose Walk of Fame is the entire planet, that Star is Christ whose Epiphany we celebrate today.

Epiphany comes from the Greek word *Epiphaneia*, which means appearing, manifestation, or glorious display. The Epiphany of the Lord commemorates the revelation/manifestation of Christ not just to God's chosen race, but to the entire gentile world signified by the Three Magi from the East. May we, like them, follow the one true star that shines for all without any form of division and/or discrimination. Yes, He is our Star of Wonder and Star of Night; we plead with Him to guide us to His Perfect Light this 2024 and beyond. 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, Chris Bennett, Anna & Phil Day, Daphne Weeks, Graeme Healey, Ray Swinburne, Maeve King, and Lesley O'Toole.

PARISH NOTICES



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024 & MY CHRISTMAS BREAK: I use this opportunity to wish all our parishioners, friends and loved ones, a Happy New Year 2024. May this year bring us peace, love, glad tidings, growth, health, healing, and enduring friendships. I embark on my 6 days Christmas Break from Monday the 8th to Saturday the 13th of January. I will be going to Malta for some needed rest and to admire their churches.

PROFOUND APPRECIATION: The Christmas of 2023 was my best Christmas, yet. I was showered with love and affection from all our parishioners and that moved me at the core of my being. Thank you so much. I have equally been informed of the huge generosity from our parishioners towards me at the Christmas Offertory Collection. Once I get the total figure from our Financial Administrator, I will publish it here. Once more, thank you immensely.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The Parish Pastoral Council is the Senior Leadership/Service Team of the parish. Each year, they set out the Pastoral Agenda of the parish and closely monitor its implementation. Canon 536 paragraph 1 has this to say about the PPC: "...A Pastoral Council is to be established in each parish, over which the pastor presides and in which the Christian faithful, together with those who share in pastoral care by virtue of their office in the parish, assist in fostering pastoral activity." With the establishment of the various teams in our parish (Except for the Care Team), I am happy to publish the full list of the members of our PPC. They are:

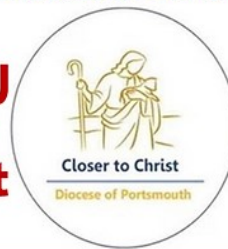
- ◆ Gordon Hardless – Chairperson
- ◆ Caroline Steiner – Vice Chairperson
- ◆ Pauline Tetlow – Secretary
- ◆ Michael Gallagher – Core Member 4 Finance
- ◆ Dermot Caleb – Core Member 4 Property
- ◆ Dominic Arthur – Core Member 4 Diversity
- ◆ Theo Farrell – Core Member 4 Young Adults
- ◆ Angela Smith – Core Member 4 Welcomers
- ◆ Joe Lindsey-Clark – Core Member 4 Socials
- ◆ Jerome Farrell – Core Member 4 Liturgy
- ◆ Sara Van Wely – Core Member 4 Spirituality
- ◆ Deacon James Snyder – Ex Officio Member
- ◆ Fr Johnpromise – Ex Officio Member

It is my desire that all the leaders of the various Constituted Service Teams in our parish are members of the PPC. When the leader of a team cannot attend any of the PPC meetings, the deputy/vice, will represent him/het at the meeting.

THE PARISH CARE TEAM: I am in the process of re-establishing the Parish Care Team to assist me in reaching out to our sick and housebound parishioners. This is one team in the parish that I (Fr Johnpromise) will be the leader, due to the sensitive nature of its ministry and the vulnerability of the people involved.

Closer to Christ Campaign Diocese of Portsmouth

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CLOSER TO CHRIST CAMPAIGN: As many of us are aware, last year, Bishop Philip inaugurated a Ten Year Plan for our diocese of Portsmouth; to support that Ten Year Plan, a financial initiative was launched, termed – **Closer to Christ Campaign**. I am aware our parish as a body has not fully engaged with the Ten Year Plan for obvious reasons; however, it is now the turn of our parish to get involved with Closer To Christ Campaign to support that Ten Year Plan of our diocese. Closer to Christ Campaign is aimed at supporting our seminarians, priests in active service, priests who are retired and our parish community. To that effect, Closer to Christ Campaign, will be launched in our parish this weekend, with the reading of the Bishop's Pastoral Letter to us. I promise to carry everyone along and will be honest about it all. Do not turn your back, please.

CONFIRMATION 2024 - FINAL CALL: If you are a young adult who is from 14 years above, you have not been confirmed and would like to be confirmed, you have until the end of January to register. All registrations are done online and via our parish website. Click on **Parish Form** and it will lead you to all the forms in our parish, click on **Register for Confirmation 2024** and send us your details. At the end of January, we shall commence the necessary preparations towards that. **It will be fun!!!**

DROP IN CAFÉ: Drop in Cafe opens on Wednesday 10th of January 2024 from 1pm to 3pm in Our Lady's Hall. Soup will be served from 1pm to 2pm or until it runs out. Homemade scones, teacakes and cakes will be served with tea and coffee. Donations are gratefully received towards the costs. Bring a friend and meet new people and enjoy a good natter. All are welcome!!!

CHRISTMAS TREE, CRIB AND ADVENT WREATH: Since Christmastide Traditionally ends with Candlemas on 2nd February, I have asked our flower arrangers and Christmas decorators to have the Christmas Tree, Crib and Advent Wreath until the end of 2nd of February when they will be taken down and removed.

CONTINUED GROWTH IN OUR CATHOLIC FAITH: If any of us would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith, then look no further. The amazing and passionate Fr Mike Schmitz, has 2 daily podcasts called – **The Bible in a year** and **The Catechism in a year**. They can be listened to on any podcasting app, such as Spotify, Apple podcasts etc. Both podcasts are transformational in their explanation of scriptures and the teachings of the Catholic Church; you will not regret it. You can start today and walk your way through it:

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