

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



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Parish Administrator: Appointment To Be Confirmed

Mass Times & Venues

8th October 2023 — 15th October 2023
Psalter week 3

Sat 7th Oct: **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

6.00pm (HT): Lina Salmon RIP

Sun 8th Oct: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am (HT): People of the Parish

10.45am (HT): Mass said in Polish

11.00am (OL): Deacon James Snyder

Mon 9th Oct: **(NO MASS — DAY OFF)**

Tue 10th Oct: **Feria**

9.30am (HT): Mrs Agnes Adegbe RIP

Wed 11th Oct: **St John XXIII**

9.30am (OL): Betty Hopkin RIP

Thur 12th Oct: **Feria**

9.30am(HT): Arminda RIP

7.00pm (HT): Mass said in Polish

Fri 13th Oct: **St Edward the Confessor**

9.30am (OL): Phil & Anna Day's Intention

Sat 14th Oct: **The Blessed Virgin Mary**

9.30am (OL): Kim Hasty's Intention

6.00pm (HT): Mrs Agnes Adegbe RIP

Sun 15th Oct: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am (HT): James Graham's Intention

10.45am (HT): Mass said in Polish

11.00am (OL): People of the Parish

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.

RETURN ON INVESTMENT (ROI)

On the 30th of September 2023, the British Retail Consortium published the findings of the research they conducted on the future of Britain's High Streets; the findings are bleak and disturbing. According to them, over 6,000 shops have closed down completely within the last five years due to the crippling business rates and the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. Although Wilko is the latest brand in Britain to close its doors to customers putting over 12,500 jobs at risk, it is not the only brand in trouble. The British Retail Consortium equally stated that in the coming months, the other shops at risk include - Boots, Next, Clintons, Wetherspoons, Iceland, M & S, Argos, and The Works. When the executives of the above companies were interviewed, the one thing they all agreed that triggered the closures was the problem of their not getting adequate Return on Their Investments; hence, they had to close to prevent further haemorrhaging of their depleted resources. Yes, Return on Investment (ROI), is the important financial metric used in determining the profitability of an investment in relation to its costs; this metric is not only used in the business world, but even more appropriate in the spiritual world as we encounter in this Sunday's readings.

Using the imagery of a vineyard, its owner and hired workers, Christ taught us a great lesson on the importance of Return on Investment. In both the First Reading from Prophet Ezekiel and in the Gospel from Matthew, we are reminded that everything we have is a gift from the Lord; given to us to be used for the glorification of God and the upliftment of people around us. Since these wonderful things have been given (*Airo*) freely to us, there comes a day when each of us would be asked to give an in-depth and transparent account of them (*Lambano*). Would we be like the farmers who killed the servants and sons of the vineyard owner to appropriate the vineyard to ourselves, or would we be like the farmers who would give a good Return on Investment? 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 and Teresa Sullivan.

PARISH NOTICES

THE NEW PARISH WEBSITE: We now have a new parish website with the same domain name as the previous one (www.htaol.org.uk). I hope this website is easier for all of us to navigate through. It has all the necessary information about our parish. It is not perfect by any means, it is still a work in progress. Our Parish Logo appears on every page of the website as the home button; click on it and it takes you back to the home page. **Do subscribe to the newsletter.**

HOLY TRINITY PRESBYTERY LANDLINE: To ensure all our parishioners and everyone who needs me can get hold of me, I have now installed a landline in the presbytery where I reside in Church Crookham. As I promised you all, I am here to serve and will do anything for the betterment of the parish and all our parishioners. This is my landline number: **01252 974664**

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL ENVELOPES: Do remember your CAFOD FAST DAY Envelopes this weekend. There are baskets in the church where we can drop them. You can also give online at cafod.org.uk

PARISH SAFEGUARDING MINISTERS: My profound appreciation goes to two of our parishioners who have volunteered to help us in this great ministry. I have forwarded their names to our Diocesan Safeguarding Department to put them through their paces.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: This is an important ministry in every parish as the priest and deacon cannot do it alone. In view of what happened in the past in our parish, I am currently reviewing this ministry and validating all those whose DBS and Safeguarding Training are up-to-date. This week, I have RECOMMISSIONED Mike Henry and Michael Gallagher as EMHC in our parish. In the name of the Church and with my mandate, they and other EMHC in our parish, will continue to carry out this important ministry in our parish. I have equally asked Michael Gallagher to update the list of all our parishioners who are sick and housebound. If you know anyone, do email me or Michael at: micheal.gallagher@sky.com

MOVING FORWARD AS A PARISH: I am still consulting on the various heads and deputies of these Teams that need to be revived or established to help move our parish forward:

- ◆ Parish Pastoral Council (Oversees all Teams)
- ◆ Parish Finance Committee
- ◆ Parish Catechetical Team
- ◆ Parish Hospitality Team
- ◆ Parish Liturgy Team
- ◆ Parish Spirituality Team
- ◆ Parish Social & Charity Team
- ◆ Parish Care Group (Led by Fr Johnpromise)

Do give me some time to get to know more parishioners and make informed decisions.

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.

IT'S TIME TO FILL UP SHOEBOXES: If you would like to fill a Shoebox for Operation Christmas Child, pamphlets can be found in the porch of both churches. Please read the list of suggested gifts carefully including those which are no longer acceptable. Collection will be from both Our Lady's and The Holy Trinity on Sunday November 12th. Thank you as you do this.

OCTOBER ROSARY CHALLENGE: October is the month of the Holy Rosary and The Mark 10 Mission which is a pioneering charity created to boldly share the Gospel and bring the love of Jesus to children across the nations, are inviting children everywhere to pray this wonderful prayer with them each weekday in October. They have created a video for each mystery of the Rosary and invite children to use one of the videos each weekday in October and pray a decade of the Rosary with those they live or study. To find our videos and for more information, head to: www.themark10mission.co.uk

ANNUAL MASS COUNT: We continue the annual four weeks Mass Count for our parish. Do not worry if you see people counting numbers in the church. We need to get it right.

DECEASED IN OUR PARISH: Let us pray for Terry Macintyre whose funeral takes place at Our Lady's, on 10th October at 12pm. For Betty Hopkin, Ann Wallace and Dora Oliver, who died recently. Our condolences to their families and loved ones.

GIFT AID: If you are a UK Tax payer, we would be delighted if you could fill in a Gift Aid Form to enable us get back the taxes you have already paid on the money you give us, at no extra cost to you. The diocese changed its Charity Name from January this year, that is why a new Gift Aid Form is needed.

VOCATION PROMOTION VISIT: Canon John Cooke and Clare Ryan from our Diocesan Department for Vocation Promotion are with us this weekend. **Canon John Cooke writes:**

Have you asked yourself who is responsible for 'finding' your next priest? Is it Cardinal Vincent Nichols, is it down to Bishop Philp or maybe even a task for Fr. Johnpromise to plan for his own succession? It may surprise you to realise that the duty of fostering and supporting vocations lies with the whole Christian community. What do you do at the moment to foster and support vocations? Whilst it is important that each one of us comes to a realisation of our own personal vocation through God's plan for each one of us; our call to holiness & discipleship in Jesus' name - it is good to focus on the need for priestly vocations in our Diocese. I hope that our visit to you highlighting vocations will be memorable, that it stirs up a fresh enthusiasm in the parish for praying for vocations, for actively encouraging vocations & for being open to the possibility of exploring a God-given call. And who knows, it may be the start of a journey towards the priesthood for one of your parish members sat in the pews this weekend. We can all play a part in God's Divine plan because the Holy Spirit works through each one of us.

SUNDAY TEA & COFFEE AT HOLY TRINITY: Do see Liz Dooley in front of the church after Mass if you want to volunteer to help run this in HT Hall every 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month.

MONTHLY ROSARY FOR PEACE: This holds on Tuesday 24th Oct at Our Lady's Church, Kings Road Fleet at 7.30pm. Fr Johnpromise is also providing Benediction on the night; so do please come and join the Knights of St Columba as they continue their prayers for peace in our troubled world.

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!!!