



Parish of Effingham and Fetcham
Our Lady of Sorrows and Church of the Holy Spirit

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A Very Warm Welcome to Parishioners and Visitors

4th 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter

Special Collection this week: Education of Future Priests (Gift Aid)

Sundays: Cycle B Weekdays: Year II 21 April 2024

From Pope Francis, for today, the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations:



"To young people, and especially those who feel distant or uncertain about the Church, I want to say this: Let Jesus draw you to himself; bring him your important questions by reading the Gospels; let him challenge you by his presence, which always provokes in us a healthy crisis. More than anyone else, Jesus respects our freedom. He does not impose, but proposes. Make room for him and you will

find the way to happiness by following him. And, should he ask it of you, by giving yourself completely to him."

Full Text at: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/vocations/documents/20240421-messaggio-61-gm-vocazioni.html>

Prayers for us all

Fr Charles

This Week

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Clive Ward** and keep his family in your prayers.

Special Collection this week: Education of Future Priests. With the need to pray for priestly vocations, there is also the necessity of providing for the training of priests at home and abroad to serve the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton.

Gift Aid can be used for this collection. Please use a parish gift aid envelope (YELLOW if you are on the parish Gift Aid scheme, WHITE for one off donation) and complete your details. Please do not use any envelope if you are not gift aiding.

Change to Masses this week. There will be no Masses in the parish from Monday 22nd to Friday 26th April. The weekend Masses will be as usual.

Adoration this Thursday 25 April. As there will be no Mass beforehand (see notice above), Adoration will start at 11.00 am till Noon and then the usual times of 2-7 pm.

Car Parking at OLOS

Representations are being made to our neighbouring schools as the situation has got out of hand on school days. We are taking a constructive, positive, but firm approach as we want good relations with our neighbours. So as well as asserting our rights about the car park, we're also including the possibility of us being a resource for their RE curriculum, including potential class visits to the church, and whether we could join forces in lobbying for improvements to Lower Road which currently is an accident waiting to happen. We also want to take a community minded approach that is relaxed about responsible parents using our car

park for a few moments as a safe drop-off-and-go.

If we have a funeral or other big liturgy on a school day, as a general rule the car park will now be shut until one hour beforehand. Access earlier than this will only be by arrangement.

Coming Soon



Parish Trip to Arundel Cathedral for Feast of Corpus Christi Mass on Thur 30 May. We are planning a coach trip to Arundel Cathedral for the

Corpus Christi Mass, leaving OLOS at 3 pm, back home around 9 pm.

The timings for the celebration are as follows:

- Mass starts at 5:30pm and ends 6:30pm
- Procession leaves Cathedral for the Castle at 6:30pm
- Benediction in the Castle grounds
- Procession returns to the Cathedral for the final part of Benediction at 7:30pm
- Celebration concludes at 7:45pm

However, we will need a good number of people to make this viable. If you may be interested, please sign-up on the list at the back of the church this weekend. **We need to know numbers by THIS weekend (20th/21st April) to confirm the coach booking.** We suggest a donation of £10 per person as a contribution towards the cost of the coach hire.

General



MISSIO Red Boxes. Calling all red box holders for OLOS Effingham. Please would you bring your box into the church and

leave on the shelf outside the Sacristy so that the contents can be counted from now until the end of April. Thank you!

Support Groups for Carers and those Living with Dementia and Parkinson's

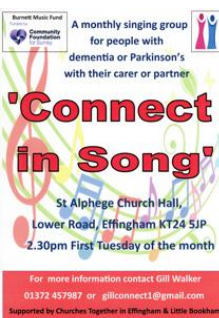


'Connect'. Come for support, refreshment, friendship, activities and fun. We meet fortnightly on Thursday mornings in St Lawrence Church Hall, Browns Lane, Effingham KT24 5LX from 10 am to 12 noon. Here are the

next dates:

May: 9th & 23rd, June: 6th & 20th, July 4th & 18th – we hope to have something for everyone with activities for all, puzzles, games, music and more.

There are also monthly outings. Remember you don't have to live in Effingham to join us! If you know of someone who might like to join, or for more information please contact: Gill on 01372 457987, gillconnect1@gmail.com



'Connect in Song' is another group that meets on the 1st Tuesday of every month (2.30 – 4.30 pm) in St Alphege Hall and is for carers and their partners living with dementia or Parkinson's. For more information, please contact

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ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat - 27

April "I Will Pour Out My Spirit on All." Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring guest

speaker **Kristina Cooper**. Please register for the 9.30-1.00 Zoom meeting in advance at bit.ly/ADOREAPR2024 or attend in person 9.30-3.30 at St. Bede's Church, Basingstoke. More information at www.altonrenewal.com

Pilgrimage to the Shrines of France (1st - 5th Sept 2024) led by Fr John Seddon (from St Augustine's, Chilworth). Please click the link for full details: <https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/FR0962/>

Criminal Justice Bill - Abortion Issues - Updates

Further amendments have been tabled but still no date has been set for the Report Stage and Third Reading.

In your prayer, and lobbying of our MP, the relevant amendments are:

New Clause 1 (Against), New Clause 15 (For), New Clause 34 (For)

New Clause 1 would dis-apply all criminal law to a woman procuring an abortion for her own pregnancy at any gestation up to full term. New Clause 15 would lower the legal limit for abortion from 24 to 22 weeks. New Clause 34 would give a Down Syndrome pregnancy the same protection in law as any other pregnancy. There is also a further New Clause (40) which isn't mentioned: it's about punitive measures and non-custodial sentences, matters of great sensitivity with valid arguments on both sides. For most of the parish the MP is Sir Paul Beresford MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA, e-mail c/o annie.winsbury@parliament.uk

Please pray for all those in our Parish who are sick:

Derek Barham	Janet Morgan
Marie Bliss	Jim Morgan
Christopher Browne	James Nicholls
Amy Chapman	Maureen Rennison
John Donovan	Jean Rowlandson
Mary Doran	Bernard Shaw
Mary Hefford	Jenny Smith
Maddy Hewitt	Peter Stevenson
Tessa Knott	Maggie Thomas
Gillian Lake	Andrea Vaughan
Joanna Mills	

