



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

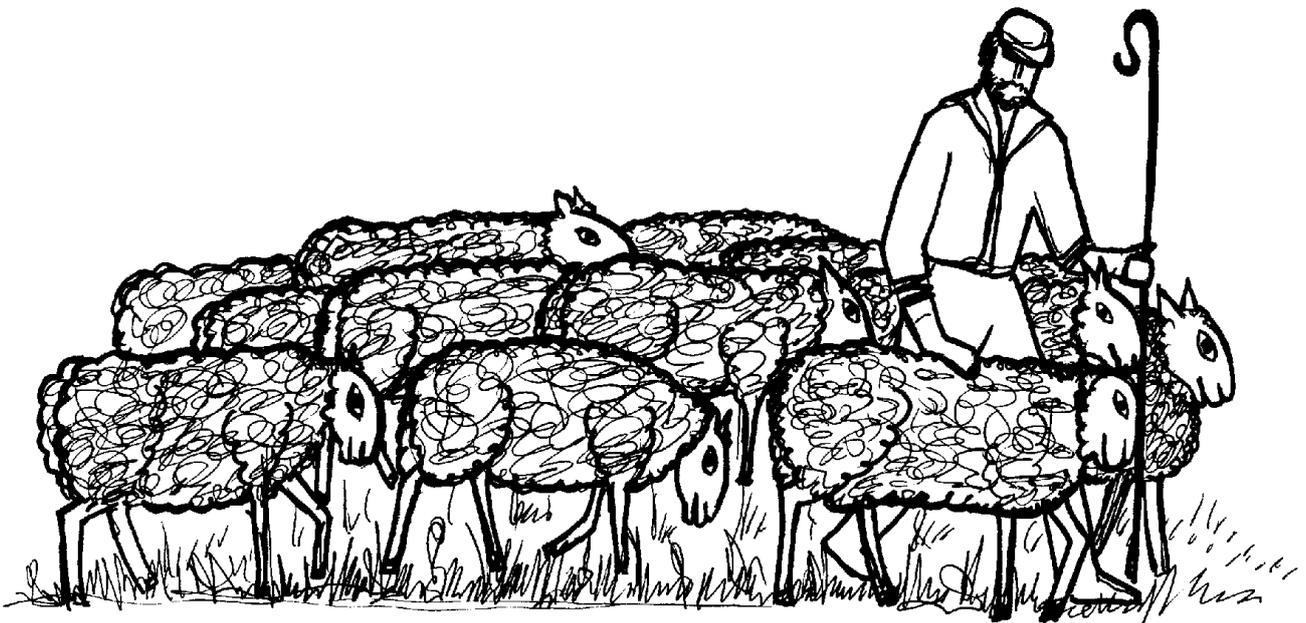


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A Warm Welcome to all Parishioners and Visitors

4th 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter
Special Collection today: The Education of Future Priests (Gift Aid)

Sundays: Cycle B Weekdays: Year II 22nd April



Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31 Psalm 21:26-28. 30-32. R.v26 1John 3:18-24 John 15:1-8

'I know my own and my own know me.' Without doubt Jesus knows each one of us intimately, but the question we could ask ourselves today is, **how well** do I know him? There are many people in our lives that we know, but how important is that relationship compared to knowing Jesus? To know Jesus and to love him should be most important in our lives. For us to know him and to help others get to know him too. Let us make this our aim.

God bless you all
Father John

THIS WEEK

Funeral of Lilly Miller RIP: on **Wednesday 25 April**, the 9.15am mass will be said for her at Church of the Holy Spirit, Fetcham followed by a funeral service at 11.00am, Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead. Father John will be taking this service. As no one is known to be attending, it would be wonderful if some parishioners could attend?

Proposed Parish Pilgrimage: I am amazed that only six people responded to the pilgrimage appeal to Northern France in September. There must be many of you who are considering it and I would dearly love that all of our pilgrims are from our parish BUT we might need to go out to other parishes to fill up the spaces. PLEASE, if you are considering it, could you respond ASAP so we can see where we go from here? P.S. Bella is showing an interest - but can we take cats? Amanda says 'no', because she needs her in the office!

Father John

Heritage Open Day: on the 15 September many churches and places of interest in the local area will be opening. We have been asked if Our Lady of Sorrows Church could be open on the day. If we agree to opening the church it will have to be manned all the time. Please let Michael Bray know (michaelpbray@btinternet.com) if you would be willing to spare an hour or so to be on duty at the church. Please could volunteers come forward as soon as possible so we can inform the organisers and be included in the programme. **The deadline is 25 April.**

The Do & Raise book 'Waggy Tails': written by a pet dog called Wonderful with illustrations by Tony Farino, will be on sale after the following **Masses in April: 9am Mass on Sunday 22, the 6pm Mass on Saturday 28 and the 11am Mass on Sunday 29.** The author Kit Oliver will be signing your copy. All proceeds from the sales will go to Benji's Magic Ears.

Cleaning Church of the Holy Spirit: on **Wednesday 25th April, 9.45-10.45am.** If you can spare an hour we would be grateful for some help in sweeping and dusting the church after the morning Mass. Please bring your own dusters if possible.

Faith-sharing Group: Our first meeting will be on **Wednesday 25 April at 10am** in the Church of the Holy Spirit Annex, Fetcham. Then to be held every two weeks or every month - to be decided. All welcome!

FORTHCOMING

Parish Annual General Meeting: On **Thursday 3 May** the Parish of Effingham and Fetcham will be holding our AGM. It will take place in St Alphege Hall, Effingham beginning at 6.30pm with refreshments and the meeting starting at 7pm. **All** parishioners are welcome to come along to hear what your Parish team having been doing over the past year for your benefit and some highlights of plans for this coming year. The meeting should last no more than an hour. Copies of the Agenda, last year's notes and a summary of the Parish finances are on the church notice boards and will be available at the meeting.

Grandparents' Group: There will be no meeting in April. However, we will meet on **Wednesday, 9 May at 2.30pm** in St Alphege Hall. Further details nearer the time. Finally, a date for your diary. The Annual Diocesan Grandparents' Pilgrimage will be on Wednesday, 13 June between 10.30 and 3.30 at West Grinstead.

The Great Adventure. Retreat for Year 7-9 at Worth Abbey: From the **18-20 May.** Over the weekend we are going to be exploring the idea that the journey of discipleship is a great adventure that we are each called to through workshops, input, prayer, worship and a whole lot of fun! The price is £84 but bursaries are available.

Email: fcarbone@wellspringbrighton.org.uk for more information.

CAFOD Coffee Morning: in the Church of the Holy Spirit Annex on **Wednesday 20 June at 10.00am**. The parish raised the amazing sum of £2,184 for CAFOD during their Lent Appeal. This will be doubled, as the Government will match this amount under their 'UK Aid Match' scheme which applies to all donations made up to 12th May. This means that CAFOD will receive over £4,300 through our parish. As a 'thank you' to all of you who made cakes and items to sell and to those who bought them, and to all of you who made such generous donations, you are invited to come for coffee and cakes in the Annex at COHS after Mass on Wednesday 20 June. Please do come if you would like to learn more about the work CAFOD

is doing in Third World countries as we have arranged for Martin Brown, who is the Deanery's CAFOD representative, to be there and he will give a short talk on their work.

Festival of Families and a Solemn Eucharistic Celebration with Pope Francis. If you would like more information about the event visit www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/ The Parish is offering to help with the cost of two families from our Parish of Effingham and Fetcham (£500 per family) to take part as representatives of our parish. The only proviso is that we will expect you to give a short presentation on the whole event on your return from Dublin. *If you would like to join Bishop Richard on pilgrimage, please speak to Father John about the financial support and for a booking form.* More details available from Lizzie or Katherine of the Diocesan Pastoral team: wmof2018@dabnet.org



The Annual Parish Hog Roast: is taking place in the garden behind St Alphege Hall, Effingham on **Sunday 1 July 2018 at midday**. We will start selling tickets in early May - £5 per adult (over 16s), £2.50 for 5-16 years and under 5s are free. Please reserve this important date in your diary.

Lourdes Diocesan Pilgrimage: From **26 July – 3 August 2018**. The Parish is offering to support up to eight young people from our Parish 2017 Confirmation group (or other school age youngsters in the Parish) to go on the Diocesan Pilgrimage, either as Redshirts or young adult helpers. The Parish will contribute £150 per young person from the Parish of Effingham and Fetcham to help towards the cost. The only proviso is that they will be asked, probably as a group, to give a small presentation on their return sharing their experience on this wonderful opportunity. *If you are going and would like some financial help, please speak to Fr John or Deacon Ian as soon as possible.*

World Meeting of Families. Bishop Richard invites you to join him for the World Meeting of Families in Dublin with the Holy Father, Pope Francis: From **21-26 August 2018**. A three-day congress will be followed by a

Please pray for those in our Parish who are sick:

Marie Bliss	Janet Morgan
Liz Boughton	Jim Morgan
Christopher Brown	Jack Oliver
Amy Chapman	Kit Oliver
Maggi Cooke	Maureen Power
Marian Cross	Maureen Rennison
Anne Cuffe	Patrick Rennison
Maureen Donoghue	Allison Roberts
John Donovan	Jean Rowlandson
Joan Doran	Richard Russell
Mary Doran	Mary Skilton
Philippa Gibbons	Maureen Teare
Edward Hughes	Eileen Tennant
Ros Kennedy	Andrea Vaughan
Derek Knott	Rose Wedlake
Tessa Knott	Alf Wiggins
Filomena Lionetti	
Joanna Mills	

Also priests within our Diocese:

Fr. Eric Flood.

MASS TIMES

Saturday	21 Apr	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Trudy Wykes - RIP
Sunday	22 Apr	09.00am	(OLOS)	People of the Parish
		11.00am	(HS)	About Family – Private Intentions
Monday	23 Apr	No Mass		
Tuesday	24 Apr	09.15am	(OLOS)	Margaret & David Shaw - RIP
		09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)	Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesday	25 Apr	09.15am	(HS)	Lilly Miller - RIP
		11.00am* – Funeral service for Lilly Miller RIP at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead		
Thursday	26 Apr	09.15am	(OLOS)	Bunty Gibson & Joan Bray - RIP
		09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)	Eucharistic Adoration
		02.00pm to 06.00pm	(OLOS)	Eucharistic Adoration
Friday	27 Apr	Noon	(HS)	Terri About - RIP
Saturday	28 Apr	06.00pm	(OLOS)	People of the Parish
Sunday	29 Apr	09.00am	(OLOS)	Sean Murtagh
		11.00am	(HS)	Stephen Williams - RIP

HS = Church of the Holy Spirit, Fetcham
 OLOS = Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham

No Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 28 April (Effingham)

