



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*

## 6th Sunday of Easter

Sundays: Cycle B    Weekdays: Year II    6th May



**Next Sunday: 7th Sunday of Easter**

**Special Collection next week: The Catholic Communications Network**

Acts 1:15-17. 20-26 Psalm 102:1-2. 11-12. 19-20. R.v.19 1John 4:11-16 John 17:11-19

***'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you'***. All of us have experienced love to a greater or lesser degree in our lives, but this love that Jesus talks of here is greater than any. It is 'the greatest'. His love that 'loved' us into existence when, before that, we didn't! His love that has sustained us every second of every day of our lives, and his love that will ultimately draw us to himself, to live forever in the cradle of love that is The Trinity.

All he asks is four words: ***'Remain in my love.'***

God bless you all

*Father John*

## THIS WEEK



**Ascension of the Lord – Holy Day of Obligation:** on **Thursday 10 May**. Masses are at 9.15am at Our Lady of Sorrows and 8pm at Church of the Holy Spirit.

**Change to Masses:** As Father John is away for a few days there are no masses on Tuesday or Wednesday this coming week. However, on **Wednesday 9 May** at 9.15am at Holy Spirit Church there is a Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion.

**Change to Eucharistic Adoration:** Please note, this will start at 10.00am this coming Tuesday and on Thursday at the usual time of 9.45am.

**Bereavement Support Group:** Our next meeting will be on **Saturday 12 May**, at **10.30am - 12 noon** in the Annex of the Holy Spirit Church, Fetcham. Do drop in for a coffee and meet others in a similar situation. You will be most welcome. This is a confidential service. For further information please call either Pauline 01372 453627 or Kathy on 01372 373267.

**Taize Prayer at St Lawrence, Effingham:** on **Sunday 6 May at 6pm** you are warmly invited to this reflective, quiet, contemplative service of Bible readings, prayer and praise in the style of the Taize Community.

**Grandparents' Group:** will next meet on **Wednesday, 9 May**. A May Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary will take place in Our Lady of Sorrows church at 2.30pm followed by refreshments in the Hall. 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.

**Red Mission Boxes:** It's that time of year again when we need to ask you to bring in your boxes

for counting. Please leave them on the shelf by the sacristy.

**St Peters Catholic School:** will be hosting a race night on **Friday 11 May at 7pm**. This is to raise monies, primarily for a new roof. There will be eight races shown on a big screen throughout the evening with the opportunity to place your bets through a Tote system. Tickets for the evening are just £5 per ticket. If you are unable to make the event, you can sponsor a race (as a family or as a business) for £20 - at the beginning of the race it will be announced who has sponsored it - or become the owner of a horse for £5 (if your horse wins its race, you will receive 10% of the takings on the race). Please come along and support our local school. Contact Ann-Marie Bevan 07970 804066 for more information.

**Do & Raise Group:** All the 'Waggy Tales' books have been sold and due to the high demand more copies have been ordered. As a result, the wonderful sum of £541.42 has been raised towards the Benji's Magic Ears fund. Our next meeting will not be until **Tuesday 5 June** and we are hoping some new members would like to join our very happy group.

**Inspire 2018 – Youth Ministry Leadership Conference:** Diocesan youth ministry leadership day being held on **May 12** at Redhill. It's open to anyone who is interested in youth and young adult ministry, including parents and Confirmation leaders, and tickets are just £10. It's happening at St Joseph's Church, Redhill, from 10am to 3.30pm. To book: Email [YMBookings@dabnet.org](mailto:YMBookings@dabnet.org).

## THIS MONTH

**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](mailto:fcarbone@wellspringbrighton.org.uk) for more information.

**ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal):** on **Saturday 19th May 11am to 4pm**, you are warmly

welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on Renewal and Mission. At Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. 11am Rosary; 11.30am Mass; 12.15pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; 1pm Shared lunch (please bring finger food to share); 2pm Praise & Worship; 2.30pm Talk "Proclaiming the Lord's Favour" by Fr Simon Penhalagan; 3.30pm Prayer for healing. We end about 4pm. There is no need to register in advance, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs). For more information and directions, see poster or website: <http://www.altonrenewal.com> Or telephone Alastair Emblem on 01252 714809.

### **FORTHCOMING**

**CAFOD Coffee Morning:** in the Church of the Holy Spirit Annex on **Wednesday 20 June at 10am**. 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.

**The Annual Parish Hog Roast:** is taking place in the garden behind St Alphege Hall, Effingham on **Sunday 1 July 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 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/](http://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](mailto:wmof2018@dabnet.org)

*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	Yolande Sharpe
Mary Doran	Mary Skilton
Philippa Gibbons	Maureen Teare
Ros Kennedy	Eileen Tennant
Derek Knott	Michael Tomkins
Tessa Knott	Andrea Vaughan
Filomena Lionetti	Rose Wedlake
Joanna Mills	Alf Wiggins

*Also priests within our Diocese:*

Fr. Eric Flood.

**MASS TIMES**

Saturday	05 May	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Susan Hawkins - RIP
Sunday	06 May	09.00am	(OLOS)	People of the Parish
		11.00am	(HS)	Friedrich Schinagl - RIP
Monday	07 May	<b>No Mass</b>		
Tuesday	08 May	<b>No Mass</b>		
		10.00am to Noon*	(OLOS)	Eucharistic Adoration
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>09 May</b>	<b>09.15am</b>	<b>(HS)</b>	<b>Liturgy of the Word &amp; Holy Communion*</b>
<b>The Ascension of the Lord - Holy Day of Obligation</b>				
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10 May</b>	<b>09.15am</b>	<b>(OLOS)</b>	Harald Tranquillini - RIP
		<b>08.00pm</b>	<b>(HS)</b>	Ernie Fahey - RIP
Friday	11 May	09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)	Eucharistic Adoration
		02.00pm to 06.00pm	(OLOS)	Eucharistic Adoration
		Noon	(HS)	Mercy O'Connor - RIP
Saturday	12 May	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Mary Patricia Taylor - RIP
Sunday	13 May	09.00am	(OLOS)	Family of Founders - RIP
		11.00am	(HS)	People of the Parish

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

**Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday (Effingham) 10.30-11.15am and 5.00-5.30pm**

