



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*

## 7th Sunday of Easter

**Special Collection today: The Catholic Communications Network**

Sundays: Cycle B    Weekdays: Year II    13th May



## Next Sunday: Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11 Psalm 103:1.24. 29-31. 34. R.cf v30 Galatians 5:16-25 John 15:26-27;16:12-15

***'... because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world.'*** These words of Jesus can help us enormously on our journey of faith. To understand that we do not belong to the world. This might sound strange, because, if asked by an alien where our home is, the correct answer is not planet Earth, but The Kingdom of God. Both physical and spiritual, and made FOR GOD.

God bless you all

*Father Joh*

## THIS WEEK

**Change to Mass:** please note that on **Wednesday 16 May** there will be no Mass.

**First Holy Communion Day:** on **Saturday 19 May**, Church of the Holy Spirit Fetcham at 10.30am. In this week of final preparation, please remember in your prayers the children from our parish who will be receiving this sacrament for the first time and the important and very special day it represents for them in their journey of faith.

**Parish AGM:** A big thank you to everybody who found the time to be able to come to the Parish AGM last Thursday 3 May to hear and join in the discussions about what has been going on in the Parish over the past year and plans for this coming year. Minutes of the AGM will be put up on the Parish website and displayed on the notice boards at both churches.

**Thank You from Children in Distress for Christmas Shoe Box Appeal:** A letter and poster from Children in Distress have been placed on the notice boards at both churches, thanking all those who donated Shoeboxes at Christmas. You will see from the letter that a total of 6,600 boxes were delivered to Romania from the UK.

**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.

**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 fun! 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

**Deanery Day of Recollection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** on **Saturday 2 June** 10am to 4pm at St Teresa's Independent School. Led by Rev. Roy Waters, the day focuses on the theme of 'Towards a Personal Encounter with Christ' and will begin with Mass at 10am. This is an important day for all our ministers, enabling them to spend time in recollection and reflecting on their ministry. Please see the poster in the church porch for further details.

**Do & Raise Group:** Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 5 June**, Church of the Holy Spirit Annex in Fetcham, meeting between 10am-12noon and we are hoping some new members would like to join our very happy group.

**Grandparents' Group:** 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 Life of Christ:** This powerful biblical outdoor drama takes you back in time to when Jesus lived on earth. Follow over 100 actors in full costume moving through the beautiful grounds of the Wintershall estate (near Guildford) with its lakes and ancient woodland re-enacting the remarkable events of Jesus' life. From **19-23 June**, 10am-3.30pm. For more information see poster in porch or book on: [www.wintershall-estate.com](http://www.wintershall-estate.com) or 01793 418299.

**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	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
Monday	14 May	<b>No Mass</b>		
Tuesday	15 May	09.15am	(OLOS)	Bob & Ann Bowley - RIP
		9.45am to Noon	(OLOS)	Eucharistic Adoration
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>16 May</b>	<b>No Mass</b>		
Thursday	17 May	09.15am	(OLOS)	Teresa & Robert Calburn - RIP
		09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)	Eucharistic Adoration
		02.00pm to 06.00pm	(OLOS)	Eucharistic Adoration
Friday	18 May	Noon	(HS)	Georgina Aboud – Private Intention
Saturday	19 May	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Iris Scaggs - RIP
Sunday	20 May	09.00am	(OLOS)	People of the Parish
		11.00am	(HS)	Eileen Burke - RIP

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 OLOS = Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham

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

