

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

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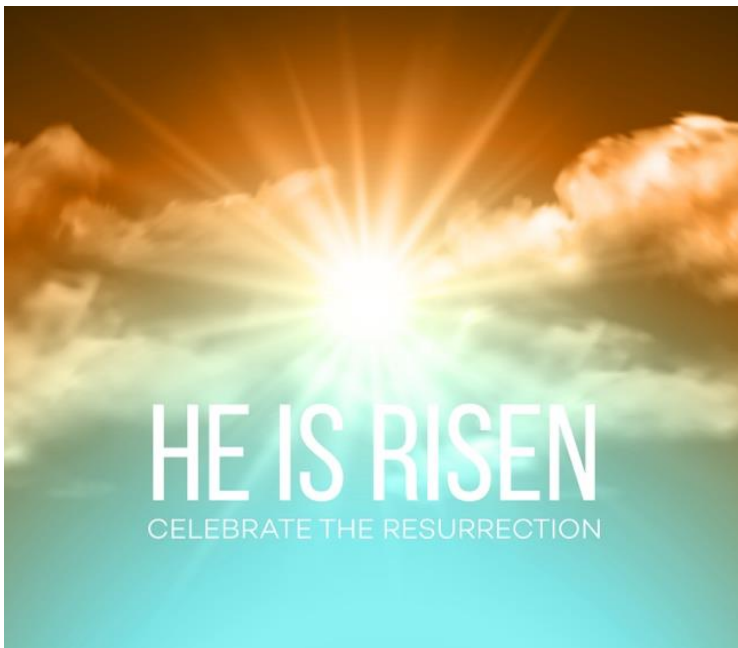
Live-stream on YouTube "Effingham and Fetcham Catholic Parish":

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLGeHumF6yae4QGCSVg0UA>

*A Very Warm Welcome to Parishioners and Visitors*

## **Easter Sunday**

Sundays: Cycle B    Weekdays: Year II    31 March 2024



From Deacon Ian, and myself, we pray for and wish you peace and joy in the Risen Christ.

In his homily at the Chrism Mass, Bishop Richard spoke of the great need this year, in the light of world and domestic events, for us all to be people of hope and holiness, God's anointed ones who share in the ministry of Christ.

We must therefore seize with hands, hearts, heads, and more, the Easter Victory of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. He is our only hope; there is no other. To that end I have a suggestion (ie hobby-horse!): Easter is a season and not just a day. We make a big fuss about Lent. We should make a bigger fuss

about Eastertide. The joy, confidence and security of Eastertide should colour our lives and our prayers no less than the penitence of Lent. "All Lent and no Eastertide makes Jack a dull Christian!"

Prayers for us all

*Fr Charles*

## ***This Week***

**Advance Notice.** On **Friday 19 April at 11.00 am** there is a Requiem Mass for Clifford Wright at OLOS. Please pray for the repose of his soul and keep his family in your prayers too. It will be the only Mass in the parish that day.



**Easter Mass Offerings.** Our Easter Mass Offering is our gift to Fr Charles. Please make any

cheques payable to 'Parish of Effingham and Fetcham', NOT to Fr Charles. Donations are eligible for Gift Aid. Parishioners registered on the Parish Gift Aid scheme should use the BLUE envelope (marked Easter Collection) that are with the other envelopes in your box. Alternatively, please use a YELLOW envelope available at the back of the church making sure to write your name and postcode on them, otherwise they cannot be used to claim gift aid. Anyone else can use the WHITE one-off envelopes with your name and address or just donate using the plate.

**The Divine Mercy Novena** starting on Good Friday (<https://www.divinemercyconference.com/divine-mercy-novena>) is a preparation for the Feast of The Divine Mercy - you may pray individually or by joining our Parish WhatsApp prayer group. Contact the Parish Office to join.

### **Lower Road Closure**

Starting on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April for up to one week – Lower Road will be closed to traffic between OLOS and the entrance to Church Street. Car access to the church will be from the opposite direction.

## **Parish Walking Group - Saturday 6 April**

Our next walk will take place around Chilworth so we plan to carshare. For a change we will be walking in the morning and we are trying to revert to the first Saturday of the month to make it easier for people to plan.

We will meet at the Church of Our Lady of Sorrows carpark (Effingham) at 9.30 am.

It is an easy four mile walk with some points of historical interest along the way. It was a walk we did some years ago as a parish outing and everyone enjoyed it - it wasn't challenging!

If you would like to join our WhatsApp group please text Annette on 07561 305767. This is the way we keep in touch, request lifts and make any last-minute changes due to the weather.

It would be lovely to see some new walkers for this easy walk around Chilworth!

*Annette and Kathy*

## **Next Week**

### **The Divine Mercy Sunday - 7 April**



As we conclude the Easter Octave we celebrate and give thanks to God for His mercy that was bestowed on us through the death and Resurrection of Jesus. In the year 2000 Pope St John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter to be the Feast of the Divine Mercy of God. It includes a plenary indulgence for those who go to Reconciliation and the Eucharist on that day. The Holy Hour will begin at 3 pm at HS on Sunday 7 April and will include Adoration, Confessions, praying the Chaplet and Benediction. Refreshments will follow in the Annex. You are warmly invited to come along.

## Next Week's Masses

**Monday 8th April**, there will be a 9.15 am Mass at OLOS to celebrate The Annunciation of the Lord.

**Tues 9th to Fri 12<sup>th</sup> April** – No Masses.

## Coming Soon



**Talk on the work of PACT (the Prison Advice and Care Trust) - Monday 15th April** at 7.30 pm in St Alphege Hall. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available from 7.00pm.



PACT is a pioneering national charity that supports prisoners, people with convictions, and their children and families. They provide caring and life changing services at every stage of the criminal justice process: in court, in prison, on release, and in the community. If you are not already familiar with its work, have a look at the website: [www.prisonadvice.org.uk](http://www.prisonadvice.org.uk)

## General

### News about Maddy Hewitt

Michael, her son, has let us know that Maddy has moved back into the local area. She has also made a good recovery since her fall last summer and would welcome visits from her old friends in the parish. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to visit so we can let you have the details.

### Parish Gift Aid Envelope Donors

Your boxes of envelopes for the new financial year will be available for collection on the weekends 23/24 and 30/31st March. Please call me on 01372 375284 to let me know whether to leave your box at the Church of the Holy Spirit,

Fetcham or Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham.  
Thank you, Sue Fisher



**Taizé Prayer - at St Lawrence's Effingham Sunday 7 April at 6.00 pm.**

You are warmly invited to this reflective, quiet, contemplative service of Bible readings, prayer and praise in the style of the Taizé Community.



## Recent 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Results

Crib	£235.70
Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund	£753.51
CAFOD Lenten Fast Day	£720.00



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

Derek Barham	Janet Morgan
Marie Bliss	Jim Morgan
Christopher Browne	Jacqui Mott
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	Clive Ward

