

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

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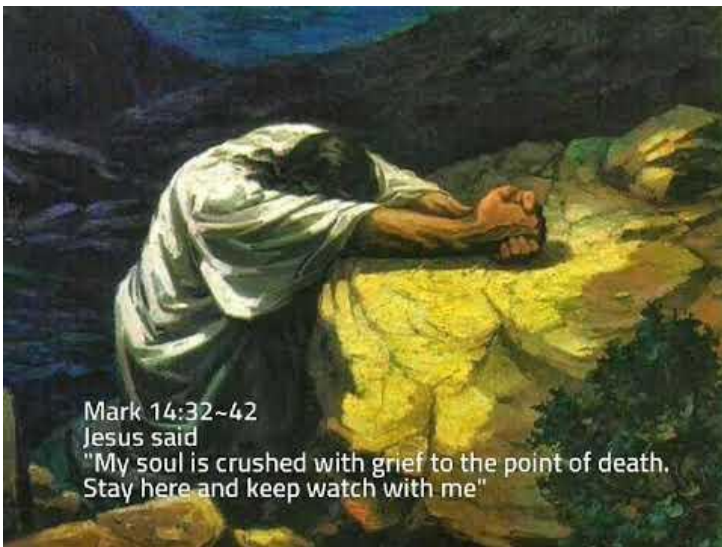
Live-stream on YouTube "Effingham and Fetcham Catholic Parish":

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A Very Warm Welcome to Parishioners and Visitors

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Sundays: Cycle B Weekdays: Year II 24 March 2024



Much of our lives is determined more by what is done to us than by what we do: in a very real sense this is our passion. It is this passion, if we can genuinely accept it, as well as our actions, that leads to salvation. It is important to realise the extent to which we are acted upon. As children we are 'at the mercy' of adults. As we move through life there can be fate, betrayal, bad-luck, illness, loss of friendships, failure in relationships, disappointments with spouses and children, the death of loved ones, the drudgery of the workplace, and so on. Of course, there are joyful moments and periods of peace too. However, the reality is that there are many things

outside our control. They are all part of what it means to be human. But, we do have a choice in how we respond to what life throws at us. It can make us or break us. Jesus survived as himself, strong, pure, good. Who would we be, if loss, or crisis, or the depredations of time were to take away from us the trappings of success, of self-importance, even personality itself? The Passion Story shows how Jesus responded to what was done to him. He absorbed all the violence, transformed it, and returned it as love and forgiveness. This is the victory of love over all the powers of destruction. There was nothing but love in him. Even when they nailed his hands and feet, he was loving. It helps to think about that when we are going through hard times.

God Bless

Deacon Ian

This Week

Special Collection on Good Friday: Holy Places of Palestine (NOT Gift Aid).

Children's Choir will take place at the 11am Mass at HS this Sunday. If your child would like to take part, email Kamila kamilasmith@icloud.com You will be sent links for the hymns that we will be singing. Rehearsals **from 10:30am** in the Church - join us there!

Change to Mass. This **Wed 27 March** there is the **Requiem Mass for Christopher Hodson** at 11.00 am at HS. It will be the only Mass in the parish that day.

Change to Adoration. There will be no Adoration on **Maundy Thursday (28 Mar)** during the day but there will be a period of Adoration after the evening Mass.

Servers in Holy Week. Sign-up sheets for serving at Triduum services are in the sacristy of each church. Please sign up for the services for which you are available. We'll hold rehearsals for the service on Maundy Thursday at 7 pm and each other day of the Triduum at 11 am.

Good Friday Walks of Witness

Effingham and Little Bookham Churches Together on **Good Friday at 5 pm** for a Walk of Witness with our Anglican and Methodist friends. From All Saints Church, Little Bookham the walk lasts about 40 minutes.

Churches together in Horsley and Ockham are also holding an open air **Good Friday service at 10 am** on The Green, Station Parade, East Horsley - all welcome.

Families' Stations of the Cross

On Holy Saturday morning, 10.30am at HS, will be the last opportunity to join this devotion of walking with Jesus and reflecting on the final moments of His life. All welcome!

Holy Week and Easter

Confessions before Easter

It is not my practice to schedule confessions during the days of the Easter Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday) although I would, of course, respond to a request in case of particular need. *Please make your Lenten Reconciliation before Maundy Thursday.* To facilitate this I will be available for confessions at the following additional times in March:

Sat 23rd 10.30am at OLOS

Sun 24th after 11am Mass at HS

Tue 26th after 9.15am Mass at OLOS

Wed 27th at 9am at HS (*note change due to funeral*).

Easter Triduum

The times are as follows (all at HS):

Maundy Thursday 8pm

Good Friday 3pm

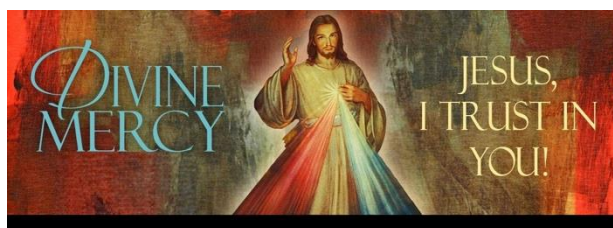
Holy Saturday 8.30pm

While the Triduum is not of obligation, it is without doubt the most important liturgy of the entire year. Be there if at all possible. It is the celebration that leads us to understand the heart of our faith, who we are, and why we do what we do.

Prayers for us all,

Fr Charles

The Divine Mercy



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.

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.

General

Do and Raise Easter Sale Results

Many thanks to all those who supported our recent sale of Easter chicks, cards and plants. We managed to raise a total of £508.15 which will be donated to Leatherhead START which is a local Leatherhead charity.

Parish Gift Aid Envelope Donors

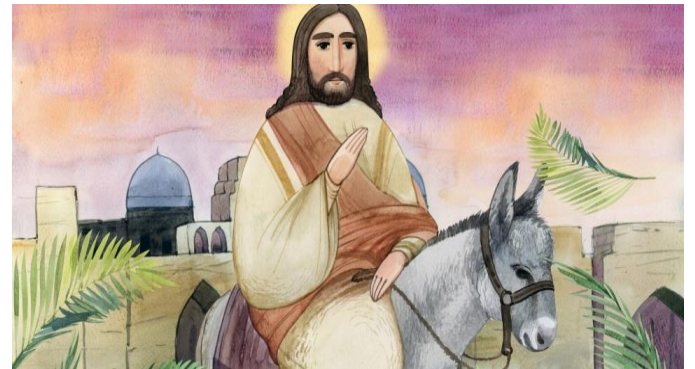
Your boxes of envelopes for the new financial year will be available for collection on the weekends 23/24 and 30/31st March. Please call me on 01372 375284 to let me know whether to leave your box at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Fetcham or Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham. Thank you, Sue Fisher

Next Week



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.



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.

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

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| 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 | Maggie Thomas |
| Tessa Knott | Andrea Vaughan |
| Gillian Lake | Clive Ward |
| Joanna Mills | |

