

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

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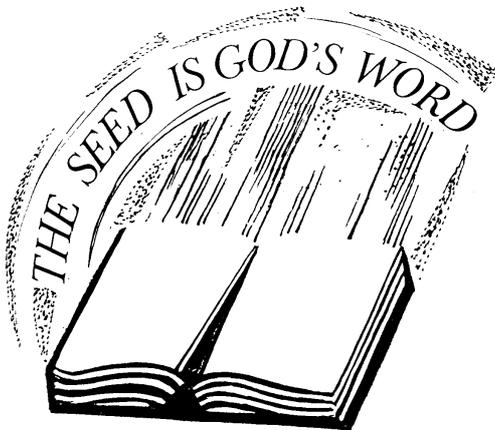
Live-stream on YouTube "Effingham and Fetcham Catholic Parish":

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

*A Very Warm Welcome to all Parishioners and Visitors*

## **15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sundays: Cycle A    Weekdays: Year II    12 July 2020



Like me have you ever wondered why Jesus taught in parables? Even his disciples asked 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' On the face of it, it might seem from today's Gospel that Jesus taught in parables in order to prevent his hearers from understanding. But, such a purpose is completely alien to the character of Jesus. Jesus used parables as an effective way of teaching. It was in fact Jesus' favourite method of teaching. In the Jewish faith at that time there was an attitude almost of reverence towards the parable. So, when Jesus adopted this method of teaching he was in some ways following a tradition.

Let us remind ourselves that God's word is never a negative word. It is a word spoken in love. Just as we need food to nourish our body, so the word of God nourishes the mind, the heart, and the spirit. But today there are so many other voices vying for our attention. Every day we are bombarded with the blizzard of words through every possible medium. There has never been so much talk thrown at us and so much of it is very negative. How then can we hear or even recognise God's word in the midst of all this din? We can only do so by creating a little bit of stillness and quietness within us and God will keep sowing his word among us as an invitation, a call, a challenge. He sows his word in our hearts, even though he knows much of what he sows will be eaten by the birds, or fall on rocks, or among thorns. The word of God comes to us as a friend. It is a sign of God's love for us. If we refuse to receive the word, or if we receive it but don't act on it, we are the losers.

May God bless you all,

*Deacon Ian*

## ***Restarting Public Masses***

It is a real and deep joy to have restarted Masses with a congregation. We thank the Lord with all our hearts for letting us come back to the sacraments—and we continue to pray for those among us who are still unable to return to church, and hold them in our hearts.

Please note that we have NOT simply returned to normal, as there are many diocesan and governmental procedures we need to follow to take the best care of one another and to minimise the risk of infection. However, it is a wonderful first step back on the road to our normal sacramental and community life.

Some key points are:

1. Whilst public Mass is available, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays remains **dispensed** by our Bishops. If you prefer to remain at home for your own welfare or that of others, this is perfectly acceptable.
2. We will continue to **live-stream** Mass from Our Lady of Sorrows (but sadly not from Church of the Holy Spirit as we don't have broadband there). Go to our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLGeHumF6yae4QGCSvg0UA>.
3. We need to maintain **social distancing**. This means that about half of the seating in our churches is taped-off as unavailable, and the capacity of our churches will be significantly less than normal. Please therefore **attend Mass on a weekday** if you can, to allow others to attend on Sunday.
4. **Children** must remain in the family pew. If a child is too young to follow social distancing, families are asked not to attend but to continue to live-stream Mass at home. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

5. **Holy Communion** will be distributed as the host and received in the hand only. On Sundays it will be just after the end of Mass.

For more details please see the document on our website: [https://www.effinghamandfetcham.org.uk/uploads/4/0/8/9/40894629/200630\\_mass\\_email\\_1.pdf](https://www.effinghamandfetcham.org.uk/uploads/4/0/8/9/40894629/200630_mass_email_1.pdf)

**Stewards.** A huge thank-you to our stewards who are keeping us safe, and keeping our churches sanitised as we return to public Masses.

It would be great to have **a few more** - many hands make light work! If you are under 70 and not in the vulnerable categories, do please think about offering your services. Occasional helpers are also welcome if you are not able to make a regular weekly commitment. Please contact Fr Stephen by phone or email. Thanks.

## ***Confessions***

We are now able to return to scheduled times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Starting on **Saturday 18 July** we will run the following times and places:

Sat 11.00 - 11.45 am – HS, Fetcham  
Sat 5.00 - 5.30 pm – OLOS, Effingham

We need special care for this to ensure social distancing, sanitisation - and confidentiality! What we will do is ask people to wait outside the church (pray for fine weather or wait in your car?) and come one by one into the church. That way we can stay socially distanced but no one will overhear your confession. That scheme worked well for the First Reconciliation with our children, so I hope it will work for the rest of the parish too.

## Keeping in Touch

**Need Support?** Do you need help or support at this time? If you need any sort of practical help, or would just like a chat with someone, please do call 01372 458263 or email [eandfparish@btinternet.com](mailto:eandfparish@btinternet.com).

**Parish Circulation Email:** If you would like to start (or stop) receiving emails from the Parish keeping you in touch, including receiving the weekly parish newsletter, please contact the Parish office at [eandfparish@btinternet.com](mailto:eandfparish@btinternet.com). The list is only used for Parish and Diocese information and is sent BCC so individual email addresses are not visible.

### General



#### Missio Red Boxes.

Thank you to all those who are Red Box holders and give in this way. At the moment

it's not possible for your Red Box to be collected or for you to take it to church as normal. So we need to 'think outside the box'. Please count the money in your Red Box and do one of the following, thank you:

1. Write a cheque made payable to Missio-Mill Hill, and send to Red Box, 23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU.
2. Give online – go to <https://missio.org.uk/redbox/>
3. Give via Text – Text REDBOX 5 (to donate £5) or REDBOX 10 (to donate £10) to 70085.
4. By phone – call them on 0207 821 9755 during office hours to donate with your credit or debit card.
5. Bank transfer – Account Name: Missio, Sort Code: 16-00-16, Account Number: 10824230 (Reference: RB+ your postcode).

**Parish Food Collections:** Until the start of lockdown, you all gave very generously to half a dozen local families in need, by leaving food in the box at the back of the two churches. Luckily during lockdown local food banks have supported the families but these sources have now dried up. As the churches have reopened, we would ask you once more to leave your donations in the boxes at the back of the churches and these will be distributed on a weekly basis.

**Foodbank Collection Points** for Cobham foodbank are the Bakery in Effingham and Tinkers End, Orestan Lane.

**Ordinations.** Deacon Thomas Kent will be ordained to the priesthood for our diocese on Saturday 11th July at 3.00pm. Dominic Dring and Simon South will be ordained to the diaconate on Tuesday 14th July at 7.00pm. Both Masses will take place in Arundel Cathedral and will be live-streamed at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7I-pXF8v-VZfzO01zrnerQ>

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

Marie Bliss	Jim Morgan
Michael Boulvard	Ann Peck
Pauline Boulvard	Maureen Rennison
Christopher Browne	Patrick Rennison
Jeff Care	Piers Ripley-Duggan
Amy Chapman	Jean Rowlandson
Maggi Cooke	Yolande Sharpe
Marian Cross	Karen Silver
Maureen Donoghue	Mary Skilton
John Donovan	Jenny Smith
Mary Doran	Margaret Summers
Mary Hefford	Pat Turton
Derek Knott	Simon Turton
Tessa Knott	Andrea Vaughan
Noreen Landers	Rose Wedlake
Joanna Mills	Alf Wiggins
Janet Morgan	

## Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

Saturday	11 July	6.00 pm	OLOS	Fr Thomas Kent (ordained today)
Sunday	12 July	9.00 am	OLOS	Thanksgiving for return to celebrating Mass with a congregation
Sunday	12 July	11.00 am	HS	People of the Parish
Monday	13 July	12.00 pm	HS	Kate Tuppin - RIP
Tuesday	14 July	9.15 am	OLOS	Jane Neville - RIP
Wednesday	15 July	9.15 am	HS	Helen Baxter - RIP
Thursday	16 July	9.15 am	OLOS	Andrew Foley - Wellbeing
Friday	17 July	6.00 pm	HS	Holy Souls - RIP
Saturday	18 July	10.00 am	OLOS	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday	18 July	6.00 pm	OLOS	Russell Tailby - RIP
Sunday	19 July	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	19 July	11.00 am	HS	Holy Souls - RIP
HS = Holy Spirit church, Fetcham    OLOS = Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham				

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### Next Sunday: 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 Psalms 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 Romans 8:26-27 Matthew 13:24-43



***Please get Newsletter items to the Parish office by 10.00am Wednesday***