

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

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A Very Warm Welcome to Parishioners and Visitors

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays: Cycle C Weekdays: Year II 17 July 2022



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We have some lovely readings this weekend: Martha and Mary and *that* dinner party, and the "three men" (sneak preview of the Trinity) who appear to Abraham.

But the second reading is a theological bombshell. "In my body I do what I can to make up all that still has to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church." Translated more literally, it's even more shocking: "I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions." Jesus gave His life as the one, perfect sacrifice for sin. How can anything be lacking in it? But there we are—Paul wrote it inspired by the Holy Spirit, and there it is in the Bible. So it's true.

The clue is Paul's reference to Christ's body, the Church. We are so often tempted to underestimate how much Jesus loves us, and truly identifies with us, and shares everything with us. This includes even His saving Passion and Death. If we are members of Christ's body, how can we not have a share in it? All our sufferings have salvific meaning if we bear them in union with Jesus—all our sicknesses, frailties, worries, griefs. Especially effective are sufferings we endure directly for the sake of Christ—like those of St Paul. Most effective of all are the sufferings of Mary—Our Lady of Sorrows—at the foot of the Cross.

None of this takes anything away from Jesus and His Cross—quite the reverse. It shows how supremely effective His sacrifice has been to reconcile us with God. It is His priesthood we share in as we offer our very selves in union with Him.

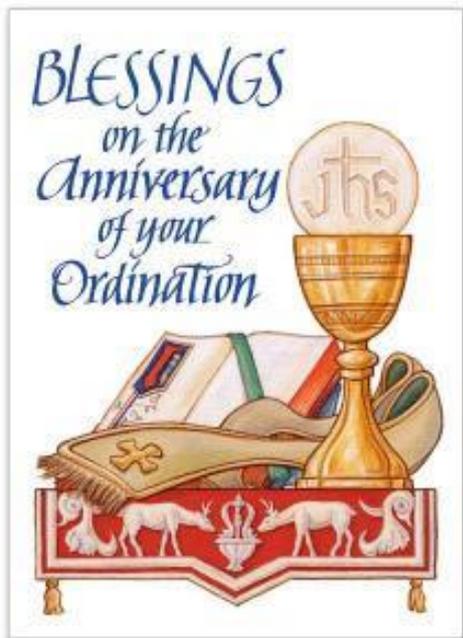
May God Bless you,

Fr Stephen

This Week



Fr Stephen's Silver Jubilee



The Parish offers its warmest good wishes and congratulations to Fr Stephen on the occasion of his Silver Jubilee of ordination to the priesthood, this **Tuesday 19 July**. The con-celebrated Mass is at Holy Spirit, Fetcham starting at 6.30 pm.

A note from Fr Stephen: *'It looks like the weather is going to be pretty hot. Please come dressed appropriately for the temperature and not too formally - we are "among family" (just not swimwear please!). You might also like to bring a bottle of water to church'*.

Change to Mass. On Tuesday 19 July there is no morning Mass due to Fr Stephen's Silver Jubilee Mass in the evening. Please see previous notice.

We welcome into our Catholic parish community through the Sacrament of Baptism **Charlotte Sutherland**.

Children's Liturgy of the Word. This Sunday 17 July at the 11 am Mass at HS and then it takes a break for the summer holidays. It will resume after the holidays on the first and third Sundays of every month during term times.

Coming Soon



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. From August, we will take a short break from regular adoration over the summer, as a number of people will be away. However, if enough people turn up, we may have adoration on an *ad hoc* basis. We will resume regular adoration each Thursday in the autumn - watch this space for more details.

General

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

The second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is on Sunday 24 July with the theme: "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15) . Pope Francis has requested that we use this day to honour those who have further steps on their life journey and particularly Grandparents.

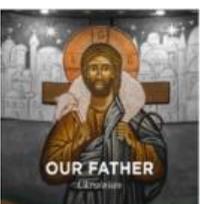
He says "Along with old age and white hairs, God continues to give us the gift of life and to keep us from being overcome by evil. If we trust in him, we will find the strength to praise him still (cf. vv. 14-20). We will come to see that

growing old is more than the natural decline of the body or the inevitable passage of time, but the gift of a long life. Aging is not a condemnation, but a blessing!" you can read his inspiring message here:

[Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, 2022 \[24 July 2022\] - Activities of the Holy Father Pope Francis | Vatican.va](#)

To find out about events hosted by the Diocese please visit our website events calendar W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

Externally run Diocesan event at Worth Abbey: TIME OUT Individual retreats. 18-22 July
 Cost: £90 per person, per night (min 2 nights). Arriving on Monday 18 July, spend a few days at Worth Abbey enjoying the rhythm of the monastic prayer and liturgy, time in reflection and the peace of the Sussex countryside. There is no set programme other than an optional daily lectio divina session, the usual monastic timetable of divine office and liturgy and the opportunity for a 1:1 meeting with a member of the monastic community. To book and pay for your place go to www.worth.co.uk For further information: 01342 710318 or retreats@worth.org.uk



Supporting the People of Ukraine. For information from our diocese on offering accommodation to Ukrainian refugees, how to donate, and some prayers, click on: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/how-can-our-community-and-parishes-can-help-the-people-of-ukraine>

Food donations for those needing support can always be left in the box in the porch of each church, for onward distribution. Many thanks.



You may remember that the proceeds of the raffle (£156) held at the parish picnic were donated to The Grange. The Head of Finance, Hugh Skeil, has sent a message with their thanks: "we really appreciate your selecting The Grange as your chosen charity – it is lovely to have you as our close neighbours!"



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Please pray for all those in our Parish who are sick:	
Pat Armstrong	Joanna Mills
Marie Bliss	Janet Morgan
Michael Boulvard	Jim Morgan
Sue Brackenbury	Paddy Payne
Christopher Browne	Maureen Rennison
Amy Chapman	Piers Ripley-Duggan
Maggi Cooke	Allison Roberts
John Donovan	Jean Rowlandson
Mary Doran	Karen Silver
Mary Hefford	Jenny Smith
Derek Knott	Pat Turton
Tessa Knott	Simon Turton
Gillian Lake	Andrea Vaughan
Noreen Landers	Alf Wiggins

This Week's Masses and Intentions

Saturday Vigil	16 July	6.00 pm	OLOS	Russell Tailby - RIP
Sunday	17 July	9.00 am	OLOS	Jane Ishikawa & Eileen Warren and Family - RIP
Sunday	17 July	11.00 am	HS	People of the Parish
Monday	18 July	Noon	HS	Holy Souls - RIP
Tuesday	19 July	6.30 pm**	HS**	Fr Stephen (Silver Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood) - Thanksgiving
Wednesday	20 July	9.15 am	HS	Celebrant's Intention
Thursday	21 July	9.15 am	OLOS	Vocations to the Priesthood
Friday	22 July	6.00 pm	HS	Holy Souls - RIP
Saturday	23 July	10.00 am	OLOS	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday Vigil	23 July	6.00 pm	OLOS	Holy Souls - RIP
Sunday	24 July	9.00 am	OLOS	Andrew Smith - RIP
Sunday	24 July	11.00 am	HS	People of the Parish

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

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Confessions

Saturdays

10.30-11.15 am OLOS, Effingham

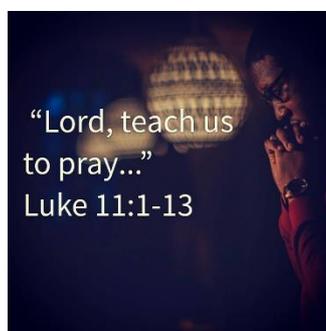
5.00-5.30 pm OLOS, Effingham

1st Sunday of the month after 11.00 am Mass HS, Fetcham

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Thursdays after Mass until 11.00 am (until end of July)
(From August, regular Adoration will take a break until it restarts in the Autumn. If there are enough people, Adoration may sometimes take place during this period on an ad hoc basis.)

Next Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:20-32 | Psalm 137:1-3.6-8.R.v3 | Colossians 2:12-14 | Luke 11:1-13



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

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