

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

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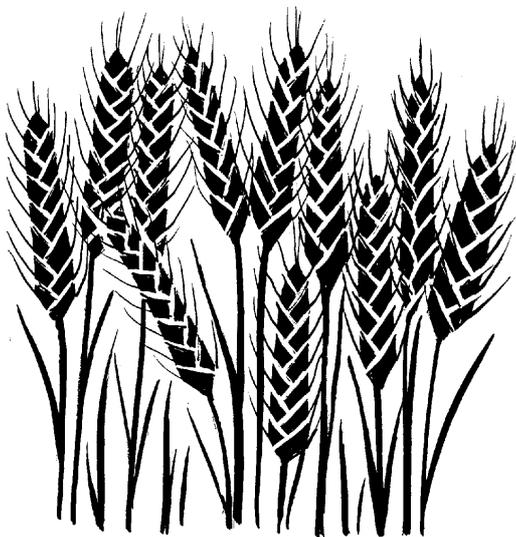
Live-stream on YouTube "Effingham and Fetcham Catholic Parish":

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

A Very Warm Welcome to all Parishioners and Visitors

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays: Cycle A Weekdays: Year II 19 July 2020



Christ's parable of the weeds among the wheat originally addressed the problem of sinners in the Kingdom of God. The Pharisees believed that the Kingdom was for saints only; sinners therefore should be ruthlessly weeded out. But Christ didn't agree. The main point of the parable is clear: up to the last judgement, the Kingdom will be a mixed bag of good and evil. We all wish to see a world without evil, a Church without faults. To see that the real Church and the real world are not sinless and not perfect can make us impatient. Jesus reminds us today: be patient, for God is patient with the Church and the world, and also with us. Let's not forget this. He gives us time to change.

See how happily surprised you are when after a mistake or an offense on your part the person you have hurt is often patient with you and gives you new chances. That is God's way with us. He keeps believing in us. That is also the way God wants us to treat one another. Like him, we should be fully aware that people are neither entirely good nor completely bad, and that therefore we should be patient, forgiving, trusting and give time to heal. Let us thank our Lord for his patience and ask him to make us a bit like himself.

May God bless you all,

Deacon Ian

Congratulations to **Helena Law & Daniel Andrews** on their marriage this weekend.

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.

There are, of course, 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 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.
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.

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

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. (Parents can come into the porch during their children's confessions to ensure proper safeguarding.)

Virtual Lourdes Pilgrimage. Each year we journey together as pilgrims to the holy Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes. However, due to Covid-19, this year we will have to travel in spirit and mind, and not body.

We are pleased to be able to invite you to join us for a virtual Lourdes Pilgrimage from 25 to 30 July, including virtual events for families and for Redshirts (those in years 10 & 11). Find out more at www.ablourdes2020.org

General

Coronavirus Appeal. CAFOD has joined with the UK Disasters Emergencies Committee (DEC) to help millions of people whose lives are at risk as coronavirus spreads across refugee camps and countries suffering conflict. You can donate at <https://cafod.org.uk/coronavirus> to help CAFOD scale up its coronavirus response through our global Church family. Or use CAFOD's Summer of Hope fundraising ideas with your family and friends to transform lockdown and raise money for the appeal: <https://cafod.org.uk/summerofhope>.



Missio Red Boxes.

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

is 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: As the churches have reopened, please could you once more leave your food donations in the boxes at the back of the two churches and these will be distributed on a weekly basis to the families in need.

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

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

Marie Bliss	Janet Morgan
Michael Boulvard	Jim Morgan
Pauline Boulvard	Ann Peck
Lilian Bowles	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

Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

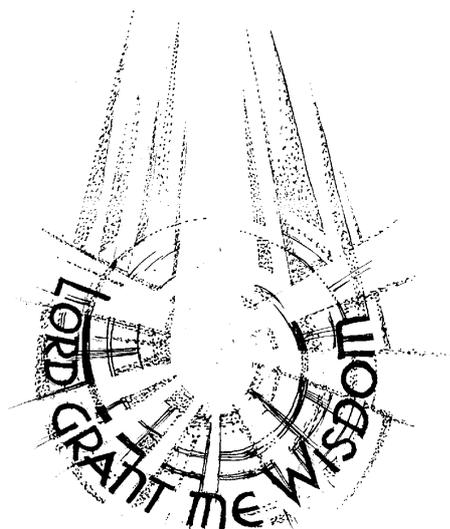
Saturday	18 July	6.00 pm	OLOS	Russell Tailby - RIP
Sunday	19 July	9.00 am	OLOS	Michael Baker - RIP
Sunday	19 July	11.00 am	HS	People of the Parish
Monday	20 July	12.00 pm	HS	Fr Giovanni Prandini (ordained Fri 17 July)
Tuesday	21 July	9.15 am	OLOS	Canon Peter Freed – RIP
Wednesday	22 July	9.15 am	HS	Aniela Kapusniak – RIP
Thursday	23 July	9.15 am	OLOS	Fr John Howard (ordained Sat 18 July)
Friday	24 July	6.00 pm	HS	John Canning (80 th birthday) – Thanksgiving
Saturday	25 July	10.00 am	OLOS	Fr Dermott O’Gorman (ordained today)
Saturday	25 July	6.00 pm	OLOS	Holy Souls – RIP
Sunday	26 July	9.00 am	OLOS	Leslie Allan – RIP
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HS = Holy Spirit church, Fetcham OLOS = Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham				

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Next Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1Kings 3:5, 7-12 Psalms 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 Romans 8:28-30 Matthew 13:44-52



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