

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

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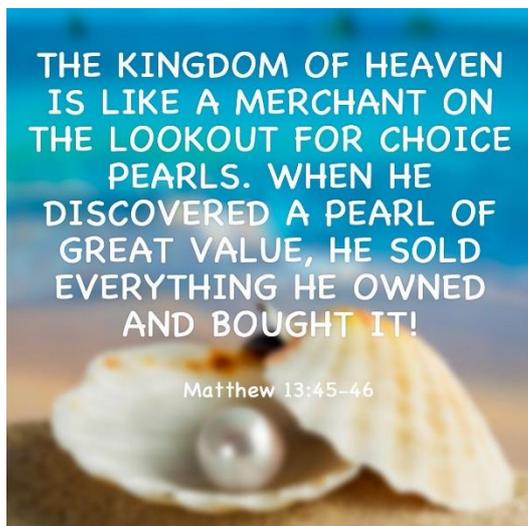
Live-stream on YouTube "Effingham and Fetcham Catholic Parish":

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

*A Very Warm Welcome to all Parishioners and Visitors*

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sundays: Cycle A    Weekdays: Year II    26 July 2020



Last week we heard a couple of Jesus' little parables of the Kingdom based on familiar wonders of nature—the tiny mustard seed growing into a tree and the yeast leavening a whole batch of loaves. Today we get two more of Jesus' little parables, but they are decidedly tales of the unexpected!—finding hidden treasure and the pearl of great price.

The hidden treasure makes good sense. Presumably the treasure is worth a lot more than the field. So once the person has sold everything and bought the field, he can sell the treasure and buy everything back ... and a lot more besides.

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But what are we to make of the pearl of great price? That just seems crazy. Imagine the merchant coming home that evening and telling his wife, "I've sold the car ... and the TV ... and the furniture ... and the house. But, hey, just look at this pearl!" And that, of course, is the whole point. In worldly terms it is just crazy. The merchant has let go his whole life. What on earth could be worth that? Nothing *on earth*. Only something *in heaven*.

The "Kingdom of Heaven" is Jesus' code for Himself, and us living in the fullness of His truth and His love. So He is offering to be the total meaning and joy of our lives, starting now on earth and reaching into eternity. If we turn that offer down, then we *really are* crazy.

May God bless you all,

*Fr Stephen*

## **Public Masses**

It is lovely to see numbers increasing at the Sunday Masses as we are able to gather again to attend Mass, receive the Lord in Holy Communion, and share in the joy of coming together as the Lord's family.

It may be useful for you to know the numbers who came to each Sunday Mass last week, so you can see where there is most likely to be plenty of space available. The numbers for 18-19 July were:

Sat 6 pm OLOS = 14

Sun 9 am OLOS = 42

Sun 11 am CHS = 25

You can, of course, also attend weekday Masses (and don't forget that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is still dispensed).

Just a couple more points please for your consideration.

- Can I encourage you to wear face coverings at Mass. It helps to protect others around you, and makes some people feel more confident about returning to Mass.
- At OLOS, if you are sitting in the side aisles, please come to Communion via the back of the church and up the whole of the centre aisle, rather than walking through the benches where someone else is sitting. That way you won't accidentally touch their benches. It all helps to keep the risk of infection down to a minimum.

Many thanks.

Just as a reminder:

1. We continue to **live-stream** Mass from OLOS (but sadly not from HS as we don't have broadband there). Go to our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLGeHumF6yae4QGCSVg0UA>.

2. **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.

For more details please see the document on our website at: [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.** 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 particularly welcome, so we have a list of people to call on when one of the regulars needs to be away. Please contact Fr Stephen by phone or email.

And, of course, a continuing big thank-you to all our stewards.

## **Confessions**

We have now returned to having scheduled times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. These are at 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.)

## ***This Week***

**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](http://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

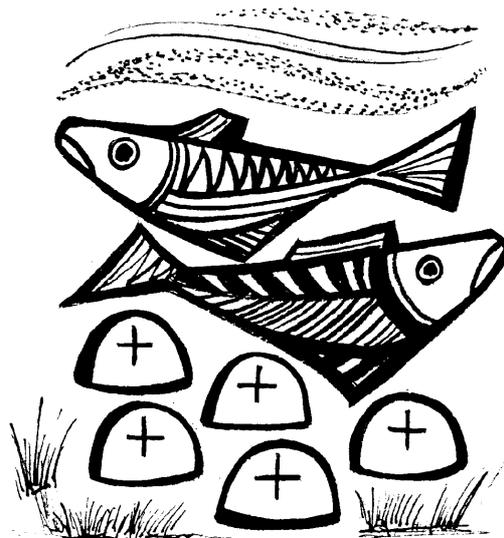
Saturday	25 July	6.00 pm	OLOS	Holy Souls – RIP
Sunday	26 July	9.00 am	OLOS	Leslie Allan – RIP
Sunday	26 July	11.00 am	HS	People of the Parish
Monday	27 July	12.00 pm	HS	Fr Peter Sebastian (ordained 26th July 2020)
Tuesday	28 July	9.15 am	OLOS	Celebrant’s Intention
Wednesday	29 July	9.15 am	HS	Holy Souls - RIP
Thursday	30 July	9.15 am	OLOS	Vocations to the Priesthood
Friday	31 July	6.00 pm	HS	Holy Souls - RIP
Saturday	01 Aug	10.00 am	OLOS	Celebrant’s Intention
Saturday	01 Aug	6.00 pm	OLOS	Holy Souls - RIP
Sunday	02 Aug	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	02 Aug	11.00 am	HS	Georgina Aboud - Wellbeing
HS = Holy Spirit church, Fetcham    OLOS = Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham				

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Isaiah 55:1-3 Psalm 144:8-9. 15-18. R.v16 Romans 8:35. 37-39 Matthew 14:13-21



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