

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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays: Cycle B Weekdays: Year I 25 July 2021



In today's second reading St Paul gives us a sort of mini-Creed.

There is one Body and one Spirit, just as you were called into one hope when you were called, one Lord, one

faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

First of all, it is centred on the Holy Trinity—one God the Father, one Lord (Jesus Christ) and one Spirit—the same basic structure as our creed. Then there is one Body—the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church; one baptism—for the forgiveness of sins; one hope—for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come; and one faith—"I believe ... Amen."

Paul also places great emphasis on unity and universality. In that one sentence he uses the word "one" seven times, and "all" three times. This obviously matters to him! It matters because this faith is the one and only hope of salvation for the whole of humanity. Jesus is our one, unique and universal Saviour.

So when Paul says, by way of introduction to this creed, "Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together," he doesn't just mean, "Be nice to each other and don't argue," (although that is part of it). The implication must surely be that we should do all we can to build up that unity in Christ throughout the human race. It means mission. It means the adventure of sharing our faith courageously by word and deed.

May God bless you all,

Fr Stephen

This Week

Covid-19 – Parish Update

Following the relaxation of government regulations regarding Covid-19 last week, and the recent statement of our bishops, I would like to outline for you how we expect to move forwards as a parish.

First of all, our priority must be to keep ourselves and each other safe—and help everyone feel safe—so we can all return to worshipping God together as soon and as joyfully as possible. This will need to be a team effort: everyone has a part to play.

- Please can I urge you to continue to use face coverings for now (as, even if you feel safe without them, others may not).
- Please continue to use hand sanitiser as you enter the church.
- We will maintain good ventilation, the track-and-trace register (or QR code use), and regular cleaning of frequently touched surfaces.
- We will gently bring more benches back into use, but we will keep some with wider separation for those who prefer this. We will also keep the hall open at 9.00 am on Sunday for extra seating space.
- We are now allowed to sing—alleluia! So we will have a phased reintroduction of music.
- We will consider reintroducing the collection baskets after the summer. In the meantime, please continue to use the boxes at the back of the churches.
- We should be able to restart coffee and tea after Sunday Masses (once we have diocesan health and safety clearance)—hopefully by September. This is another simple but great gift for our community life as brothers and sisters in Christ.
- Baptisms, weddings and funerals now have no legal limits on the numbers allowed to attend, so we can have as

many people as we like—making sure we still keep things safe.

Thank you for all the prayers and support you have offered to me and to one another during these difficult times. And thank you in anticipation for your patience and cooperation as we move prudently back to a fuller life of community and worship.

God bless,
Fr Stephen

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – THIS SUNDAY (25th July)

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

SUNDAY 25 JULY 2021
THEME: I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS (MT 28:20)



Grandparents are a treasure in the family.
Please, take care of your grandparents: love them!
- POPE FRANCIS



WWW.CATHOLICGRANDPARENTSASSOCIATION.COM

Pope Francis has inaugurated a World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly on the Sunday nearest to the feast of St Joachim & St Anne (26 July), Jesus' grandparents. This year it will be celebrated THIS Sunday 25 July. All our parish Masses will incorporate this theme. The 11am Mass intention at the Holy Spirit will be specifically for all

grandparents and elderly in our parish.

You may like to read the beautiful letter written by Pope Francis, please click on the link: [First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, 2021: "I am with you always" | Francis \(vatican.va\)](#)

There is also a beautiful prayer which has been written to commemorate the day: [WDFGE Prayer\[1\].pdf \(website-files.com\)](#)

Change to Mass and confessions. Next weekend, on Saturday 31st July there will be no morning Mass or confessions as Fr Stephen is away at ordinations. It's the last time for this season! Evening confessions and Mass on that day are unchanged.

General

Summer Adventures. Would you like some fun,



faith filled ideas to do with your family this summer? One of our parishioners, Claire Fernandes, has just helped develop a new,

free resource for families called Summer Adventures. Follow this link on the Celebrate Trust website to find it in the Celebrate@home resources section.

Enjoy! <https://www.celebratetrust.org/celebrateathome>



Redundant iPads and Laptops are desperately needed by the Gatwick Detainees' Welfare Group (GDWG). An IT company has agreed to 'clean'

devices to remove any data. These devices can enable a person whether in detention or after release, to obtain help: to access classes for speakers of other languages, to communicate with friends, family, GDWG staff, their volunteer visitors, and to access resources such as food banks and to join our post-detention services. Contact Josie at: josie@gdwg.org.uk. Thank you.

Anniversaries Mass. Taking place at St Joseph's



Guildford, on Saturday 9th October, at 11.30 am, with Bishop Richard. For couples and their families celebrating a landmark or

significant anniversary. Numbers limited to 150. Parking off site. You can sign up by clicking [here](#). Or contact Katherine Bergin, Marriage & Family Life Adviser at katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

Diocesan Youth Service – 40th Anniversary Celebration on 4th September 2021 at Arundel Cathedral. We are delighted to be able to

celebrate our Youth Service. We want to invite anyone who has ever attended an event hosted by the service to come along and join the festivities. Whether it was a Maryvale Retreat, a World Youth Day Pilgrimage, Youthgather, Lourdes Redshirts, or you are a member of our new online community BeCome, or one of our other virtual networks. A thanksgiving Mass will be said by Bishop Richard, followed by a chance to chat over refreshments. Please click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Fighting Modern Slavery. For the latest edition of the diocesan newsletter please click on the following link: https://assets.website-files.com/5ed93a8802f9816a9341c2a2/60f5a0abfe7e65d71a71c3fa_Modern%20Slavery%20Newsletter%20Issue%204%5B1%5D.pdf

Parish modern slavery awareness ambassadors are still needed. Information on the role is contained in the newsletter or contact tessa.ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk

Food donations for those needing support can be left at the back of the churches, for onward distribution. Many thanks

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

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

This Week's Masses and Intentions

Saturday Vigil	24 July	6.00 pm	OLOS	Victor Grech - RIP
Sunday	25 July	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	25 July	11.00 am	HS	Grandparents & the Elderly
Monday	26 July	Noon	HS	Matt Conrad - RIP
Tuesday	27 July	9.15 am	OLOS	Holy Souls - RIP
Wednesday	28 July	9.15 am	HS	Holy Souls - RIP
Thursday	29 July	9.15 am	OLOS	Vocations to the Priesthood
Friday	30 July	6pm	HS	Teresa Janet Pinsent - RIP
Saturday	31 July	NO MASS	OLOS	NO MORNING MASS OR CONFESSIONS
Saturday Vigil	31 July	6.00 pm	OLOS	Frank Agius - RIP
Sunday	01 Aug	9.00 am	OLOS	Fr Paul Nwune – Ordained 31 st July
Sunday	01 Aug	11.00 am	HS	People of the Parish

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

All Masses from OLOS are live-streamed on YouTube at "Effingham and Fetcham Catholic Parish" <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLGeHumF6yae4QGCSVg0UA>

Eucharistic Adoration – Thursday mornings, from the end of Mass to 11.00 am.

Confessions

Saturdays

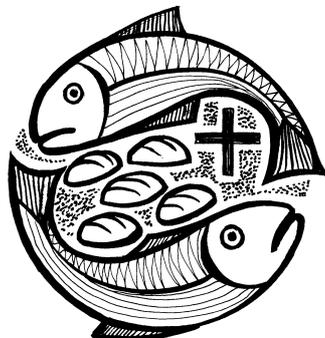
(No morning confessions on Saturday 31st July)

11.00-11.45 am HS, Fetcham

5.00-5.30 pm OLOS, Effingham

Next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15 Psalm 77:3-4.23-25.54. R.v24 Ephesians 4:17.20-24 John 6:24-35



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

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