



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

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A Very Warm Welcome to all Parishioners and Visitors

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays: Cycle A Weekdays: Year II 09 August 2020



When Jesus comes to the apostles, walking on the water, why does Peter say, "Lord, if it is you, tell me to come to You across the water"? It doesn't seem to make logical sense.

He can't logically be asking Jesus to work a miracle to prove that He's not a ghost—because Jesus is already working a miracle by walking on the water Himself. And how do you suppose Peter felt when Jesus responded by saying, "Come"? If he was anything like me, he'd have been suddenly afraid and wished he'd never made the suggestion in the first place. Then, having started to walk on the water—and not sink in!—why did Peter panic when he felt the wind?

But (as I was saying at Mass on Monday) this scene doesn't make *logical* sense—it makes *psychological* sense and *spiritual* sense. It is true to our hearts and souls.

By walking on the water Jesus is revealing His divinity, and inviting Peter—and us—to grow in faith. And Peter knows it. "Bid me come to You" is the perfect response. To come to Jesus is the meaning and fulfilment of every human heart. Yet we cannot get to Jesus by ourselves; we can only ask Him to give us the supernatural grace to do it. When He does, it's scary and exciting all at the same time, and we often panic and have a sinking moment. But His hand is always there to save.

May God bless you all,

Fr Stephen

This Week

Monday 10 August - Memorial Mass for Alan Bryant, 11.00 am at Our Lady of Sorrows. This Mass will be live-streamed, and will be the only Mass that day (therefore no 12.00 Mass at Holy Spirit). There will be a sizeable gathering of Alan's family, which will reach maximum allowable capacity of the church, so regrettably **no one else can come**, but all are very welcome to join in via the live-stream.

Fr Stephen will be away from Friday 14th to Friday 28th August inclusive. There will be Sunday Masses (6 pm vigil, 9 am and 11 am) as usual, but no weekday Masses. There will be Saturday evening confessions, but not Saturday mornings.

Unfortunately there will be NO live-streaming of Mass from the parish during this time, but of course there are plenty of other options for live-streaming. The diocesan website has links at <https://www.dabnet.org/News/View/308>.

Public Masses

Do come along if you can (as long as you won't be endangering your health or someone else's). You can, of course, also attend weekday Masses.

- **Reminder:** from Saturday 8 August face coverings are **required** inside places of worship. (Readers should remove their masks before reading, then replace them afterwards.)
- 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.

- **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

Stewards at Mass

The role of the stewards is to welcome people, gently encourage us to remember social distancing and to use the hand sanitiser, and to sanitise the church after Mass.

It would still be good 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

Over the coming two weekends Confessions will be available on Saturday evenings only:

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.)

General

Resources for Families. The Children, Youth & Family Co-ordinator at Guildford Parish are providing on-line resources to help keep families' faith alive at home. There will be a weekly reflection & video linked to the Sunday's Gospel and page of resources for families: <https://www.cpg.church/family.html>

There are also Summer Packs for children:

for school years 3-6 (7-11 year olds) at:
https://www.cpg.church/uploads/3/0/7/1/30716689/fearless_summer_activity_pack.pdf

and for school years 7-11 (11-14 year olds) at:
https://www.cpg.church/uploads/3/0/7/1/30716689/fusion_summer_activity_pack.pdf

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
Daphne McLeod	Alf Wiggins
Joanna Mills	

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>.

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.



Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

Saturday	08 Aug	6.00 pm	OLOS	Clare Moon - RIP
Sunday	09 Aug	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	09 Aug	11.00 am	HS	Cesare Vidulich - RIP
Monday	10 Aug	11.00am	OLOS	Memorial Mass for Alan Bryant RIP (family only)
Tuesday	11 Aug	9.15 am	OLOS	Celebrant's Intention
Wednesday	12 Aug	9.15 am	HS	Holy Souls - RIP
Thursday	13 Aug	9.15 am	OLOS	Vocations to the Priesthood
Friday	14 Aug	NO MASS		NO MASS TODAY
Saturday	15 Aug	NO MASS		NO MORNING (10am) MASS
Saturday	15 Aug	6.00 pm	OLOS	Mikey Connors RIP & Connors Family
Sunday	16 Aug	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	16 Aug	11.00 am	HS	Fr Stephen - Thanksgiving
HS = Holy Spirit church, Fetcham OLOS = Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham				

Confessions. For the coming two weekends, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is now available at:

Sat 5.00 - 5.30 pm – OLOS, Effingham

Next Sunday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Apocalypse 11:19, 12:1-6.10 Psalm 44:10-12, 16. R.v10 1 Corinthians 15:20-26 Luke 1:39-56



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