



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

1st Sunday of Advent

Sundays: Cycle C Weekdays: Year I 1 December 2024



This Sunday each year the Church invites us to embark on a great journey – the journey of the Liturgical Year. When we start the liturgical year, we are setting out to follow in the footsteps of Christ. In the course of the year, the whole of his life and teaching will pass before us. We will re-visit all the mysteries of his time on earth: from his expectation (that is what Advent is about), to his birth, his life, death, resurrection, ascension into heaven, and his sending of the Holy Spirit. In the course of the year, we will relive his whole story. But we have heard the story many times. Hence, there is a danger that we may see it as old and stale. We must try and see it as new and present and

alive. It's not like watching repeats on television!! The celebration of each feast brings back the event in its original clarity and vitality, never allowing it to grow cold and lifeless or fade into oblivion. Much of our world is sitting in the dark of hunger and suffering and violence and yet if we are truly God's people, we keep up the indestructible hope that truth and goodness and justice will prevail. So, even in times of danger, let us keep hoping in the future as we start this journey once again.

God bless

Deacon Ian

This Week

New Lectionary – a reminder that from this weekend the new lectionary will be used in church.

Deanery Newsletter



As we begin the process of implementing Bishop Richard's Pastoral Plan in this area, a Deanery Newsletter has been prepared which is available on the parish website and is being given out this week with our own newsletter. Fr Chris Bergin, from St Michael's, Ashted, (who the Bishop has asked to serve as Moderator of the Clergy Team when the new Parish is formed) writes: *I hope that this Deanery Newsletter, which we aim to produce termly, will be a useful way to keep everyone in our communities informed and engaged as we embrace the task the Bishop has given us: thinking creatively, working collaboratively, the better to fulfill the Mission of the Church to which each of us is called.*

Many thanks and God bless,

Fr Chris

NEW ADVENT & CHRISTMAS PUBLICATIONS

Still a few available...

Advent Extra 2024 - £3 per copy.

Advent Celebrate 2024 (for kids 7-12 yrs old).
£2.50 per copy.

She Pondered the Starlight. Delightful new children's book which tells the story of Mary's first Christmas. £5.00 per copy.

Get ready for Advent with the new online family pack from CELEBRATE trust, packed full of things to do, pray, read and watch with your families as you prepare for the Feast of the Nativity. Access it for free here www.celebratetrust.org/onlinefamilyactivitypacks

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS



Carol Service – Wed 4 Dec, Eastwick Road Church, 10.15 am refreshments followed by 11 am

Carol Service. All welcome. This carol service will be suitable for those on a dementia journey and their carers.

Advent Carol Service – Sun 8 Dec at 3.30 pm, St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth.

Traditional Advent carols, Gregorian Chant, Scripture readings and reflections led by Chilworth's Benedictine monks. For more details, click the link: <http://www.chilworthbenedictines.com>

Parish Reconciliation Services

Leatherhead (Tues 10 Dec) – 6.30 pm

Tadworth (Wed 11 Dec) – 7 pm

Epsom (Wed 11 Dec) – 7.30 pm

(Effingham with Cobham) Thurs 12 Dec, 7.30 pm at OLOS.

There will be several priests available to hear your confessions.

Christmas carols around the tree – Sun 22 Dec at 4 pm at OLOS with refreshments afterwards.



Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve

8 pm for 8.30 pm carols followed by Mass at HS

Christmas Day

9.00 am at OLOS and 10.30 am at HS

The next **Taizé Prayer** is to be held at St Lawrence's, Effingham on Sunday 1 December. The Taizé Prayer service is an ecumenical contemplative space - all are welcome.

CAFOD Christmas Hamper Raffle. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses on the weekends of 30 Nov-1/Dec and 7-8 Dec. As usual, the hamper contents will be high quality. For a chance to win, please bring cash to purchase your tickets. Draw takes place after 11 am Mass on Sunday 15th December.

Parish Phone Line. Our landline is still not working at the moment. If you need to contact the parish office, please communicate by email: effingham@abdiocese.org.uk or if urgent, contact Deacon Ian directly on his email: ian.wells@abdiocese.org.uk

Next Week

Special Collection next week: Church and Altar Flowers. The money raised will go towards the expense of adorning our churches with flowers this Christmas and during the year. To Gift Aid, regular givers please use a Yellow envelope (or one from your box), to make a one off donation, use a White envelope. Thank you.

Study Morning about St Augustine of Hippo, Sat 14 Dec at St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth. Mass at 9 am followed by video and talk from 10.30 am to 12.20 pm. Refreshments available. For tickets: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-augustines-abbey-chilworth>

General

Recent Second Collection Result

Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund - £616.26
Thank you for your generosity!

Christmas Flyers. Volunteers required for Churches Together to deliver details of Christmas church service times in the Little Bookham area. If any former Christmas Charity Post volunteers would be able to help, please let Tony Farino know. Flyers will be available from him.



Coffee Rota at Holy Spirit. Two vacancies have occurred to prepare and serve coffee after the 11 am Mass on Sundays. There is a rota and you will only be required one week in seven and there is always two people on duty. It is also a great opportunity to meet with people of the Parish. If you can help, then please either email the Parish Office or jeanmwells@hotmail.com

Horsley Choral Society - Christmas Concert - December 7th at 7.30 pm. "Prince of Peace". Handel's Messiah part I and Carols. St Andrew's Church, Cobham KT11 3EJ. Tickets: Adult £18 under 16s £5.00, in advance on 07444 722318 or on the door. Retiring collection in aid of Annabelle's Challenge <https://www.annabelleschallenge.org/>

Used Postage Stamps. Just a reminder for people to collect used stamps from their Christmas cards and post and place them in the boxes sited in both church porches to raise funds for the RNIB. The boxes are there all year for stamps with a small border around them, and your donations are gratefully received.



Snooker Table Available. A quarter-sized snooker table is looking for a good home. Currently in St Lawrence's church hall. It's in pretty good condition. The size is: length 187 cms, width 94 cms. It has its own legs. If you are interested, please contact Gill Walker: gilliamwalker@gmail.com

Please pray for all those in our Parish who are sick:	
Derek Barham	Joanna Mills
Marie Bliss	Janet Morgan
Christopher Browne	Jim Morgan
Amy Chapman	James Nicholls
John Donovan	Maureen Rennison
Mary Doran	Jean Rowlandson
Sandra Flynn	Bernard Shaw
Mary Hefford	Jenny Smith
Maddy Hewitt	Maggie Thomas
Hanna Jaszczyk	

This Week's Services and Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil	30 Nov	6.00 pm	OLOS	Holy Souls - RIP
Sunday (1 st Sunday of ADVENT)	01 Dec	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	01 Dec	11.00 am	HS	Terry Aboud - RIP
Monday	02 Dec	NO MASS		NO MASS
Tuesday	03 Dec	NO MASS	OLOS	NO MASS
Wednesday	04 Dec	NO MASS	HS	NO MASS
Thursday	05 Dec	NO MASS	OLOS	NO MASS
Friday	06 Dec	NO MASS	HS	NO MASS
Saturday Vigil	07 Dec	6.00 pm	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	08 Dec	9.00 am	OLOS	Fr John Sheehy - RIP
Sunday	08 Dec	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>

Confessions	Saturdays 5.00-5.30 pm OLOS, Effingham 1st Sunday of the month after 11.00 am Mass HS, Fetcham
Adoration	Thursdays following OLOS 9.15 am Mass to Noon, then 2-6 pm
Chaplet of the Divine Mercy	Fridays following HS Noon Mass
Children's Liturgy	1st & 3rd Sundays of the month in term time at HS, Fetcham 11.00 am

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Special Collection next week: Church and Altar Flowers (Gift Aid)

Baruch 5:1-9 | Psalm 126(125): 1-2b. 2c-3.4-5.6.R.3 | Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11 | Luke 3:1-6



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

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