



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

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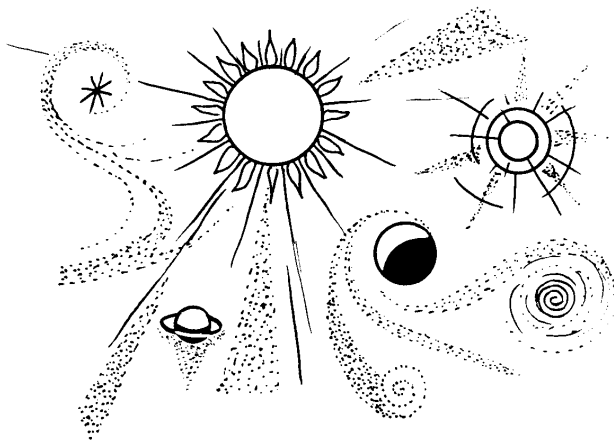
Live-stream on YouTube "Effingham and Fetcham Catholic Parish":

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

A Very Warm Welcome to Parishioners and Visitors

1st Sunday of Advent

Sundays: Cycle C Weekdays: Year II 28 November 2021



I don't know about you, but I always think there's something lovely about Advent: a sense of entering into something wonderful and filled with new hope. When I was a child, I think it was mainly looking forward to Christmas, but as we get older I think we appreciate Advent more and more for its own sake. It speaks of the nearness of the Lord to us and of our waiting and longing for Him. It reflects the reality of our prayers—quietly and confidently longing to see the Lord's face and experience His love. It reflects the reality of our hopes for the world—yearning and

thirsting for Jesus' kingdom to come in justice and peace. That longing speaks of the reality of our love for the Lord, and our need of Him. It is sometimes said that "We are an Easter people, and Alleluia (praise the Lord) is our song"—and that is perfectly true; but I think it's at least as true—and maybe even truer—to say "We are an Advent people, and Maranatha (come Lord Jesus) is our song."

As we enter again into this hope-filled season, what will we bring to the Lord? What experiences from the last twelve months will shape our Advent—what joys or sufferings, hopes, regrets and thanksgivings? What do we want or need to bring to the Lord in Reconciliation? How can we meet Him more fully in the Eucharist? Where do we hope and pray to find Him coming into our world and our hearts in 2022?

May God bless you all,

Fr Stephen

This Week

Catherine Newton's funeral is THIS Monday 29th Nov at 3.30 pm at OLOS – it is NOT a Requiem Mass.



First Holy Communion

Our new programme will be starting in January 2022. If you would like to enrol your child, please pick up a yellow form from the back of the church (or click on the link https://www.effinghamandfetcham.org.uk/uploads/4/0/8/9/40894629/fhc_applicationform_v2022.pdf to print off a copy). Please complete it and return it with your child's baptismal certificate to either Fr Stephen or Deacon Ian after Mass by **NEXT Sunday 5th December**. Thank you.

Coming Soon



Synod Discussions. In preparation for these, you may like to take a look at the diocesan Synod web page. It can be used by group participants, to have an initial look at the

discussion materials in advance of the group meetings. It can also be used by people who prefer to submit individual responses. You'll also find an introductory video from Bishop Richard and ways of finding out more information. Please just click on the link <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/synod>

Help Feed People in Need

Food donations for those needing support can be left in the box in the porch of each church, for onward distribution. Many thanks

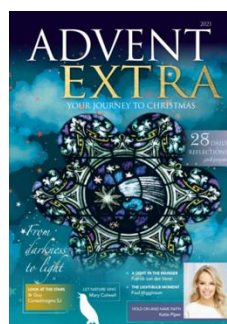
Parish Event



Christmas Carols Around the Tree.

On Sunday 12 Dec, 4pm. Festive carol singing, mince pies and mulled wine immediately after. Bring a torch!

Do think if there is anyone you can invite along, especially someone who may not have been to church recently - or at all.



Advent Extra. More copies now available.

The theme this year is 'From darkness to light' and celebrates the Light of the World, who transforms even the darkest moments, in articles and daily reflections. £2 a copy.

Please put your money in the slot marked either books or (news)papers. Thank you.

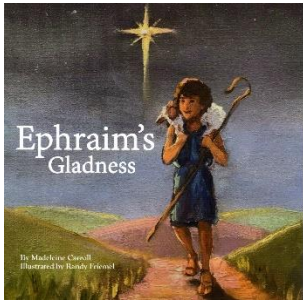
Wintershall's The Nativity Journey "is an unforgettable experience, bringing the true meaning of Christmas to life for the whole family". Runs from 16th Dec. For more information or to book tickets www.wintershall.org.uk or call 01483 892167.

Advent Resource – **Come Lord Jesus, Come!**

Introducing the CELEBRATE@home Advent resource. Ideas range from ways to mark Advent with a virtual Family Advent calendar, Advent Family Box and Advent Challenge for Catholic Marriages, to ways to use your Nativity set and manger, to books, music and films to share with your family. Just follow this link <https://www.celebratetrust.org/celebrateathome>

"My Funeral Mass Instructions". More copies now available.

A great way to make it easier for your relatives when the time comes. Copies of this leaflet are available at the back of the church, priced £1 each. Please put your money in the slot marked (news)papers. Thank you.



Ephraim's Gladness.

Written by one of our parishioners, Madeleine Carroll, this illustrated book is a twist on the parable of The Good Shepherd and the Nativity story. Journey

with Ephraim the Shepherd who loses and then finds one of his sheep, whilst also discovering the most wonderful Treasure. Copies are available at the back of the church, £5 per copy. Please put your money in the slot marked books. Thank you.

Horsley Choral Society. Their forthcoming concert with Puccini's Gloria and carols is on Saturday 11th December, 7.30pm at St Andrew's Church in Cobham. For tickets, either phone the ticket office on 07444 722318 or see Gill Walker who will have some. Tickets are £15 (adults) or £6 (under 18s).

Parish Diaries 2022. There are a number of diaries available at the back of each church. If you would like to give a donation, please just place your money in the slot for books or papers. Many thanks.

The Passage, a Catholic charity working with homeless people, is raising funds through the Big Give a matched giving scheme. Every £1 donated online between 12.00 noon on Tuesday 30 November and 12.00 noon on Tuesday 7 December makes £2 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer and Gift Aid your donation. At a time when The Passage's finances are stretched and they are helping more homeless people, please consider supporting this charity through the link <https://bit.ly/PassageBG2021>

Taizé Prayer at St Lawrence Effingham NEXT Sun 5 Dec at 6pm. You are warmly invited to this reflective, quiet, contemplative service of Bible readings, prayer and praise in the style of the Taizé Community. For further details,

please contact Helen Overell
helen@bayleaf.org.uk

Recent Second Collections. The following amounts were raised:
The Retired Priests' Fund £779.72
Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund £521.76
 Thank you for your generosity.

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

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



This Week's Masses and Intentions

1st Sunday of Advent

Saturday Vigil	27 Nov	6.00 pm	OLOS	Joe Hughes - RIP
Sunday	28 Nov	9.00 am	OLOS	Michael Donovan - RIP
Sunday	28 Nov	11.00 am	HS	People of the Parish
Monday	29 Nov	Noon	HS	Donal & Carmel O'Driscoll - Wellbeing
Tuesday	30 Nov	9.15 am	OLOS	Celebrant's Intention
Wednesday	01 Dec	9.15 am	HS	Holy Souls - RIP
Thursday	02 Dec	9.15 am	OLOS	Vocations to the Priesthood
Friday	03 Dec	6.00 pm	HS	Holy Souls - RIP
Saturday	04 Dec	10.00 am	OLOS	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday Vigil	04 Dec	6.00 pm	OLOS	Terry & Bill McManus - RIP
Sunday	05 Dec	9.00 am	OLOS	Kingsley Wenaden - RIP
Sunday	05 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>

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

Confessions

Saturdays

11.00-11.45 am HS, Fetcham
5.00-5.30 pm OLOS, Effingham

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5:1-9 | Psalm 125. R.v3 | Philippians 1:4-6. 8-11 | Luke 3:1-6

Masses over the Christmas Period



Friday	Christmas Eve	24 Dec	6.00 pm	OLOS
			9.00 pm	HS
Saturday	Christmas Day	25 Dec	9.00 am	OLOS
			10.30 am	HS
Sunday	Boxing Day (Feast of The Holy Family)	26 Dec	9.00 am	OLOS
			11.00 am	HS

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

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