



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



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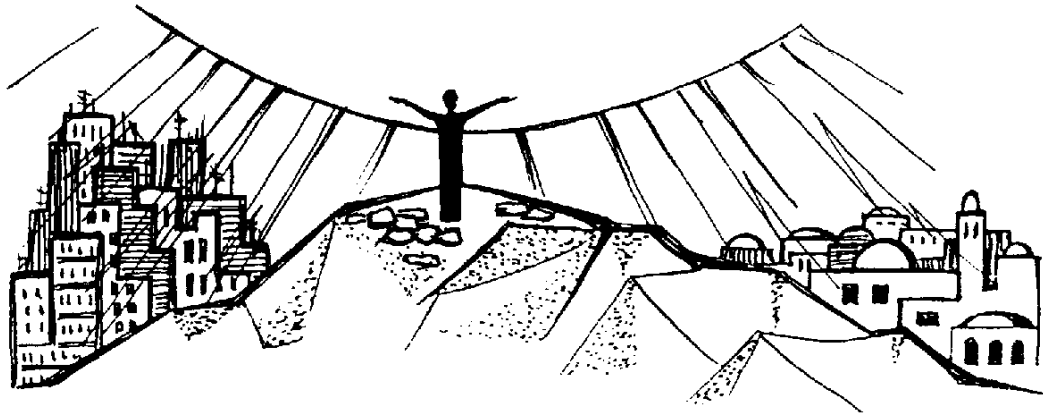
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A Warm Welcome to all Parishioners and Visitors

1st Sunday of Lent

Sundays: Cycle C Weekdays: Year I 10 March 2019



Today in the Gospel we read about the temptation of Jesus. But how can Jesus be tempted if He is really God?—and He is. Can God ever commit sin? No. God is pure and infinite goodness; He could never sin. So Jesus could not sin.

But temptation is not the same thing as sin, and it's important that we don't muddle the two up. Sin is when we deliberately choose what is evil—in our actions, words, or even thoughts. Sin is also when we deliberately choose *not* to do something good that we ought to do. Temptation is when we feel an urge or a prompting to commit a sin, and we have to work hard to resist the urge. But, however hard the struggle is, if we don't give in, we haven't done anything wrong or displeasing to God. We should not feel guilty about our temptations. We don't have to confess our temptations, only our sins. Our temptations don't need to be forgiven!

However, it can be useful to discuss our temptations with a spiritual director. We can get some good advice, and talking about them can help to cut them down to size. We might even be able to laugh at them a bit. The devil hates being laughed at—it means we have seen through his cunning tricks!

In six weeks' time at Easter we will renew our Baptismal promises, which start, "Do you reject Satan? And all his works? And all his empty show?" And we will all reply, "I do, I do, I do." But let's not wait till Easter. Let's fight against temptation today—starting right now. With Jesus as our Master and our Champion we can win the victory.

May God bless you all

Fr Stephen

LENT



Lent Study and Discussion Evenings:

We will be running four Sessions from Bishop Robert Barron's highly

acclaimed video series, **Catholicism**. The evenings will include refreshments and plenty of time for discussion and questions as well as informal social interaction with the parish community. **They will be taking place on Monday evenings from THIS Monday 11 March to 1 April at 7.30-9pm in St Alphege Hall.** All are welcome, do bring a friend and just turn up. To get a rough idea of numbers, it would be helpful if you sign the sheet at the back of the church, or let Michael Bray know michaelpbray@btinternet.com We are also looking for volunteers to help organise the tea and coffee at each session and bring along snacks to share please.

Stations of the Cross: On Fridays at 8pm at Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham and on Mondays from 11 March at 11.30am at Church of the Holy Spirit, Fetcham.

Masses during Lent: There is an additional **Saturday** morning Mass at 10.00am, Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham and **Monday** Mass at Holy Spirit changes from 9.15am to **Noon** from THIS Monday (11 March).

Lent Reconciliation Services around our Deanery

- St Joseph's, Epsom Thur 21 March 7.30pm
- **Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham Sun 7 April 3.00pm**
- St Michael's, Ashted Mon 8 April 7.30pm
- St Ann's Banstead Wed 10 April 7.30pm
- St Clement's, Ewell Thur 11 April 7.30pm
- St Joseph's, Dorking Sun 14 April 3.00pm
- Our Lady & St Peter, Leatherhead (TBC)

THIS WEEK

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Ann O'Hehir RIP** and **Martin Carty RIP** who died recently and remember their families at this time too.

There is a Requiem Mass for Michael Tomkins RIP on Monday 11 March at 2pm at Our Lady of Sorrows followed by a burial in the cemetery.

The Effingham & Fetcham Grandparents' Group: have become prayer partners to this year's First Holy Communion children. We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide them on their journey to receive Jesus for the first time. Our next Grandparents' meeting is on **Wednesday 13 March at 2.30pm**. We will meet in Our Lady of Sorrows Church for a short Lenten prayer service with Stations of The Cross written by one of our Grandparents. We will then move to the Hall for our social time with tea and biscuits (no cake!). All parishioners welcome.

CAFOD Lenten Fast Day: On **Friday 15 March** our parish will hold its Family Fast Day which is a day when we enjoy a simple meal and donate the money saved to charity. The funds raised by the parish will help CAFOD – the Catholic development charity – to reach more people around the world. The money will go to teaching people new farming skills, providing hardy seeds which will grow despite droughts. As well as teaching communities new skills like mechanics and tailoring to ensure that if unpredictable weather hits they are able to survive. We will be making the appeal for funds at all Masses over the weekend of 9 and 10 March and **taking the collection after each Mass on 16 and 17 March**. There is a short film (on YouTube) which covers the theme of the talk and you can view it on the CAFOD website under the Lent Appeal. Here are a couple of links:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-CAFOD/Lent> .
<https://projects.cafod.org.uk/bangladesh/>

THIS MONTH

The funeral of Ann O'Hehir RIP is on Wednesday 20 March at 2.30pm at Holy Spirit, Fetcham followed by a cremation at Randalls Park, Leatherhead.



New Choir Members

Needed: The choir at Our Lady of Sorrows would like a few more members. If you have a reasonable singing

voice, you would be very welcome to join us. It is not essential that you can read music provided you have a 'good ear'. We sing at the 9am Sunday Mass approximately once per month and practice at 9am the preceding Friday and 8.30am on the Sunday. If you are interested, please contact Keith Walker on 01372 457987.

The Legion of Mary: meets weekly for about an hour in The Meeting Room in St. Alphege Hall and is looking for new members, both men and women. Our friendly meetings are prayerful, including the Rosary, and our work in the parish is mainly, but not exclusively, visiting (ideally in pairs) those we think would benefit. For more information please ring Marian 01372 801092 or Eugene 01372 459298 or look for Legion of Mary on the parish website. *If you know of anyone you think might benefit from a visit, please contact the Parish Office.*



Churches Together in Horsley and Ockham are holding an ecumenical LENT course, based on the film 'BROKEN'

(about a Catholic Priest facing today's social dilemmas among his congregation) for five weeks starting on **4 March**. The same sessions will be shown on Mondays at 2.30pm or Thursday evenings at 7.30pm. All are welcome. For further details, see notice in porch or ask Stephanie Henderson (01483 283844).



Praying Through Lent with St Ignatius Loyola: Sacred Heart Church, Cobham are running a series of workshops during Lent, starting on **Wednesday 13 March** (the day varies each week) until Tuesday 9 April. They

will take place between 7.30-8.30pm each time and are in the St Francis Room in the Parish Centre, Downside Bridge Road, Cobham KT11 3EP. For more details see the poster in the porch. Please book with their parish office on 01932 860244 or pp@shpcobham.com

FORTHCOMING

Wintershall Estate's The Passion of Jesus: Free performances on Good Friday (**19 April**) 12 Noon and 3.15pm at Trafalgar Square (with live streaming on their website if you cannot be there) or Easter Saturday (**20 April**) 12 Noon and 2.30pm on Guildford High Street. For more details see www.wintershall.org.uk



Prayer and Discussion Day: on **Saturday 11 May**. The Advent Sessions on 'the Kingdom of God and New Evangelisation' led

by Fr Stephen attracted some 75 parishioners and stimulated many thoughts and ideas. Additionally, the Bishop's plan for the Diocese 'the Word who is Life' is pointing us parishioners to move from maintenance to mission. We are organising a day on **Saturday 11 May** at Our Lady of Sorrows of prayer, blue skies thinking and discussion for all parishioners to come together and bring their prayers and minds onto how we can together give a boost to our spiritual lives and open our doors to all. Why not come along, join with friends and help each other as we embark on an exciting journey. More details will emerge but for now **SAVE THE DATE** and do come along.

Please pray for those in our Parish who are sick:

Marie Bliss	Jim Morgan
Christopher Brown	Maureen Power
Alan Bryant	Elsie Regnault
Jeff Care	Maureen Rennison
Amy Chapman	Patrick Rennison
Maggi Cooke	Piers Ripley-Duggan
Marian Cross	Allison Roberts
Maureen Donoghue	Jean Rowlandson
John Donovan	Yolande Sharpe
Joan Doran	Karen Silver
Mary Doran	Mary Skilton
Philippa Gibbons	Andrew Smith
Ros Kennedy	Eileen Tennant
Derek Knott	Michael Turton
Tessa Knott	Andrea Vaughan
Filomena Lionetti	Rose Wedlake
Phyllis McCarthy	Clive Wickes
Joanna Mills	Alf Wiggins
Janet Morgan	

MASS TIMES

Saturday	09 Mar	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Mary Estall - RIP
Sunday	10 Mar	09.00am	(OLOS)	People of the Parish
		11.00am	(HS)	Jean Wood – Private Intention
Monday	11 Mar	Noon*	(HS)	Holy Souls - RIP
		02.00pm*	(OLOS)	Requiem Mass for Michael Tomkins RIP
Tuesday	12 Mar	09.15am	(OLOS)	Phyllis McCarthy - Wellbeing
Wednesday	13 Mar	09.15am	(OLOS)	Maise & Gerry Reilly - RIP
Thursday	14 Mar	09.15am	(OLOS)	Holy Souls - RIP
Friday	15 Mar	06.00pm	(HS)	Holy Souls - RIP
Saturday	16 Mar	10.00am*	(OLOS)	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday	16 Mar	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Rita & Pat Covey - RIP
Sunday	17 Mar	09.00am	(OLOS)	People of the Parish
		11.00am	(HS)	John Kennedy - RIP

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday	12 Mar	09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)
Thursday	14 Mar	09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)
		02.00pm to 05.00pm	(OLOS)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday	16 Mar	10.30am to 11.15am	(OLOS)	Face to Face
		05.00pm to 05.30pm	(OLOS)	In the Confessional
Sunday		After 11.00am Mass	(HS)	1 st Sunday of every month

MONTHLY ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

Monday		09.45am	(HS)	1 st Monday of the month (NOT IN APRIL)
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HS = Church of the Holy Spirit, Fetcham OLOS = Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Special Collection next week: CAFOD Lenten Fast Day (special envelopes)

Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18 Psalm 26:1. 7-9. 13-14.R.v1 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 9:28-36



Newsletter items to the Parish office by 10.00am Wednesday