



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



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A Warm Welcome to all Parishioners and Visitors

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Special Collection this week: The Catholic Education Service (not Gift Aid)

Sundays: Cycle C Weekdays: Year I 08 September 2019



“If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother...he cannot be my disciple.” If this saying of Jesus in today’s Gospel isn’t enough to convince you that biblical literalism is intrinsically silly, nothing will! Jesus clearly said it, and He clearly didn’t mean it—not *literally*. The same Jesus condemned the Pharisees for nullifying the commandment, “Honour your father and mother,” by declaring benefits due to them as *corban*, i.e. dedicated to God (see Mark 7:9-13).

On the other hand, even if Jesus doesn’t mean it *literally*, He does mean it. Our love of Jesus must take absolute first priority in our lives. Nothing else even comes close—not our most cherished family and friends; certainly not our possessions; not even ourselves or our own lives. We have to take up our cross to be Jesus’ disciples. So just who does He think He is?

And surely that’s the whole point. Jesus is being deliberately provocative today to wake us out of our comfortable complacency. Jesus isn’t a nice man with some lovely, inspiring things to say. He’s God. And if He’s God, He deserves all our love and faith and worship. All true love flows from Him. So only when we give ourselves totally to Him can we really, authentically and selflessly love our fathers and mothers, and all God’s people.

May God bless you all

Fr Stephen

THIS WEEK

Changes to Monday Mass and Rosary: this **Monday (9 September)** the Rosary will be at a new time of 11.30am - immediately preceding the Mass at its new time of 12 noon. *The Rosary will revert to the usual 1st Monday of the month - but at its new time - from October onwards.*

Eucharistic Adoration: on **Tuesday 10 September** Adoration finishes early at 11.00am instead of the usual 12 noon.

Change to Mass Time and Confessions: on **Saturday 14 September**, morning Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows will be at the earlier time of 9.15am, with confessions afterwards from 9.45-10.30am to accommodate the opening of the church for National Heritage Open Day.

New Parishioners' Lunch: Don't forget this wonderful opportunity for new parishioners and those who have been in the Parish for a while to get together at 12.30pm **THIS Sunday 8 September** at St Alphege Hall. Those parishioners who do so much organising events, groups and activities are especially welcome.

Parish Key Audit: There are many people who hold keys to various doors and buildings in the Parish. Over the years the number has grown considerably, and it is time to carry out an audit of who has which key and for what purpose. At the back of both churches there are sheets of paper and, **if you have a key, please fill in the form and return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible preferably by the end of September 2019.** Once we have a complete list, the locks on all doors are likely to be changed so please ensure we have a record of what keys you have! Thank you.

National Heritage Open Day: Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham has been asked to open on **Saturday 14 September** between 10am and 4pm as part of this national event. We need volunteers to man the church during this period. If you are willing to give an hour of your time, please contact Michael Bray on michaelpbray@btinternet.com

New Counters Required: We are looking for more counters to boost the collection counting team. Two from the team count the collection on Monday morning (Tuesday if there is a Bank Holiday). New counters will be paired with an experienced counter so they will be able to learn the system. The counting time varies from 45 minutes to 1.5 hours, depending on the size and number of collections. If you are interested in joining the team or would like to know more, please contact Chris Tailby chris@tailby.net.

Grandparents' Group: We will resume our meetings after the Summer break on the second Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting will be **THIS Wednesday 11 September** in St Alphege Hall from 2.30pm until 4pm. We will be showing a short excerpt from the CAFE film about the Island of Patmos and the life of St. John. Homemade cakes very welcome. In addition, *I plan to take a group to the Diocesan Grandparents' Day (see below) which promises to be a very thought provoking and interesting day.* I will take names at our meeting in order that I can book places and arrange car sharing. If you cannot make the meeting and want to attend, then please contact me on 01372 456347. Jean

Grandparents Diocesan Formation Day: to be held on **Monday 23 September** at St John the Evangelist, Horsham, RH12 2PJ. Our guest speaker is Elizabeth O'Shea, a parenting expert, who will help us to explore strategies to help our grandchildren cope with the pressures they live under today. Begins with parish Mass at 10 am and will finish by 4 pm. Come and meet and share with other Grandparents. Honorary Grandparents welcome! Packed lunch needed. Drinks provided.

Diocesan Mass for Altar Servers on Saturday 14 September at 12 noon, with Bishop Richard presiding at Arundel Cathedral. For all who have served and all who are currently serving. Please bring cassock/cotta or alb. Light refreshments will follow (bring a packed lunch if you wish).

THIS MONTH

Run Reigate Half Marathon: Tessa Wayne will be running the *Run Reigate* half marathon on **Sunday 15 September**. Tessa has asked for

our prayers and support and if you would like to donate go to her Justgiving page - <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/tessawaynehalfmarathon>

Climate Change and Sustainable Living: In support of CAFOD's campaign against climate change and the adverse effects it has on their work to fight poverty, the 6.00pm Mass on **Saturday 21 September** at OLOS will be a **Creation Celebration Mass**. This will be followed by a simple fork supper from 7.00-7.45pm in St Alphege Hall and at 8.00pm talks by Prof Richard Murphy of the Centre for Environment and Sustainability at the University of Surrey and by Sophie Aulton who is a CAFOD Climate Champion. This is not a fundraising event and there is no charge for the supper. We need to know numbers for catering purposes so if you would like to attend please put your name and contact details on the list at the back of the church. If you can help with the catering, please contact Moira on 01483 280021 or moira@tailby.net who has a list of the simple salads required.

Churches Together Ecumenical Service: There is a Churches Together in Effingham and Little Bookham Service led by Fr Stephen on **Sunday 22 September at 4pm**, Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Effingham. A chance to join together with our fellow Christians in a service of hymns and prayer. To be followed by tea and cakes in St Alphege Hall afterwards.

Dialogue and Unity Day 2019, Catholicism and Islam: Encounter and Engagement: on **Saturday 28 September 10-4pm** at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley. Bring a packed lunch. We will be exploring the Churches teaching and examples of the teaching being lived out, how the teaching is delivered in our Catholic Schools. Come along and find out about Interfaith groups around Surrey and Sussex and explore this rich area of our Churches teaching which is so important to understand today. Help us to use our resources well and to welcome you in the best way we can by booking at www.abdiocese.org.uk. Thank you.

FORTHCOMING



Parish Quiz Night:

We have not had one for the last couple of years, but we have been asked to start it up again and really hope that

you will all support this great evening. It takes place on **Saturday 19 October**. The cost is £10 each and starts at 6.45pm in St Alphege Hall, Effingham. We will have time at the beginning to socialise and enjoy the fish and chip supper to be served at 7.30pm. We will have a raffle, table quiz and heads and tails. Please bring your own drinks, nibbles, cutlery, glasses and plates. The quiz will start around 8.15pm and finish at 10.15pm with a worthy winning table each winning a bottle of wine. We would like 10 tables with a minimum of eight. Each table needs a name, so please talk to friends to make up the table teams. If you are on your own, we can make up other tables or add more people to existing tables. We will have people taking names at the three weekly Masses, or you can phone Joanne Matthews on 01372 378480 or Donna Evans on 01372 373241 if you have any queries. Looking forward to having a great Parish evening and making money for charity.

Please pray for those in our Parish who are sick:

Marie Bliss	Jim Morgan
Christopher Brown	Jane Neville
Alan Bryant	Maureen Power
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
Mary Doran	Grace Sheridan
Ros Kennedy	Karen Silver
Joanna Kettle	Mary Skilton
Derek Knott	Andrew Smith
Tessa Knott	Eileen Tennant
Noreen Landers	Simon Turton
Filomena Lionetti	Andrea Vaughan
Joanna Mills	Rose Wedlake
Janet Morgan	Alf Wiggins

MASS TIMES

Saturday	07 Sept	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Holy Souls - RIP
Sunday	08 Sept	09.00am	(OLOS)	People of the Parish
		11.00am	(HS)	Kathy Baxter - RIP
Monday	09 Sept	Noon*	(HS)	Tessa Wayne - Thanksgiving
Tuesday	10 Sept	09.15am	(OLOS)	Mgr Bryan Chestle - RIP
Wednesday	11 Sept	09.15am	(HS)	Paul Wells - Thanksgiving
Thursday	12 Sept	09.15am	(OLOS)	Keith Farmery - RIP
Friday	13 Sept	06.00pm	(HS)	Holy Souls - RIP
Saturday	14 Sept	09.15am*	(OLOS)	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday	14 Sept	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Christopher Cutler - RIP
Sunday	15 Sept	09.00am	(OLOS)	General Thanksgiving
		11.00am	(HS)	People of the Parish

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday	10 Sept*	09.45am to 11.00am*	(OLOS)	Adoration finishes at 11.00am today
Thursday	12 Sept	09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)	
		02.00pm to 05.00pm	(OLOS)	

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday	14 Sept*	09.45am to 10.30am*	(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 Sept*	11.30am*	(HS)	2nd Monday of the month (in Sept only)
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HS = Church of the Holy Spirit, Fetcham OLOS = Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham

Next Sunday

(at Holy Spirit) 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 32:7-11. 13-14 Psalm 50:3-4.12-13.17. 19. R. Lk 15:18 1Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-32

(at Effingham) Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows

Gen 3:9-15. 20 Psalm 30:2-6. 15-16. 20. R.17 Heb 5:7-9 Luke 19:25-27

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Newsletter items to the Parish office by 10.00am Wednesday