



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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays: Cycle A Weekdays: Year II 06 September 2020



Sometimes we have to look hard to find the good news in a passage of Scripture—like today's first reading. "If I say to the wicked man: 'Wicked wretch, you are to die', and you do not warn him to renounce his ways, he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible." Where's the good news in that?

Well, it's the fact that God *didn't* say, "If I say to the wicked man, 'You are to die', then serve him right.

Let him rot!" He said: You must warn him; you must still care for him; you must help him to see that the way he is behaving is actually hurting himself. And Jesus, speaking in the same vein in the Gospel, says "If he listens to you, you have won back your brother." So even when people do things wrong, they don't stop being our brothers and sisters. We should still care for them deeply—precisely as Jesus does for all of us.

Christ's attitude towards us sinners is not to condemn, but to reach out to them in love and compassion, and call them to conversion. When we do something wrong—whatever it is—we are not rubbish. Jesus never writes us off or hates us. We are still His beloved brother or sister; someone He cares about deeply; someone He longs to forgive; someone He is willing to lay down His life for on the Cross. And that's pretty good news!

May God bless you all,
Father Stephen

This Week

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Frances Cox RIP** who died recently and remember her family at this time too.

Confirmation Programme Enrolment

The Confirmation Programme will be launched after the half term holiday. Now is your chance to enrol! Students in Years 9 and above who have not yet been confirmed will be welcomed onto the programme – a series of Sunday evening sessions (between 5.00-7.00pm) and a few weekend activities which prepare candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is a great opportunity to make new friends in a relaxed atmosphere and learn more about our Faith.

To enrol, please collect a red form from the back of the church and return it to Father Stephen or Deacon Ian with a copy of your Baptismal certificate.

Becoming a Catholic

Do you know anyone who might be thinking about **becoming a Catholic**—maybe a family member or a friend—maybe even you yourself? Why not invite them to have an initial conversation with me, just to explore the ideas a little. They don't need to be sure it's what they want to do, and there's absolutely no pressure. But for those who want, we will run a course starting in October and continuing over a number of months. It will cover the basics of the Catholic faith and life, and prepare those who feel it's right for them to be received into the Catholic Church. The first step is only a phone call away!

God Bless, *Fr Stephen*

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.

- **Face coverings** are now 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.
- We continue to **live-stream** Mass from OLOS. Go to our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLGeHumF6yae4QGCSVg0UA>
- **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

Confessions

We have now returned to having scheduled times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. These are at the following times and places:

Sat 11.00 - 11.45 am – HS, Fetcham
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

Church Cleaning. Since our two churches have been open for Mass our wonderful group of volunteer stewards have been doing a great job of cleaning and sanitising those areas used and this will continue for the foreseeable future. However, as we gradually return to the new normal, our two churches are being used more and more and we have started to return to the weekly cleaning of both churches. There are a wonderful number of you who have always been on the Rota at both Our Lady of Sorrows and Church of the Holy Spirit churches (COHS is slightly light on numbers). We are looking for more volunteers for this important task (men you are also welcome to volunteer please). If you would like to continue your cleaning role or would like to volunteer to join the list please let the Parish Office know (eandfparish@btinternet.com or 01372 458263) and somebody will get in touch with you.

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.



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

Marie Bliss	Joanna Mills
Michael Boulvard	Janet Morgan
Pauline Boulvard	Jim Morgan
Christopher Browne	Maureen Rennison
Jeff Care	Patrick Rennison
Amy Chapman	Piers Ripley-Duggan
Maggi Cooke	Jean Rowlandson
Marian Cross	Yolande Sharpe
Dorothy Dinan	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

Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

Saturday	05 Sept	6.00 pm	OLOS	Margaret Cawse - RIP
Sunday	06 Sept	9.00 am	OLOS	Holy Souls - RIP
Sunday	06 Sept	11.00 am	HS	People of the Parish
Monday	07 Sept	12 noon	HS	Nick Tsangari- Wellbeing
Tuesday	08 Sept	9.15 am	OLOS	Frances Cox - RIP
Wednesday	09 Sept	9.15 am	HS	Canon John McNamara - RIP
Thursday	10 Sept	9.15 am	OLOS	Vocations to the Priesthood
Friday	11 Sept	6.00 pm	HS	Fr Charles Briggs - RIP
Saturday	12 Sept	10.00 am	OLOS	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday	12 Sept	6.00 pm	OLOS	Holy Souls - RIP
Sunday	13 Sept	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	13 Sept	11.00 am	HS	Philip Aboud & Family - Wellbeing
HS = Holy Spirit church, Fetcham OLOS = Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham				

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Next Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7 Psalm 102:1-4,9-12 R.v8 Romans 14:7-9 Matthew 18:21-35



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