



**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*

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sundays: Cycle B    Weekdays: Year II    8 Sept 2024

**Ephphatha! Be Opened!**



Ephphatha! Savour the word. Savour it because it's almost certainly the actual word Jesus said. It's a true Aramaic word and it has survived intact through into Greek, then Latin, then English versions of St Mark's Gospel. It is truly 'our Master's voice'.

And what a word, what a command it is. We are called to be open, receptive and free. And even this is the gift of our Master who gets very close to us. Too close, perhaps?

Jesus heals the man in today's Gospel by putting his fingers in the man's ears and touching his tongue with spittle. The intimacy of the act is startling. Will we 'be opened' and let the Master get this close to us?

Prayers for us all

*Fr Charles*

## ***This Week***

### **Changes to Mass this Week**

Mon 9 Sept - HS - 9.15 am  
Tues 10 Sept - OLOS - 9.15 am  
Wed 11 – Fri 13 Sept NO MASS

The weekend Masses are as usual

**Adoration this Week.** Adoration will start at the slightly later time of 11 am until Noon. Then from 2-6 pm. Please note, Adoration will now always finish at 6 pm (rather than 7 pm). *If any new people would like to join the rota, please let Michael Agius or the Parish Office know.*

### **Sacrament Programmes**

**First Holy Communion and Reconciliation 2025.** If you would like to enrol your child for the First Holy Communion programme starting in January 2025, please take a YELLOW form from the back of the church. Children should be in school year 3 or above. Please complete it and return it with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate to the parish office or to Fr Charles or Deacon Ian as soon as possible.



### **Confirmation**

If you would like to be Confirmed in Eastertide next year, please pick up a RED form from the back of the church. All ages school Yr 10 and upwards. Please complete and return it with a copy of your baptismal certificate to the parish office or Fr Charles or Deacon Ian as soon as possible.

### **Adult Baptism or Reception into the Church**

If you, or someone you know might be interested in becoming a Catholic at Easter next year, please contact the parish office or speak to Fr Charles or Deacon Ian as soon as possible.

### **Ministry of Reader**

We invite expressions of interest in becoming a reader at Mass. It's more than just standing up and speaking clearly. It is a ministry of proclamation and an opportunity to deepen one's love of Holy Scripture. Formation will be given. Please contact the parish office or speak to Fr Charles or Deacon Ian.

## ***Next Week***

### **Our Lady of Sorrows: Patronal Solemnity at Effingham**

The feast or memorial day of a church is a day of special celebration. So special in fact that if it falls on an ordinary Sunday it takes precedence *but only in the dedicated church*. Consequently, next weekend the Masses at OLOS will not be of the Sunday, but of Our Lady. Readers will be contacted during the week with the readings. Mass at Fetcham will be of the normal 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday, but will include references to Our Lady in preaching and music choices. And then we will continue the celebrations with Hog Roast and Parish Picnic at OLOS.

## ***Parish Day (Hog Roast and Picnic)***

NEXT Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September, we have the Patronal Solemnity of Our Lady of Sorrows and we will be holding our annual parish picnic including a hog roast, for the first time since 2019. Starting from 12.30 pm at Our Lady of Sorrows Gardens, Effingham.

*Please bring your own:*

Drinks    Cutlery  
Glassware/beakers                          Plates/bowls  
If possible, a salad or pudding to share  
Raffle prize

Church car park is priority use for those with limited mobility. Able-bodied persons please park off-site and walk in.

**Special Collection next week: Mission Sunday for England & Wales (NOT gift aid).**



On this day, the Catholic community in England and Wales celebrates the beauty of our

faith and our commitment to witnessing the fullness of life in Christ. Evangelisation is an essential work of the Church. At all levels, and through every avenue we can use, we are called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our neighbours and within our local communities. The Home Mission Office helps the local Church to share the joy of the Gospel authentically, creatively and with tenderness.

**Coffee after Mass at OLOS and HS.** Just a reminder that refreshments will be available after the 9 am and 11 am Mass on Sundays. Stay and have a coffee, tea or squash and a catch up with old friends and make new ones!

**General**



**Piers Ripley-Duggan's** ashes were interred in Lourdes, a place that was always special to him. Imogen and Adrienne will be walking the MS walk on 14 September in memory of him. If anyone would like to sponsor us, then here is

the link: [www.justgiving.com/page/imogen-lock-1717922855584](http://www.justgiving.com/page/imogen-lock-1717922855584)

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the soul of **Arthur Parker RIP** who died recently, and for the comfort and consolation of his wife Brenda.

**Marriage Anniversaries Mass – Saturday 12 October 11.30 am at Arundel Cathedral**

Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass followed by a drinks reception. Please join us for a wonderful opportunity to renew your wedding vows and revel in the joy that marriage can bring. Family and friends are very welcome. To book your place please use the attached link [Marriage Anniversaries Mass \(12-Oct-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)



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	07 Sept	6.00 pm	OLOS	Russell Tailby - RIP
Sunday	08 Sept	9.00 am	OLOS	Arthur Parker - RIP
Sunday	08 Sept	11.00 am	HS	People of the Parish
Monday	09 Sept	9.15 am	HS	Robin Monk - RIP
Tuesday	10 Sept	9.15 am	OLOS	Celebrant's Intention
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11 Sept</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>HS</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12 Sept</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>OLOS</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>13 Sept</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>HS</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
Saturday Vigil	14 Sept	6.00 pm	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	15 Sept	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	15 Sept	11.00 am	HS	Terry Aboud - RIP

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>

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

### Next Sunday: 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Special Collection next week: Mission Sunday for England & Wales (NOT Gift Aid)

Isaiah 50:5-9 | Psalm 114:1-6,8-9. R.v9 | James 2:14-18 | Mark 8:27-35



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

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