



**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*

## **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sundays: Cycle A    Weekdays: Year II    20 September 2020



What's your reaction to the parable of the workers in the vineyard? Do you feel it as a rebuke or an encouragement, as chastening or consoling? It all depends on who you identify with—and at which point in the parable.

If we're workers at the beginning of the day, it should feel like a privilege to be chosen by the landowner (i.e.

God) to work all day long (all our life long) in His vineyard. But at the end of the day we may be feeling tired and grumpy, forgetting whose work we have been chosen for. Then we can give in to negative temptations like grumbling and envy; so a salutary challenge from the Lord is precious, even if painful—a holy jolt to make us remember what really matters.

If we're still waiting to be hired at the eleventh hour, maybe we feel we have rather wasted our life. Maybe there's something in the landowner's rebuke, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" Then it's wonderful just a moment later to hear the Lord say, "You go into my vineyard too." It's never too late to start, and the Lord despises no one ... and there's an amazing reward just around the corner!

May God bless you all,  
*Father Stephen*

## ***This Week***

**St Mary's Fetcham Prayer Weekend.** Our fellow Christians at St Mary's Fetcham have organised a Prayer Weekend with activities for all the family from next Friday 25th to Sunday 27th September. There are posters and postcards at the back of our churches with all the details.

On **Sunday 27 September** there is a **prayer walk** starting at 3.00 pm at the Memorial Garden, just outside the church, in Fetcham. Please contact Annette Turner on 01372 360867 for further details and if you would like to be part of the walk.

**Diocesan Dialogue and Unity Event 2020:** "A New Normal for Christian Unity". Saturday 26 Sept 2020 10.45am–1.00pm. What can we learn during the pandemic? What vision should we aspire to as Christians and people of faith moving forward together?

Prayer, Speakers, Small groups. Email Catherine to register and receive the Zoom link [catherine.martindale@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:catherine.martindale@abdiocese.org.uk). All welcome, invite your friends from other churches.

### ***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 and 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

### ***CAFOD – Family Fast Day – Fri 9 Oct***

**To Give** you can:

- (1) Use the special CAFOD envelopes on weekend of 10/11<sup>th</sup> October (please Gift Aid your donation if you can).
- (2) Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10.
- (3) Donate via the website [cafod.org.uk/give](https://cafod.org.uk/give). Thank you.

**Friday 9 October** - there will be a live-streamed Mass, details to follow. There will also be a live-streamed talk at 11.00am about how Coronavirus is affecting some of the most disadvantaged communities around the world and how CAFOD and the Catholic Church is responding to the crisis. To join this webinar you need to register. There is a link on the CAFOD website, or go straight to <https://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/harvest>

**Saturday 10 October** - for those who enjoy a quiz, there is a 'Harvest Like No Other' quiz at 7.00pm. Here again, you need to register via the link on the CAFOD website. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cafods-harvest-like-no-other-quiz-tickets-120214014353>.

**Special Collection next week: Education of Future Priests**

With the need to pray for priestly vocations, there is also the necessity of providing for the training of priests at home and abroad to serve the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton. This is a Diocesan collection and eligible for Gift Aid. Please use a purple Gift Aid envelope if you make your parish donations by Standing Order.

**Telephone Support for the Bereaved**

If you have been recently bereaved and you would like to talk to someone, we have members of our bereavement team who are able to offer you the time and space to reflect on your loss. In the current circumstances face to face visiting may prove difficult, however, until that becomes easier, we can chat on the phone. If you would like to contact someone then please contact the parish office at [eandfparish@btinternet.com](mailto:eandfparish@btinternet.com) or on 01372 458263 and this can be arranged for you.

**Confessions.** For next week ONLY (**Saturday 26 September**) the morning and afternoon confessions will both be at Our Lady of Sorrows.

Sat 11.00 - 11.45 am - **OLOS**, Effingham

Sat 5.00 - 5.30 pm – **OLOS**, Effingham

Please wait outside the church (or in the porch if it's raining) and come one by one into the church for Confession itself. That way we can stay socially distanced but no one will overhear your confession.

**General**

**Church Cleaning.** We are looking for a few more volunteers for this essential work (both ladies and gentlemen are very welcome). The rota is compiled so you can work together in twos or threes. If you can spare an hour at Our Lady of Sorrows on a Wednesday morning from about 10.30 am every fortnight or so, please do contact Mary Agius on 01372 456545.

Cleaning at Holy Spirit, Fetcham, is currently being carried out by two parishioners only. If you can spare a little time to help out on a regular or occasional basis, please contact Margaret Clarke on 01372 374245. Thank you.

**School Application Supplementary Information Form (SIF).** If you would like a SIF form signed for your child's school application, please phone Fr Stephen on 01372 458263, or see him after a Mass, to arrange a time to bring the form to the presbytery and have it signed and stamped. Forms can only be signed when a parent is present.

**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	Janet Morgan
Michael Boulvard	Jim Morgan
Pauline Boulvard	Maureen Rennison
Christopher Browne	Patrick Rennison
Jeff Care	Piers Ripley-Duggan
Amy Chapman	Jean Rowlandson
Maggi Cooke	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
Joanna Mills	

## Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

Saturday	19 Sept	6.00 pm	OLOS	Maryan Tillson - RIP
Sunday	20 Sept	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	20 Sept	11.00 am	HS	Maureen Murphy - Wellbeing
Monday	21 Sept	12 noon	HS	Holy Souls - RIP
Tuesday	22 Sept	9.15 am	OLOS	Fr Henry Prince - RIP
Wednesday	23 Sept	9.15 am	HS	Marian Cross - RIP
Thursday	24 Sept	9.15 am	OLOS	Denis Shuldman - RIP
Friday	25 Sept	6.00 pm	HS	Frances Lowe - RIP
Saturday	26 Sept	10.00 am	OLOS	Holy Souls - RIP
Saturday	26 Sept	6.00 pm	OLOS	Gerry Payne - RIP
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### Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Ezekiel 18:25-28 | Psalm 24:4-9. R. V6 | Philippians 2:1-11 | Matthew 21:28-32



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