



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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays: Cycle B Weekdays: Year II 23rd September



Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Numbers 11:25-29 Psalm 18:8, 10, 12-14. R.v9 James 5:1-6 Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

It is now several months since Bishop Richard asked me to come to Effingham and Fetcham as parish priest, so it's lovely at last to be here! I am very much looking forward to being part of this Christian community, getting to know you all, and working and praying among you and alongside you.

I know you have been very blest with the ministry of Fr John over the last six years - he will be a hard act to follow. Let's give thanks to God for all the blessings He has given here through Fr John, and ask God to continue to bless his new ministry in Banstead.

I'll certainly have lots to learn - it's been 14 years since I was last working full-time in parish ministry - and I hope you will be patient with me and forgive the occasional blunder I shall inevitably make along the way! But I am also full of hope that together we can continue to grow closer to the Lord, knowing Him and loving Him more deeply, caring for one another and especially for those in need, and that He will empower us to share with others the joy of His Gospel.

May God bless you all

Fr Stephen

THIS WEEK

We warmly welcome Fr Stephen to the Parish as our new priest.

A Farewell Note from Fr John

My dear friends,

It's Tuesday evening, 8.45pm, I have just come back in from having a last meal and I am sitting here, surrounded by boxes. The removal men are coming at 8am tomorrow. I have been throwing a rolled up 'post-it' note, down the corridor for Bella to chase and return to me – eight times so far! I can't face any more packing tonight, so I will pop into the church in a moment to spend some quiet time with the Lord. But before I do, can I say thank-you to all of you. In the last few days I have received so many 'thank-you' cards and calls from people saying just how much I have done for them, how much I will be missed. It has been very moving. Thank you all so much. And this is from Bella as well. She will miss meeting you when you come to visit. And thank you for your most generous gifts to me. Father Stephen will have a wonderful time here in Effingham and Fetcham parish. I know you will all give him your full support. We are all on an incredible journey as we walk together and walk with the Lord, our faith deepening, gradually being transformed by His love and grace, sharing the good news and helping and supporting others while all that is happening.

May God bless you and the Parish

Fr John

Permanent Changes to Mass: Monday Mass will be celebrated at 9.15am at Holy Spirit, Fetcham and Friday Mass will be celebrated at 6pm instead of Noon at Holy Spirit, Fetcham.

Fairtrade Items: there will be a sale of Fairtrade goods after the 9.00am and 11.00am Masses on **Sunday 23 September**.

National Prayer Week End: on **Friday 28 – Sunday 30 September**. Everybody is invited to come and pray with us in

St MARY'S
FETCHAM

On Saturday 29, the schedule is as follows - 9am: we pray for mission abroad, 10am: we pray about mental health, 11am: we pray for families, 2pm: we pray for schools and education, 3pm: we pray for prisons, 4pm: we pray for marriages, 8pm: we praise and thank God with music and words.

Friday 9.30pm through to Sunday 9am the Bothy will be open for individual prayers; sign up for a slot or come when you can.

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.

The Confirmation will take place in our Deanery on Saturday 27 April 2019. 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.

St Alphege Hall Storage: The ground floor left hand store cupboard in the main hall is for storage of Parish Equipment and also items used by organisations directly related to the Parish (such as Tuesday Teas and the Grandparents' Group). It has become a general storage area and some shelves have collapsed through weight of items. Would all Parish users please label their items clearly and store them tidily. (Paper and Sellotape provided). It is not for other users who are kindly asked to remove their items by 30 September 2018 after which any items not labelled will be removed and taken to the Council Recycle Centre. If in doubt, please contact the Parish office.

Part time Secretary Opportunity: St Joseph's Catholic Church in Epsom would like to appoint an experienced Secretary/Administrator to work Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8.30am – 2.30pm. Remuneration £12 per hour plus employer contributory pension scheme. Job description and application form available on St Joseph's website www.st-josephs-epsom.org.uk. Closing date 19 October.

Annual Dialogue and Unity Day 2018: Saturday 29 September at DABCEC, Southgate Drive, Crawley. Come along, bring your friends from other Churches, share your experiences of working, praying and growing together. Our theme is The Role of Christian Unity in the Renewal of the Church. We will hear from Fr Sebastian Ostrynski, Head of the Chemin Neuf Community in the UK, a Catholic community with a charism for ecumenism. Times of prayer, sharing and information. Bring a packed lunch – tea, coffee and cake provided. Book your place with ruth.gerun@dabnet.org

FORTHCOMING

Diocesan Grandparents' Formation Day: on **Thursday, 4 October** at The Church of St John the Evangelist, Horsham. The day will start with Mass at 10am. The theme for the day will be 'Practical Ways of Encouraging your Grandchildren in the Faith'. The day will end at 3:30pm. You will need a packed lunch. If you are interested in going, please let me know by email: ianjeanwells@hotmail.com and I will try to organise car sharing where possible, love and blessings, Jean.

Marriage Anniversaries Mass: On **Saturday 6 October at 11.30am**, Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Richard at St Joseph's Church, Redhill. We are aware there are a number of couples celebrating a significant anniversary in the Parish. We would like to get a group together to go to the Mass and Celebration. If interested, please contact Deacon Ian.

theASCENT – Discipleship Process for Young People: This **October**, theASCENT will be launching at Worth Abbey with the support of the diocese. It's a three-year discipleship process involving three weekend residentials a year and weekly online group sessions. It's open to anyone about to go into year 10, 11, or

12 and it's designed to take people with a real interest in their faith and to help them to make a deeper commitment and to explore who God created them to be, while making a few friends and hopefully having some fun in the process. For more details, or to apply, visit theascentuk.co.uk or contact Jack.Regan@dabnet.org

Save The Date: Our Bishop will be visiting the Parish on the 3/4 November and this is to give you advance warning of the plans. On **Saturday, 3 November** we celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Church of The Holy Spirit with Mass at 5pm and the formal Induction of Fr Stephen as our Parish Priest. Afterwards, there will be a hot supper in the adjoining School Hall. On **Sunday, 4 November** there will be only one Mass at 10am and that will be in Our Lady of Sorrows and celebrated by the Bishop. This will be followed by refreshments in the Hall.

The Big Encounter: On **Saturday 10 November** at Worth Abbey and starting at 6.30pm. It's a diocesan-wide festival for 15-30s and everyone is welcome. We've got Bryony Wells speaking, as well as Bishop Richard, and music from the Youth 2000 worship team.

Please pray for those in our Parish who are sick:

Marie Bliss	Janet Morgan
Liz Boughton	Jim Morgan
Christopher Brown	Jack Oliver
Alan Bryant	Kit Oliver
Amy Chapman	Gerry Payne
Maggi Cooke	Maureen Power
Marian Cross	Maureen Rennison
Anne Cuffe	Patrick Rennison
Maureen Donoghue	Piers Ripley-Duggan
John Donovan	Allison Roberts
Joan Doran	Jean Rowlandson
Mary Doran	Yolande Sharpe
Philippa Gibbons	Mary Skilton
Ros Kennedy	Andrew Smith
Derek Knott	Eileen Tennant
Tessa Knott	Michael Tomkins
Filomena Lionetti	Andrea Vaughan
Joanna Mills	Rose Wedlake
	Alf Wiggins

MASS TIMES

Saturday	22 Sept	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Susan Hawkins - RIP
Sunday	23 Sept	09.00am	(OLOS)	Fr Henry Prince - RIP
		11.00am	(HS)	People of the Parish
Monday	24 Sept	09.15am*	(HS)	Tony Farino - Thanksgiving
Tuesday	25 Sept	09.15am	(OLOS)	Denis Shuldman - RIP
		09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)	Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesday	26 Sept	09.15am	(HS)	Holy Souls - RIP
Thursday	27 Sept	09.15am	(OLOS)	Michael Connors - RIP
		09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)	Eucharistic Adoration
		02.00pm to 05.00pm	(OLOS)	Eucharistic Adoration
Friday	28 Sept	06.00pm*	(HS)	Holy Souls - RIP
Saturday	29 Sept	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Dorothy Harper - RIP
Sunday	30 Sept	09.00am	(OLOS)	Maureen Teare - RIP
		11.00am	(HS)	People of the Parish

HS = Church of the Holy Spirit, Fetcham
OLOS = Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Effingham) Saturday 10.30-11.15am and 5.00-5.30pm

In case you're interested ... a few notes on my background



I was born in 1965 and went to St Mary's Primary School in Carshalton and the John Fisher School in Purley. At university I studied physics and then did research in radio astronomy for four years before I finally gave in to the Lord's patient but repeated call for me to be a priest. Bishop Cormac asked me to study at the English College in Rome, where I specialised for my final two years in "fundamental theology", studying how our Catholic faith relates to our gift of human reason, and how it makes authentic sense to be a believer. After ordination in 1997 I worked for three years in Haywards Heath, then four years in Bognor Regis. In 2004 I was appointed to St John's Seminary, Womersley, to teach theology to our students for the priesthood—a task I shall be continuing on a part-time basis (this year on Friday mornings). And that brings me to 2018 and Effingham and Fetcham!