



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

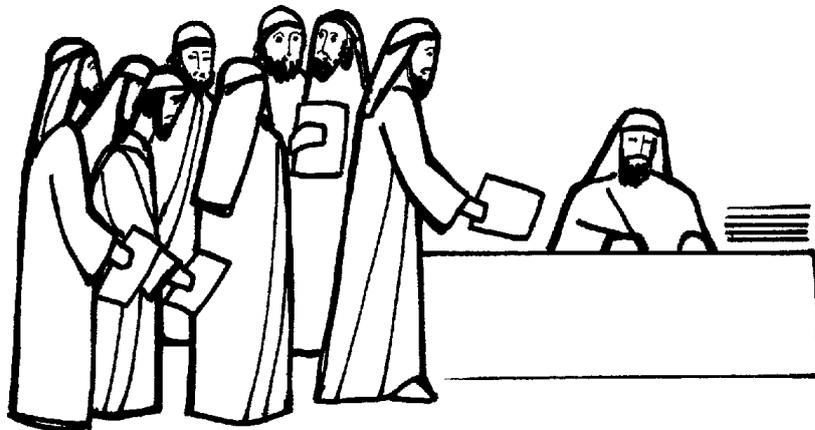


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A Warm Welcome to all Parishioners and Visitors

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Harvest Thanksgiving)

Sundays: Cycle C Weekdays: Year I 22 September 2019



Nothing changes! The prophet Amos in today's first reading was writing nearly 2800 years ago about people who thought that one day per week devoted to the Lord and occasional religious feast days were boring: "When will the New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and the Sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?" Nowadays people still complain that Sunday Mass is "boring"!

If we are ever tempted to think that Mass is "boring", I wonder what lies behind it. Do we actually (unconsciously?) want the Mass to entertain us without our having to put any effort in? Do we want the Mass to be like the telly? If we lose interest for a few moments, do we just want to zap casually onto another channel?

Maybe we can grow in our friendship with Jesus by investing a little bit more of ourselves in preparing for Mass. You could read over the readings in advance, and ponder over what God might be saying to you through them today. What intentions do you want to bring to Mass, which you could focus on at the end of the bidding prayers and at other silent moments? What areas of your life do you want Jesus to transform or heal through receiving Holy Communion? How could you show your love for Him in the coming week?

May God bless you all

Fr Stephen

THIS WEEK



Churches Together Ecumenical Service: There is a Churches Together in Effingham and Little Bookham Service led by Fr Stephen THIS

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.

Grandparents Diocesan Formation Day: to be held this **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.

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. It is to take place from this coming **Friday 27 September to Sunday 29 September**. There are posters and postcards at the back of our churches with all the details.

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.

Supplementary Information Form (SIF) If you would like one of these forms 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.

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

FORTHCOMING

First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation. Now is the time to apply for preparation for First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation. Children aged 7 or over on 1st Sept 2019 (school year 3 or above) are welcome to apply. Yellow application forms are available at the back of the churches. Please return the completed forms to Fr Stephen or Deacon Ian after Mass.

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.

Youth Group Meeting: Our parish youth group will be meeting on **Sunday 6 October**. Young people from schools years 6–8 will meet at 5 pm and finish with pizza at 6.15-6.45 pm. Years 9-13 will start with pizza at 6.15 and finish at 8.00 pm. Activities will include games / social time, discussion and prayer. More details soon.



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.

GENERAL

Community Bereavement Café: A new Bereavement Café has just opened in collaboration with Princess Alice Hospice at Cobham United Church, 38 Stoke Road, Cobham, Surrey KT11 3BD. The Café will be held every 2nd Friday of the month between 2.30-4pm and invites all those who feel the need for a space to talk through their bereavement in a warm and friendly environment with trained volunteers. For more information, please phone 01932 586988.

Sea Sunday Appeal 2019: ‘Dear Father, Thank you for your support for the work of the Apostleship of the Sea, Stella Maris. The generosity shown by you and your parishioners means that Seafarers in this country and around the world will continue to receive the care and support that they so vitally need’.

Reigate Half Marathon: ‘Just to let you know that I completed the Reigate half marathon (last Sunday), carried by the prayers and support of our parish family and others. It was quite hilly, particularly the last two miles and a bit hot but I'm really happy with my time of 2 hrs 30 mins (two of my sons completed in 1 hr 58 mins!). I would be very grateful if you could thank our lovely parish family for all their prayers and support, we've raised an amazing £1,700 for Stonepillow in memory of Ozzie Peck, with a little more to come’. *Tessa Wayne*

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	21 Sept	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Patricia Pontifex - RIP
Sunday	22 Sept	09.00am	(OLOS)	People of the Parish
		11.00am	(HS)	John Kennedy - RIP
Monday	23 Sept	Noon*	(HS)	Fr Henry Prince - RIP
Tuesday	24 Sept	09.15am	(OLOS)	Arthur Gibson - RIP
Wednesday	25 Sept	09.15am	(HS)	Denis Shuldman - RIP
Thursday	26 Sept	09.15am	(OLOS)	Vocations to the Priesthood
Friday	27 Sept	06.00pm	(HS)	Holy Souls - RIP
Saturday	28 Sept	10.00am	(OLOS)	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday	28 Sept	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Dorothy Harper - RIP
Sunday	29 Sept	09.00am	(OLOS)	People of the Parish
		11.00am	(HS)	Evelyn & Joseph Turcotte - RIP

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday	24 Sept	09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)
Thursday	26 Sept	09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)
		02.00pm to 05.00pm	(OLOS)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday	28 Sept	10.30am to 11.15am	(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

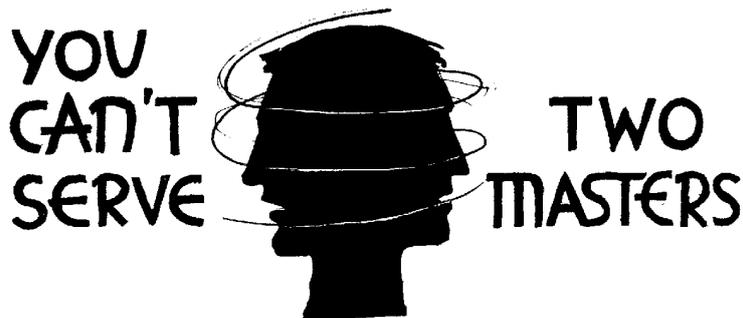
MONTHLY ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

Monday		11.30am*	(HS)	1st Monday of the month
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HS = Church of the Holy Spirit, Fetcham OLOS = Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham

Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 6:1. 4-7 Psalm 145:6-10. R.v2 1Timothy 6:11-16 Luke 16:19-31



Newsletter items to the Parish office by 10.00am Wednesday