



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

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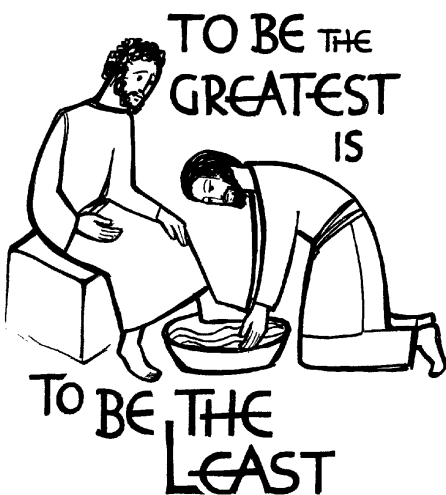
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A Very Warm Welcome to Parishioners and Visitors

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Special Collection this week: Home Mission Sunday (NOT GIFT AID)

Sundays: Cycle B Weekdays: Year I 19 September 2021



"Jesus asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest." You can feel the apostles squirming inside—they have been found out! Not, of course, that we would ever do such a silly thing as arguing who was the greatest. We would never indulge in office gossip about who was most likely to get promotion ... or redundancy. We would never be concerned about who will get picked first for the football team ... or picked last. And we would certainly not have the slightest care over where we personally fit into the pecking order! Hmmm. Squirm.

OK, but what's really so wrong about these questions? Two things, I think. First of all, there's the obvious danger of thinking, "I'm the greatest—of course"; the danger of pride. But secondly, there's the less obvious danger of putting ourselves down: "I'm not great enough to do anything worthwhile. I'll just take a back seat and leave all of that to others." And the underlying problem in both cases is that we are relying on ourselves and our own powers (or lack thereof), rather than relying on the Holy Spirit.

True greatness isn't about me at all. It's about the Lord. It's about being last of all and servant of all; being handed over into the hands of men and being put to death as a ransom for the whole human race; it's about love, and laying down one's life for one's friends, and rising from there to true glory.

May God bless you all,

Fr Stephen

This Week

Congratulations to **Jennifer Saayeng** and **Oliver Wayne** whose wedding was this Saturday. May they know God's rich blessings in their marriage.

Second Collection this week: Home Mission Sunday. Please note that your donation is not Gift Aid-able.

Sunday Mass Ministries

Now that the autumn term has begun, and we can begin to return to something more like normal after the various lockdowns, it's time to think about the various ways we can all contribute towards our Sunday worship. So – do you think you could help out with any of the following: singing in a choir, or even leading a choir – playing the organ – altar serving – reading – welcoming people as they arrive – children's Liturgy of the Word – coffee and tea after Mass – setting and clearing up the hall for live-stream – sanitising the churches after Mass? All welcome, from the youngest to the oldest. Do sign up on the sheets at the back of the churches, or contact the parish office.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day – Coming Soon



“Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of

virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience”. (Pope Francis)

This year CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day (**on Friday 1st October**) is to raise money for their climate crisis appeal.

The CAFOD Harvest Fast Day collection will be taken over the weekend of 2nd/3rd October.

Ways of Giving

1. Special envelopes will be available next week (26th September) which you can use to Gift Aid your donation on the 2nd/3rd October.
2. Text: CAFOD10 to 70580 to donate £10 (enough to equip a volunteer firefighter with tools to prevent fires in the rainforest). Or add the amount you would like to donate eg Text CAFOD20 to give £20.
3. Online: www.cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis
4. Call: 0303 303 3030.

Please give what you can to support people around the world working to protect God's creation, and to help the poorest people adapt to climate change. Thank you.

A CAFOD Prayer

Walk beside us, Lord,
in the cool of the day,
in the garden you have created as our common home.

Walk beside us, Lord, as the cries of the forest pierce the dawn,
and flames rip through our common home.

Grant us courage, Lord,
as we walk beside all those who struggle, to protect our common home.

Grant us hope, Lord,
and the vision to walk dark paths in the light of a single sunbeam.

Grant us grace, Lord,
to put the flourishing of all people and the wonder of your creation at the heart of all we do,

as we strive to be guardians of our common home.

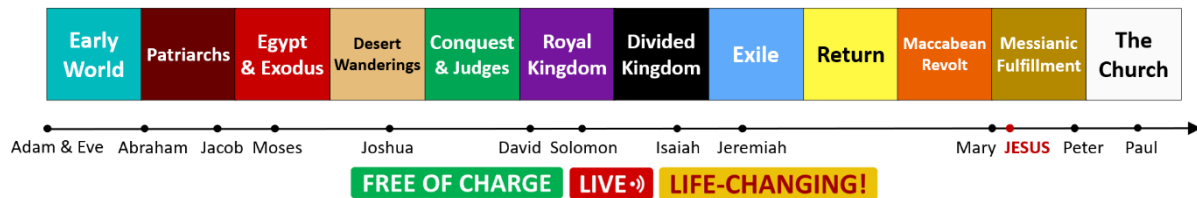
St Francis, pray for us.

(4th October is the feast day of St Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of ecology.)

Is Reading the Bible Difficult and Challenging?

If so, why not join the Bible Timeline Course online and learn, in simple terms, the whole story from Genesis to Revelation. Eight of us parishioners followed the course in April/May and can vouch for its worth. If you want to know more, please contact Michaelpbray@btinternet.com

The Bible Timeline Course



THE BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE. Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this FREE OF CHARGE, worldwide-famous course delivered online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli. Starts Wed 29th September 2021. Eight Wednesday sessions (7pm-8:40pm). Info & Registration: www.comeandsee.org

General

Thank You

Our thanks to Joanne Matthews and her team for organising such a lovely parish picnic

last Sunday – and to everyone who came along for making it such a fun and enjoyable afternoon.

Do You Play the Piano? We need one or two volunteers to play the organ, mainly at Sunday morning Masses, from time to time, at OLOS. If you might be able to help, please email Sue Grobel on grobel.ps@gmail.com, or have a word with Fr Stephen.

Food donations for those needing support can be left at the back of the churches, for onward distribution. Many thanks

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

Marie Bliss	Maureen Rennison
Michael Boulvard	Piers Ripley-Duggan
Pauline Boulvard	Allison Roberts
Christopher Browne	Jean Rowlandson
Amy Chapman	Yolande Sharpe
Maggi Cooke	Karen Silver
John Donovan	Mary Skilton
Mary Doran	Jenny Smith
Mary Hefford	Margaret Summers
Derek Knott	Mary Symes
Tessa Knott	Pat Turton
Noreen Landers	Simon Turton
Joanna Mills	Andrea Vaughan
Janet Morgan	Alf Wiggins
Jim Morgan	Chantal Witchalls
Paddy Payne	

This Week's Masses and Intentions

Saturday Vigil	18 Sept	6.00 pm	OLOS	Spiritual Welfare of Prisoners - Wellbeing
Sunday	19 Sept	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	19 Sept	11.00 am	HS	Robert Kapusniak – Thanksgiving & Wellbeing
Monday	20 Sept	Noon	HS	Charles Anthony Casey - Wellbeing
Tuesday	21 Sept	9.15 am	OLOS	Maureen Lucas - RIP
Wednesday	22 Sept	9.15 am	H S	Clare Jonstone - Wellbeing
Thursday	23 Sept	9.15 am	OLOS	Fr Henry Prince - RIP
Friday	24 Sept	6.00 pm	HS	Denis Shuldman - RIP
Saturday	25 Sept	10.00 am	OLOS	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday Vigil	25 Sept	6.00 pm	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	26 Sept	9.00 am	OLOS	Anna Steere – Received into the Catholic Church
Sunday	26 Sept	11.00 am	HS	Jean Wood - Thanksgiving

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>

Eucharistic Adoration – Thursday mornings, from the end of Mass to 11.00 am.

Confessions	Saturdays
	11.00-11.45 am HS, Fetcham
	5.00-5.30 pm OLOS, Effingham

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



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

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