

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

Parish Team:

**Fr Stephen Dingley and Deacon Ian Wells**

Priest's House, Lower Road, Effingham, Leatherhead, KT24 5JP

Telephone: 01372 458263

Email: [eandfparish@btinternet.com](mailto:eandfparish@btinternet.com)

Website: [www.effinghamandfetcham.org.uk](http://www.effinghamandfetcham.org.uk)

Live-stream on YouTube "Effingham and Fetcham Catholic Parish":

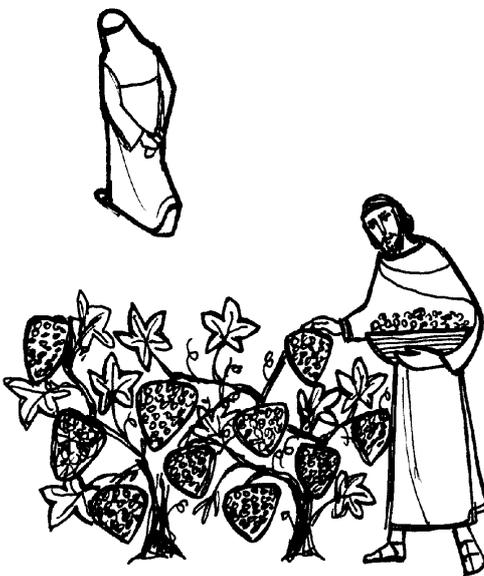
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLGeHumF6yae4QGCSVg0UA>

*A Very Warm Welcome to all Parishioners and Visitors*

## **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Special Collection this week: Education of Future Priests (Gift Aid)**

Sundays: Cycle A    Weekdays: Year II    27 September 2020



We live today very much in the culture of the “photo opportunity” and the “sound bite”. The crucial thing is to be able to give a good impression of yourself, your ideas or your policies in the space of a few seconds—before people lose interest and move on.

We tend to think of this as a rather modern phenomenon, but it would seem that the second son in today's Gospel parable was alive to the possibility 2000 years ago. When his father asked him to work in the vineyard he said, “Certainly, sir”—great sound bite—but did not go. And this flags up something more. We tend to be cynical and suspicious of such sound bites. We expect them to be masking a less than honest underlying attitude.

However, Jesus was also a Master of the good sound bite, and in His case with complete integrity. How about, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand”, or “Give unto Caesar what is Caesar's, and unto God what is God's”, or “Love your neighbour as yourself”, or, “Forgive your brother seventy times seven times”, or “I am the way, the truth and the life”.

If we want to draw others to Christ, we will need to be good communicators. We will need the snappy, memorable phrases to catch people's attention. But it will only be our honesty and integrity which will have a lasting and spiritual effect.

May God bless you all,

*Father Stephen*

## ***This Week***

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **John Medicott RIP** who died recently and keep his family in your prayers too.

### ***Special Collection this 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 or a yellow Gift Aid envelope for a one-off donation.

### ***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*

### ***First Holy Communion Masses***

On Saturday the 3rd and 10<sup>th</sup> October we will celebrate First Holy Communion Masses for many of our children. Due to the reduced church capacities at this time, we need to limit those attending to the children and their families only. However, please do join in spiritually by keeping these children and their families in your prayers as they approach the day, on the day itself, and for their future faith and lives.

\*\*\* Please note, there will be no parish morning Masses or morning Confessions on those days.

### ***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>.

### General

**PeerTalk Self-help Group.** If you, or anyone you know is suffering from anxiety or depression, the peer support, self-help group, PeerTalk has restarted in Guildford. It meets every Wednesday from 7.30 - 9 pm in the Spike Centre, Warren Road, Guildford GU1 3JH and is exempt from further lockdowns. There are posters in both church porches but for more details see Peertalk.org.uk or ring Rosa on 07719 562617.

**Sale of Jams in Aid of Tanzanian Trade School** - a sale of marmalade and jams [Strawberry, Raspberry, Apricot, Gooseberry, Plum, Damson, Crab Apple(jelly)] will be held **after all Masses next weekend, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> October**. All jams cost £3.50, or three for £10. Orders can also be made by contacting Mary Agius on 01372 456545, 0779653623, or [maryagius@gmail.com](mailto:maryagius@gmail.com).

**St Lawrence's Church Hall Garden Appeal.** Following an unauthorised caravan encampment recently in St Lawrence's hall garden, they have launched the above appeal to help them raise the £10,000 needed to safeguard it in the future. If you would like to give, the details can be found at <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/Guardourgarden> Thank you.

**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	26 Sept	6.00 pm	OLOS	Gerry Payne - RIP
Sunday	27 Sept	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	27 Sept	11.00 am	HS	Teresa Turvey - RIP
Monday	28 Sept	12 noon	HS	Fr Thomas Lawes (ordained Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> September)
Tuesday	29 Sept	9.15 am	OLOS	Dorothy Harper - RIP
Wednesday	30 Sept	9.15 am	HS	Holy Souls - RIP
Thursday	01 Oct	9.15 am	OLOS	Dr Li Wenliang - RIP
Friday	02 Oct	6.00 pm	HS	Holy Souls - RIP
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>03 Oct</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>OLOS</b>	<b>NO 10.00 am MASS</b>
Saturday	03 Oct	6.00 pm	OLOS	Teresa & Bill McManus - RIP
Sunday	04 Oct	9.00 am	OLOS	Deceased Members of the Chiffre Family - RIP
Sunday	04 Oct	11.00 am	HS	People of the Parish
HS = Holy Spirit church, Fetcham    OLOS = Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham				

**Confessions.** Due to First Holy Communion Masses on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October there will only be afternoon confessions on those days:

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

### Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 5:1-7 | Psalm 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7 | Philippians 4:6-9 | Matthew 21:33-43



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