

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

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A Very Warm Welcome to Parishioners and Visitors

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays: Cycle B Weekdays: Year I 26 September 2021



Is belonging to particular groups of people a good thing or a bad thing? It all depends! Certainly the way John was thinking in today's Gospel was not so good. It was all about being part of the "in" crowd—"one of us". That sort of exclusivity is just self-serving, and hurtful to everyone else.

On the other hand, Jesus had precisely called John to be one of "the twelve", and indeed to be part of Jesus' inner circle of close associates: Peter, James and John. So groups are not all bad! In fact, of course, they are some of the most important and holy things in our lives: our families and our friends, the local community and the wider society—ultimately the family of the human race. And, above all, we belong to God's family, the Church. We are brothers and sisters of Jesus—and therefore of one another.

So it's good to think about the various groups we belong to. We should thank God for them (assuming they are basically good!). And we should consider how welcome God is in them. Do we talk about Him? Do we let Him change things? Do we recognise that God is also active outside them?

In the end, there is only one group that we really need to belong to: the group of those who are saved, who "enter into life", as Jesus calls it at the end of today's Gospel. He is only too aware of the alternative, and urgently warns us against ending up there.

May God bless you all,

Fr Stephen

This Week

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Mary Symes** who died last Friday and keep her husband, Ian, and all their family in your prayers too at this sad time.

We welcome into our Catholic Parish Community through the Sacrament of Baptism **Liam Keating**.

This week ONLY – changes to Mass, etc

Mon 27th Sept: The Mass at Holy Spirit will be at 9.15 am.

Tues 28th – Thurs 30th Sept: No Mass in the Parish those days.

Adoration this week will go ahead on Thursday, aiming for the usual time (10-11am) but may start a few minutes late.

Special Collection next week: *CAFOD Harvest Fast Day*

This year CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day (**this coming Friday 1st October**) is to raise money for their climate crisis appeal, see also <https://cafod.org.uk>

Ways of Giving:

1. **Special envelopes:** will be available this weekend (25/26th 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.

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.

A & B Diocese Grandparents' Week



This weekend marks the start of celebrating our diocesan Grandparents' Week. Pope Francis places great store by the value and contribution of Grandparents.

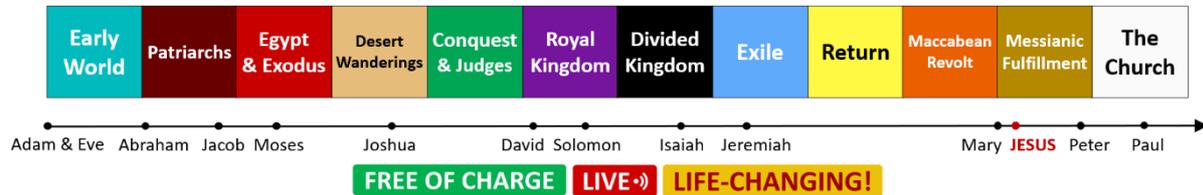
Diocesan Prayer

Loving Father,
We pray for all grandparents.
Help them to reflect your unconditional love in their relationship with their families.
Grant them the gifts of wisdom and patience to enable them to support their families and be there to encourage, advise and inspire, in their turn, their children's children.
May they be for their Grandchildren a safe refuge of consistency, offering witness to all of a life which is inspired by Gospel values, enriched by prayer and fuelled by the hope of the eternal kingdom.

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 THIS Wed 29th September 2021**. Eight Wednesday sessions (7pm-8:40pm). Info & Registration: www.comeandsee.org

General



To all MISSIO Red Box holders at Church of the Holy Spirit. If your boxes have not been collected because of Covid restrictions, please bring

them to church in the next couple of weeks. If you cannot get to church, please phone Heli Bravery on 01372 452537 and she will come and collect them. Thank you.

Parish Picnic Raffle. The raffle raised a wonderful sum of £501 that will be donated to Mary's Meals. Thank you so much to all who gave gifts for the raffle and all who bought tickets.

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

This Week's Masses and Intentions

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
Monday	27 Sept	9.15 am*	HS	Jonas Bubnys - RIP
Tuesday	28 Sept	NO MASS	OLOS	NO MASS
Wednesday	29 Sept	NO MASS	H S	NO MASS
Thursday	30 Sept	NO MASS	OLOS	NO MASS
Friday	01 Oct	6.00 pm	HS	Allen Reed - RIP
Saturday	02 Oct	10.00 am	OLOS	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday Vigil	02 Oct	6.00 pm	OLOS	Kenneth Taylor - RIP
Sunday	03 Oct	9.00 am	OLOS	John Hassard - RIP
Sunday	03 Oct	11.00 am	HS	People of the Parish

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: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Genesis 2:18-24 | Psalm 127. R.v5 | Hebrews 2:9-11 | Mark 10:2-16



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

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