



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

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A Very Warm Welcome to all Parishioners and Visitors

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays: Cycle A Weekdays: Year II 04 October 2020



Today's parable is about tenants of a vineyard. Tenants work in the vineyard for the owner and have a share in its produce, but they do not own it and cannot behave as if they do. We are tenants of God's creation, living and working in His world, with a commission to care for it on His behalf. However, it is becoming increasingly clear that we are not showing our physical environment the respect

and care it needs to continue to bear good fruit.

But the failure of the tenants to produce good fruit for the owner is not the worst thing that happens in the parable. It is that they reject, persecute and even kill those the owner sends—the prophets, and ultimately His beloved Son. It is not only our physical, planetary environment that we are damaging. Even worse is the damage humanity is causing to our spiritual environment. God is systematically ignored and excluded from public policy and public morality. Secularism, atheism, consumerism, and self-centred pleasure-seeking are more and more the norm. We are living in a "culture of death".

But the whole of creation belongs to Christ. He is the heir of the vineyard. And His death at our hands is—wonder of wonders—not the end of the story. The stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone. He is risen, and is powerfully at work in the hearts of those who love Him to reclaim His inheritance and establish His kingdom.

May God bless you all,

Father Stephen

This Week

We warmly welcome **Lennox Lim** to our Catholic parish community through the Sacrament of the Baptism.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Peter Patterson** and **Fr Albert Van de Most** who died recently and keep their families in your prayers too.

CAFOD – Special Collection next week Family Fast Day – Fri 9 Oct

This week our parish is marking CAFOD's Family Fast Day to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal.

To Give you can:

(1) Use the special CAFOD envelopes on weekend of 10/11th October (please Gift Aid your donation if you can).

(2) Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10 includes opting in to receive info or CAFODNOINFO to donate £10 without future updates.

(3) Donate via the website [cafod.org.uk/give](https://www.cafod.org.uk/give). Thank you.

Friday 9 October - Family Fast Day Eucharist Celebration Friday 9 October, 6pm. The Rt Rev Peter Brignall, Bishop of Wrexham, will be celebrating the Eucharist from St Mary's Cathedral. A link to the live event will be sent to you AFTER YOU HAVE REGISTERED, which you can do through the website www.cafod.org.uk or on <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/family-fast-day-eucharistic-celebration-tickets-123316540091>

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>.

Keeping Safe at Church

Test and Trace. Our churches are now required to collect names and contact details of people who come to Mass for the government Test and Trace process. So, when you arrive the stewards will need to record your names and phone / mobile numbers. This needs to be done by the stewards, rather than letting everyone fill in the book themselves for two reasons: (1) everyone sharing a pen is a good way to share any infection, (2) it will help to ensure your personal details are held securely.

A few more points:

- We need to record names every day.
- However, we only need to record your contact details once.
- If you know your details are in the parish database, you don't need to give contact details at all.
- The attendance books will be kept securely.
- We won't use this information for anything except Test and Trace.

Fairly soon I hope to have a QR code poster in each church as well. So people with the NHS Covid-19 App can just scan the QR code and won't need to be entered into the book. (I guess many of you are familiar with this already from other venues.)

Church Capacity. We are now getting over 50% of our pre-Covid attendance at our churches. This is great news, and I hope more and more of you will feel able to come. However, this does bring a problem - our churches are reaching their full capacity with social distancing in place. So, if you are able to come to Mass on weekdays maybe you could think about sometimes not coming on Sunday, to make room for others who don't have the choice. (But please, don't all stop coming at once!) Don't forget that the Sunday obligation is still officially suspended, and you can always join in via the live-stream.

Socialising after Mass outside church. Please do remember appropriate social distancing after Mass. It's lovely to see everyone, and it's natural and good to want to chat with them ... but please do keep the dangers to yourselves and others in mind.

First Holy Communion Masses

On Saturday the 3rd and 10th 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.

General

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 this weekend, 3rd/4th October**. All jams cost £3.50, or three for £10.

Sponsorship. Many of you will remember praying for Grace Sheridan, a pupil at St Peter's School in Leatherhead, who last September, sadly lost her battle with a rare form of childhood cancer called Neuroblastoma. Grace was just five years old. For the past year, a 50-person team made up of Grace's parents, family, friends, and teachers from St Peter's, has been preparing to walk or run the Beachy Head half or full marathon on 24th October. The team includes Katie Braid, Maxine Porter, Jaime Feshareki and Helen Canning (Deacon Ian's daughter) who are all members of our Parish. The team are well on their way to raising a target of £25,000 for two very worthwhile charities, Neuroblastoma UK and Shooting Stars Children's Hospice. If you would like to sponsor the team and make a donation, please follow the link below: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/RaceForGrace2020>

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	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
Monday	05 Oct	12 noon	HS	Joan Eaton - RIP
Tuesday	06 Oct	9.15 am	OLOS	Margaret & David Shaw - RIP
Wednesday	07 Oct	9.15 am	HS	Fr Albert van der Most - RIP
Thursday	08 Oct	9.15 am	OLOS	Patricia Pontifex - RIP
Friday	09 Oct	6.00 pm	HS	Peter Patterson - RIP
Saturday	10 Oct	NO MASS	OLOS	NO 10.00 am MASS
Saturday	10 Oct	6.00 pm	OLOS	Holy Souls - RIP
Sunday	11 Oct	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	11 Oct	11.00 am	HS	John Medlicott - RIP
HS = Holy Spirit church, Fetcham OLOS = Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham				

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

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

Next Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Special Collection next week: CAFOD Family Fast Day (please use special envelopes)

Isaiah 25:6-10 | Psalm 22 R. v6 | Philipians 4:12-14. 19-20 | Matthew 22:1-14



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