



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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Special Collection this week: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day (use special envelopes)

Sundays: Cycle C Weekdays: Year I 6 October 2019



The apostles ask Jesus, “Increase our faith”, and He replies, “If your faith were the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.” What sort of a reply is that? It feels almost like a put-down: “What do you mean, ‘Increase our faith’? Are you trying to tell me you think you already have some faith worth talking about? If you can’t even move a mulberry tree, your faith must be microscopic!”

But, of course, Jesus isn’t putting anyone down. Quite the opposite. First of all, He’s teaching them how amazing faith is. But implicitly He is also affirming the apostles, on two counts. (1) Faith is a brilliant thing to have asked for—well asked! And (2) Jesus is the right person to ask for faith—faith a gift of God, and Jesus is true God.

So I think, basically what Jesus is saying to the apostles is, “Well done, guys. You’re on the right path. Let’s be honest—there’s still a long way to go, but you’re travelling in the right direction. Stick with me and I’ll guide you all the way.” Now, if Jesus said that to you, wouldn’t it increase your faith? So, go on, pray it: “Lord, increase my faith!”

May God bless you all

Fr Stephen

THIS WEEK

You may have heard that Grace Sheridan, the young girl at St Peter's School, very sadly died early last Sunday morning. We give thanks to God for her life - so tragically short - and we thank God that we can know for certain that, as a baptised young child, she is with God in heaven. Let us hold her parents, family and friends in our prayers very specially at this time.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day - Special Collection THIS weekend: The emphasis this year is to give so that clean drinking water can be provided close to villages and communities so that, in particular, children who often have to walk miles to fetch it, are safe from attack. **Please do use a special CAFOD envelope (available in church) and if possible Gift Aid your donation at THIS week's collection.**

Youth Group Meeting: Our parish youth group will be meeting **THIS Sunday 6 October**. Young people from school years 6-8 will meet at 5 pm for social time / games and a time of creative prayer, finishing with pizza at 6.15-6.45. Years 9-13 will start with pizza at 6.15, followed by input and discussion on "How can we be sure that God exists in a scientific world?", finishing with a period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, ending at 8.00 pm. All really welcome - why not come with a friend or two.

Grandparents' Group: Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 9 October**. As it is the month of Mary, we will start in Our Lady of Sorrows Church by saying the Rosary at 2.30pm for the intentions of the Catholic Grandparents Association and our own personal intentions. All parishioners and new grandparents are very welcome to join us. At the recent Diocesan Grandparents Formation Day, Elizabeth O'Shea offered us valuable insights into developing empathy and communication skills with our grandchildren. We will share her ideas with you all in the Hall afterwards. As usual cakes are welcome to have with our tea.

Bible Study Group: The Group will meet **every Friday afternoon at 4.00pm** for about an hour at **98 Woodlands Road, Bookham, KT23 4HH**. The Group will be led by Fr John Horn and will study the readings for the following weekend's Masses. **All are welcome.** Please

let Mary Agius know if you will be attending, on maryagius@gmail.com or phone 01372 456545.

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.

FORTHCOMING

Aid to the Church in Need – Appeal Next Weekend: A Pontifical Foundation of the Catholic Church, they support the Catholic faithful and other Christians where they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. Each year they fund over 5,000 projects in more than 140 countries around the world, helping to support the Church in its mission, and bringing hope and solidarity to millions of people. From priests to catechists and seminarians to Sisters, your donations help them to support persecuted and suffering Christians live out their faith.

Fairtrade: There will be a sale of Fairtrade goods on the **13 October** after the 9.00am and 11.00am Masses.

First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation: Now is the time to apply for preparation for First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation. Children aged seven or over on 1 September 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 along with your child's baptismal certificate to Fr Stephen or Deacon Ian after Mass.

Parish Quiz Night: on **Saturday 19 October**. The cost is £10 each and starts at 6.45pm in St Alphege Hall, Effingham, with time for socialising before the fish and chip supper is 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. 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. 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.

Canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman on 13 October: There is a Special Mass of Thanksgiving for the new Saint on **Thursday 31 October, Solemnity of All Saints, at 7.30pm**, celebrated by Monsignor Keith Newton, of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, at Saint Peter's, Portland Road, Hove. After Mass there is a reception, at which Monsignor Newton will speak, as will the Parish delegate at the canonisation.

The Big Encounter 2019 - Youth and Young Adults Festival: Our Annual Diocesan Festival for Young People and Young Adults (15-35 or thereabouts) is happening on **Saturday 9 November** at St Dunstan's Church in Woking. Doors open at 3.30pm, programme starts at 4pm, and we end with Mass at 6pm which will be celebrated by Bishop Richard. The keynote speaker for the event will be Father David King, one of our most popular speakers. There will be live music, creative prayer, food, and a chance to make some friends. For more information, check out Facebook.com/CatholicEncounter or contact Jack.Regan@abdiocese.org.uk

GENERAL

Green for Go, Go for Help! World Mental Health Day on 10 October. The Diocese is marking World Mental Health Day by launching a simple poster from the Ecumenical Mental Health Project in Surrey and Sussex. You will find the poster on the noticeboard in your church, it provides contact details that may be useful to someone in crisis, giving providers of mental health and practical support services. A crisis is not always a dramatic situation, it can be a slow but growing feeling that you are less able to cope than before. Our churches have a role to play in providing a safe, welcoming and consoling space. In time we hope to have a network of contacts in each parish to ensure that mental wellbeing is in the minds of all the organisers and leaders in our parish communities. We hope very much that these contacts will share resources, training opportunities and support with other contacts across the Churches in your town or village. In that way, as Christians, we will be doing what we can together. If you would like to know more

about the project, please contact Catherine Martindale Dialogue and Unity Adviser for the Diocese. catherine.martindale@abdiocese.org.uk



Messy Church - (A Churches Together initiative): An invitation to come and join us! We meet on the **second Wednesday of every month** (except August) **from 3.30-5.30pm** in St Lawrence Church Hall, Church Street, Effingham, KT24 5LX. Two hours of crafts, bible-based stories, food and fun for children and a chance for mums, dads and carers to catch up over a cup of tea! All children of primary school age are welcome with an adult, parent or carer. Next meetings: **9 October, 13 November and 11 December**. For more information contact Gill on 01372 457987 or GillianMWalker@gmail.com

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.

Please pray for those in our Parish who are sick:

Marie Bliss	Jane Neville
Christopher Brown	Maureen Power
Alan Bryant	Maureen Rennison
Jeff Care	Patrick Rennison
Amy Chapman	Piers Ripley-Duggan
Maggi Cooke	Allison Roberts
Marian Cross	Jean Rowlandson
Maureen Donoghue	Yolande Sharpe
John Donovan	Karen Silver
Mary Doran	Mary Skilton
Ros Kennedy	Andrew Smith
Joanna Kettle	Eileen Tennant
Derek Knott	Pat Turton
Tessa Knott	Simon Turton
Noreen Landers	Andrea Vaughan
Filomena Lionetti	Rose Wedlake
Joanna Mills	Alf Wiggins
Janet Morgan	Chantal Witchalls
Jim Morgan	

MASS TIMES

Saturday	05 Oct	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Patrick John Hassard – RIP
Sunday	06 Oct	09.00am	(OLOS)	People of the Parish
		11.00am	(HS)	Jean Wood - Thanksgiving
Monday	07 Oct	Noon	(HS)	Fr Colin Ward - RIP
Tuesday	08 Oct	09.15am	(OLOS)	Holy Souls - RIP
Wednesday	09 Oct	09.15am	(HS)	Holy Souls - RIP
Thursday	10 Oct	09.15am	(OLOS)	Vocations to the Priesthood
Friday	11 Oct	06.00pm	(HS)	Holy Souls - RIP
Saturday	12 Oct	10.00am	(OLOS)	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday	12 Oct	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Beth Finnan - RIP
Sunday	13 Oct	09.00am	(OLOS)	People of the Parish
		11.00am	(HS)	Surriya Bullen - RIP

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday	08 Oct	09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)
Thursday	10 Oct	09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)
		02.00pm to 05.00pm	(OLOS)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday	12 Oct	10.30am to 11.15am	(OLOS)	Face to Face
		05.00pm to 05.30pm	(OLOS)	In the Confessional
Sunday	06 Oct	After 11.00am Mass	(HS)	1st Sunday of every month

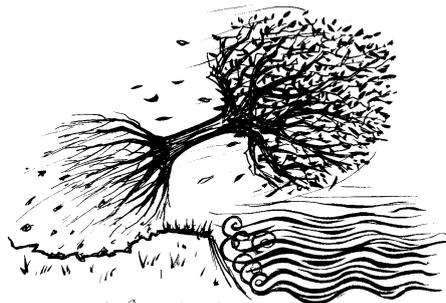
MONTHLY ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

Monday	07 Oct	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: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2Kings 5:14-17 Psalm 97:1-4. R.cf.v2 2Timothy 2:8-13 Luke 17:11-19



Newsletter items to the Parish office by 10.00am Wednesday