



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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sundays: Cycle A Weekdays: Year II 11 October 2020



"Many are called but few are chosen." Leaving aside the jokes about mean parish priests who don't want to turn on the church heating reading this as, "many are cold but few are frozen" (ha ha!), there's a sense of urgency about Jesus' words today—as there always is when Jesus speaks about the call to conversion. Yet we can be so complacent about the urgency of conversion, simply presuming that everyone will be saved—after all, God is so nice!

But this attitude is bad news, because it is not Jesus' attitude—and He might be expected to know a thing or two about it. Complacency makes us careless about our own ongoing journey of conversion and the daily spiritual battles we face. It makes us heedless of the grave injustices in the world around us. And it makes us careless about the conversion of others and the need to preach the truth in love, "in season and out of season." (cf. 2 Tim 4:2) Complacency allows us to reduce parish life to merely a Jesus-themed social club (and last one out, please turn off the lights!). It makes us quite unlike Jesus. Complacency is the waiting room for despair.

But Jesus' urgent call to conversion is also an exciting and joyful call to hope, to following Him, and to action. "Many are called but few are chosen." What did Jesus do about it? What shall we do?

May God bless you all,

Father Stephen

This Week

CAFOD – Special Collection this week Family Fast Day

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. Thank you.

There will be a **Requiem Mass for Marian Cross** on Monday 12 October at 11.15 am at Church of the Holy Spirit, Fetcham. Unfortunately, due to Coronavirus restrictions, only those invited by the family will be able to attend. Please pray for her and her family.

Please note: This will be the only Mass in the parish that day.

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. Alternatively, if you have downloaded the NHS Covid-19 App on your phone, you can simply scan the **QR code** near the door in each church.

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.

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.

General

Sunday 25 October is the 50th anniversary of the Canonisation of the 40 Martyrs of England and Wales. Sunday Mass that day will have special readings ... watch this space.

November Masses in Deaneries

Bishop Richard will be celebrating Masses in each deanery during November, to enable those who have lost loved ones during these recent months to gather, either at Mass itself or through live-streaming. Members of Bereavement teams will also be present. If you would like to send in a name of someone you

have lost during this year, please email the parish office eandfparish@btinternet.com or hand a note to Fr Stephen. These will be placed, in advance of the Mass, in a basket on the Sanctuary. Further details about registering your intent to attend the Station Mass will be made available soon. Please also see the posters at the back of each church.

The Mass for our Deanery will be at Sacred Heart, Caterham, 9th November at 7.30pm.

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>

Lifts to Mass. Samyia Hassan would be very grateful if a parishioner or two could come forward to join a rota of people willing to bring her to 9am Sunday Mass at OLOS. If you are able to help please let the Parish Office eandfparish@btinternet.com or Michael/Jo Bray know michaelpbray@btinternet.com

Parish Facebook page. The Parish has a page on Facebook for parish information, news and links. If you would like to join please sign in and ask to join - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/524032195188387> It is only for our parish hence the need to join.

Pope Francis' latest encyclical, "Fratelli Tutti", on the subject of human fraternity and social friendship, has been published. Links to the full text, plus shorter and longer summaries, are available at:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/the-church/the-pope/pope-francis/fratelli-tutti/>

New Diocesan Website. The re-designed diocesan website goes live on **9th October**, at: www.abdiocese.org.uk.

Sign the petition to save the right to save lives. Pro-abortion MPs in Parliament want to stop pregnant women getting help outside abortion clinics by calling for buffer zones. SPUC is campaigning to save the right for peaceful pro-life vigils to take place. Hundreds of children are alive today in this country because their mother met a loving pro-life person just before they walked into the abortion clinic. Please sign our petition to save the right to save lives. It only takes a minute of your time, but it could mean a lifetime for an unborn baby. You can sign the petition here: <https://spuc.org.uk/SaveTheRightToSaveLives>

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	Allison Roberts
Maggi Cooke	Jean Rowlandson
Dorothy Dinan	Yolande Sharpe
Maureen Donoghue	Karen Silver
John Donovan	Mary Skilton
Mary Doran	Jenny Smith
Mary Hefford	Margaret Summers
Derek Knott	Pat Turton
Tessa Knott	Simon Turton
Noreen Landers	Andrea Vaughan
Daphne McLeod	Rose Wedlake
Joanna Mills	Alf Wiggins

Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

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 Medicott - RIP
Monday	12 Oct	11.15 am*	HS	Requiem Mass for Marian Cross RIP – ONLY THOSE INVITED BY THE FAMILY
Tuesday	13 Oct	9.15 am	OLOS	Private – Children & Grandchildren Welfare
Wednesday	14 Oct	9.15 am	HS	Angela Pommer - RIP
Thursday	15 Oct	9.15 am	OLOS	Vocations to the Priesthood
Friday	16 Oct	6.00 pm	HS	Holy Souls - RIP
Saturday	17 Oct	10.00 am	OLOS	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday	17 Oct	6.00 pm	OLOS	Brian Denore - RIP
Sunday	18 Oct	9.00 am	OLOS	Ruth Ashfield – Thanksgiving for her FHC Ministry
Sunday	18 Oct	11.00 am	HS	People of the Parish
HS = Holy Spirit church, Fetcham OLOS = Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham				

Confessions. We now have scheduled times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation – these are at the following times and places:

Sat 11.00 – 11.45 am – HS, Fetcham
Sat 5.00 - 5.30 pm – OLOS, Effingham

Next Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 45:1.4-6 | Psalm 95:1.3-5.7-10. R.v7 | 1Thessalonians 1:1-5 | Matthew 22:15-21



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