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

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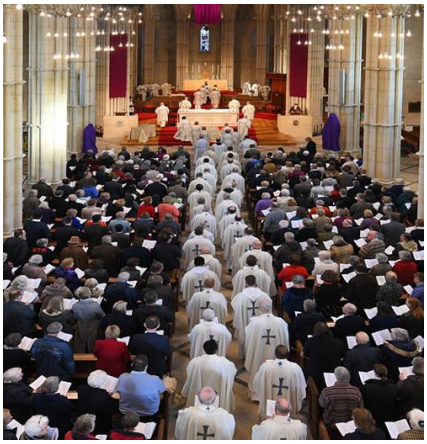
A very warm welcome to parishioners and visitors

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Special Collection this week: Prisoners' Sunday – Gift Aid – use special envelopes

Sundays: Cycle A Weekdays: Year II 11-10-2026



In the cupboard in our Dining Room, we have a box that contains numerous Orders of Service from Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals that were either our family occasions or from Services that we have attended. They are extremely useful when helping people to organise their own events, or as Jean says, the Funeral ones will be helpful to whichever one of us is left! It is not surprising that many of the Readings in the booklets are common to the occasion. For instance, this Sunday's Reading from Isaiah and Psalm 23 are very popular at Funerals. Why is that? Well, both give much comfort to the bereaved on the loss of a loved one. In Isaiah, he prophesises that God is preparing a banquet for all people. He emphasises that all peoples, not just Jews, can come. God wants his message or invitation to be available to everyone. '*The Lord is my Shepherd'* as we shall hear in the Psalm. In the Gospel, Jesus spells out the message again. In the culture of that time, guests received two invitations. The first asked them if they were available, and the second told them the Feast was ready. So, we always get a second chance. The point of it all is that we come to God's party, his banquet of life, not because we have earned a right to be there, nor because we can buy an invitation, not because our friends have good political connections, but simply because he gives us free entrance out of his unbounded love and generosity.

God bless,
Deacon Ian

This Week

Recent Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Judith Carson** who died recently and keep her family in your prayers.

Judith's Requiem Mass will be on Friday 16th October, **REVISED TIME - 10.30 am** at OLOS.

Donations should go to MISSIO – we have a collection next week.

We welcome into our Catholic Parish Community through the Sacrament of Baptism **Rupert Brady**.

Congratulations to **Ola and Anna Smith** enrolled in the Guild of St Stephen.

Special Collection this week: Prisoners' Sunday. The money raised through this collection is used by the Prison Advice and Care Trust to help prisoners and their families. To Gift Aid, please ONLY use one of the special envelopes available at the back of church this weekend.

The Men's Group. The next meeting will be on Wed 14 Oct, 8 pm in St Alphege Hall. The theme for the evening is "Humility – we descend by escalation and we ascend by humility". All are welcome.

Fr Charles's Final Weekend in the Parish

Fr Charles will be leaving the parish after NEXT weekend (17th/18th Oct). To mark this occasion, he will be saying farewell at all the Masses, including a **Farewell Mass and Reception** on Saturday 17th October at OLOS – Mass at 6 pm followed by a reception in St Alphege Hall, and also after coffee following the 11am Mass at HS.

Welcomers at Masses – Mass Count

For this last weekend, could Welcomers please count the people at Mass (including children, babies, Choir, servers) as they welcome, etc and record the total number for the relevant date and Mass on the sheet on the clipboard at the back of the Church.

Parish Sacramental Programmes

A reminder that the most important preparation for any Sacrament is regular attendance at Sunday Mass. There is no substitute for this, and all our programmes presume a good level of practice of the faith and attendance will be monitored.

First Holy Communion Programme 2027

Application forms (YELLOW) for next year's programme (starting in January) are available at the back of each church or can be printed off the parish website from this page: First Holy Communion - EFFINGHAM & FETCHAM

If you have a child in year 3 or above then, **provided that you and your child are in regular attendance at Mass you and they will be able to join the programme.** Please hand fully completed application forms with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate (please give a copy, not the original) to Deacon Ian or deliver to the Parish Office.

Confirmation Programme

If you would like to be Confirmed next year, please pick up a RED form from the back of the church or printed off the parish website: Confirmation - EFFINGHAM & FETCHAM. All ages school Yr 10 and upwards. Please complete and return it with a copy of your baptismal certificate to the parish office or Deacon Ian as soon as possible.

CELEBRATE Autumn family pack - helping families grow an attitude of gratitude, noticing all the good gifts God gives us and saying thank you together. Their updated online Autumn Family Pack is available now at celebratetrust.org/shop/autumnpack

Cor et Lumen Christi Women's Retreat - Saturday 17 October

A day for women, by women, to encounter the God who releases blessings and can transform all things through prayer, perseverance and thanksgiving. Location: Salesian College Hall, Highfield Road, Chertsey, KT16 8BX. For more info and to book, go to https://coretlumenchristi.churchsuite.com/events/9vu22opu

School Admissions

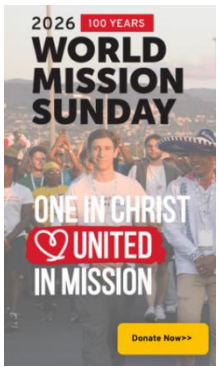
School Applications for Admission in Sept 2027
Parents applying for a Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP), **please email Fr Charles at the Parish Office as a matter of urgency** so he can complete this before he leaves next week!!
The child's name, date of birth and address are required.

Celebrating Attendance at Mass. Parents who will be applying for their child to have a place in a Catholic Secondary School in **September 2028** (and beyond) will need a '**Celebrating Attendance at Mass**' card. Please email the Parish Office with the child's full name, DoB and recent passport sized photo.

October – the Month of the Rosary

As in recent years, there are some booklets on how to pray "The Holy Rosary" available at no charge at the back of each church. (Please do hold onto these from year to year as they are not a free publication).
There are also a good selection of rosaries available to buy from the repository in the porch of each church.

Next Week



Special Collection next week: World Mission Sunday (MISSIO).
To Gift Aid, please ONLY use a special envelope available at back of church. There are also prayer cards to pick up.
Your prayers and donations support the work of MISSIO.

General

People's Emergency Briefing

You are invited to this free film screening about the nature and climate emergency, at The Old Barn Hall, Bookham on Thur 22nd Oct, door open 7.15 pm, film starts 7.30 pm. Age 16+.
For more info, please scan the QR code or see poster in porch.

Please pray for all those in our Parish who are sick:	
Emile Aboud	Ann McEntire
Marie Bliss	Jim Morgan
Heli Bravery	Brenda Parker
Christopher Browne	Maureen Rennison
Mary Doran	Bernard Shaw
Brede Hassard	Jenny Smith
Mary Hefford	Peter Stevenson
Maddy Hewitt	Maggie Thomas
Valeria Kucharsky	Theo West
Joanna Mills	Ian Williamson

This Week's Services and Mass intentions

Saturday Vigil	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	Jeanne Farmery – 100th Birthday
Monday	**12 Oct**	**9.30 am****	**OLOS****	Celebrant's Intention
Tuesday	13 Oct	9.15 am	OLOS	Judith Carson - RIP
Wednesday	14 Oct	9.15 am	HS	Holy Souls - RIP
Thursday	15 Oct	9.15 am	OLOS	Lilia Mamorno - RIP
Friday	**16 Oct**	**10.30 am****	**OLOS**	**Judith Carson – Requiem Mass**
FR CHARLES' LEAVING WEEKEND				
Saturday Vigil	17 Oct	6.00 pm	OLOS	Brian Denore - RIP
Sat Reception		*7.00 pm*	*St Alphege Hall*	
Sunday	18 Oct	9.00 am	OLOS	Fr Charles – Private Intention
Sunday	18 Oct	11.00 am	HS	People of the Parish
Sun Reception		*Noon*	*HS Annex*	

HS = Holy Spirit, Fetcham OLOS = Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham

Most Masses from both our churches are live-streamed on YouTube at "Effingham and Fetcham Catholic Parish" https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLGeHumF6yae4QGCSVg0UA

Confessions	**Saturdays** 5.00-5.30 pm OLOS, Effingham **1st Sunday of the month** after 11.00 am Mass HS, Fetcham
Adoration	**Thursdays** following OLOS 9.15 am Mass to Noon, then 2-6 pm
Children's Liturgy	**1st & 3rd Sundays of the month** in term time at HS, Fetcham 11.00 am

Next Week: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 | Psalm 96(95):1, 3.4-5. 7-8. 9-10a, c. R.7b | 1Thessalonians 1:1-5b | Matthew 22:15-21

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

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