



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 (For Gift Aid, please use special envelopes ONLY)

Sundays: Cycle B Weekdays: Year II 13 October 2024



This weekend the word of God challenges us: in what do you put your heart? Where is your security? What makes your life valuable and worthwhile? We hear Jesus' warning. Do not put your heart in possessions for they will become your masters. Obviously, the young man who came to Jesus, as we hear in today's Gospel, did so because he admired Jesus – he called him 'Good Master'. It's easy to gain admirers, but difficult to find people willing to make sacrifices. When Jesus asked him to give up his wealth and become his disciple, it proves too big a sacrifice for him. He went away sad. Why sad? Because the challenge Jesus issued to him caused a

vision of true greatness to flare up in his young mind. He found this vision exciting but too costly. He knew that in turning his back on Jesus, he was turning his back on this vision too. So he went away sad. And Jesus let him go. He respected his freedom. There is no point in forcing people to make sacrifices. If you take things away from them, they are impoverished. People are essentially good. But this goodness has to be awakened and called forth if they are to enter the kingdom of love. The Gospel keeps challenging us not to seek contentment and safety in the things we have, but to give of ourselves without reserve to God and the people around us.

God bless

Deacon Ian

This Week



Special Collection this week:

Prisoners' Sunday. To Gift Aid your donation, please ONLY use a

special envelope.

Prisoners' Sunday is an opportunity to consider how we, as individuals, as a Church, and as communities, are serving our brothers and sisters affected by imprisonment. PACT works with prisoners and families, giving support where it is needed.



Collectors at Masses - Census.

Could collectors please continue to count the people at Mass (including children, babies, Choir, servers) as they take the collection and record the total number for the relevant date and Mass on the sheet at the back of the Church. ***This is the last weekend of recording numbers at Mass.***

Changes to Masses/Adoration this Week.

Fr Charles is away this coming week (Monday 14th – Friday 18th Oct inclusive). There will be no Masses in the parish during this time. Adoration will start at 11 am on Thursday. Weekend Masses/Confessions are as normal.

Cake Sale this weekend

- there will be a sale of cakes, marmalade and jams in aid of the Mtandika Trade School in Tanzania **after all Masses this weekend** (12th/13th Oct).

October – the Month of the Rosary

We will be praying the Rosary together at HS every Friday from 11.30 am and at OLOS every Saturday from 5.30 pm. Parishioners are encouraged to take part in leading the prayer – please use the sign-up sheet at back of church. *Leaflets* about 'How to Pray the Rosary' are available, to take away, at the back of each church. A *selection of Rosaries* are available to purchase in each church.

Men's Group. This group meets regularly, usually once a month, to discuss Scripture/Spirituality. The next meeting is on **Wed 16 Oct** in St Alphege Hall, Effingham at 8 pm. Open to all men in the parish, just come along – you'll be most welcome!



Christian Aid Film Night,

THIS Friday 18 Oct, 7 pm in St Alphege Hall. Organised

by Churches Together in

Effingham & Little Bookham. Watch a thought-provoking 2023 film, enjoy wine, softs drinks and cheese and raise money for the Gaza Appeal. Sign up at back of church and please give a donation for the appeal and refreshments on the night. Or to make a donation without seeing the film, see the posters in the porches.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

Please could you start thinking about the contents of your boxes now as the boxes will need to be handed in by **weekend 9-10th Nov** at the latest, for onward shipment to Romania on 12th Nov by Children in Distress. Any queries, please contact Mary or Michael Agius.

Catholics are urged to contact their MPs today to stop the legalisation of Assisted Suicide.

On Wednesday 16 October, the House of Commons will hear the first reading of a new bill on assisted suicide tabled by Labour MP Kim Leadbeater; the timing of the bill makes it probable that MPs will have a vote on assisted suicide before Christmas this year. The Catholic Church teaches that life is a gift to be cherished and cared for from conception until natural death. While the bill may have the support of well-known figures, it is not supported by the Church's teaching which is consistent with regard to the dignity of life. To find out more about the Bill and contact your MP please visit:

www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/act-now

Next Week



Special Collection next weekend: World Mission Sunday MISSIO.

Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio, his charity for world mission, through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity, and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To gift aid your donation, please **ONLY** use a special MISSIO envelope. Prayer cards are also available.

Coming Soon



The Children's Choir

Takes place every 4th Sunday at the 11 am Family Mass.

If your child is Year 4 and above and would like to take part, please email Kamila on kamilasmith@icloud.com You will be sent links for the hymns that we will be singing. We meet to rehearse from 10:30 am on the day we are singing in the Church of the Holy Spirit.



What's on in the Parish this Autumn

Fri 01 Nov - Holy Day of Obligation: All Saints Day 9.15 am Mass at OLOS, 8 pm Mass at HS.

Sat 2 Nov – All Souls Day – Special Mass at 10 am at OLOS followed by blessing of the graves and refreshments in the hall afterwards.

Sun 10 Nov – Blessing of Garden of Remembrance after 11 am Mass at HS.

Mon 18 – Fri 22 Nov – Fr Charles away. No weekday Masses. Weekend Masses as usual.

Sun 1 Dec – New Lectionary starts to be used.

Sacrament Programmes

****ADVANCE NOTICE - THE CLOSING DAY FOR APPLICATIONS IS SUNDAY 27TH OCTOBER**.**

First Holy Communion and Reconciliation 2025. If you would like to enrol your child for the First Holy Communion programme starting in January 2025, please take a **YELLOW** form from the back of the church. Children should be in school year 3 or above. Please complete it and return it with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate to the parish office or to Fr Charles or Deacon Ian **BY SUN 27/10.**

Confirmation

If you would like to be Confirmed in Eastertide next year, please pick up a **RED** form from the back of the church. All ages, school Year 10 and upwards. Please complete and return it with a copy of your baptismal certificate to the parish office or Fr Charles or Deacon Ian **BY SUN 27/10.**

Adult Baptism or Reception into the Church

If you, or someone you know might be interested in becoming a Catholic at Easter next year, please contact the parish office or speak to Fr Charles or Deacon Ian as soon as possible.



Recent Second Collection Results

Home Missions - £484.47

CAFOD Harvest Appeal - £1,294.36

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Please pray for all those in our Parish who are sick:

Derek Barham	Joanna Mills
Marie Bliss	Janet Morgan
Christopher Browne	Jim Morgan
Amy Chapman	James Nicholls
John Donovan	Maureen Rennison
Mary Doran	Jean Rowlandson
Sandra Flynn	Bernard Shaw
Mary Hefford	Jenny Smith
Maddy Hewitt	Maggie Thomas
Hanna Jaszczyk	

This Week's Services and Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil	12 Oct	6.00 pm	OLOS	Celebrant's Intention
Sunday	13 Oct	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	13 Oct	11.00 am	HS	Danny About - RIP
Monday	14 Oct	NO MASS		NO MASS
Tuesday	15 Oct	NO MASS	OLOS	NO MASS
Wednesday	16 Oct	NO MASS	HS	NO MASS
Thursday	17 Oct	NO MASS	OLOS	NO MASS
Friday	18 Oct	NO MASS	HS	NO MASS
Saturday Vigil	19 Oct	6.00 pm	OLOS	Brian Denore - RIP
Sunday	20 Oct	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	20 Oct	11.00 am	HS	George Wells – Private Intention

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

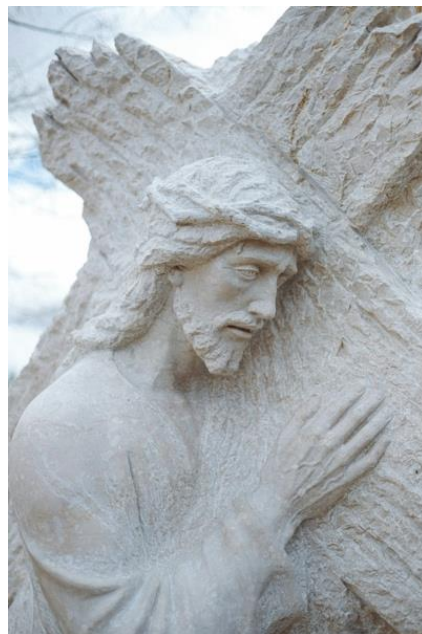
All Masses from OLOS are live-streamed on YouTube at "Effingham and Fetcham Catholic Parish" <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLGeHumF6yae4QGCSVg0UA>

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
Chaplet of the Divine Mercy	Fridays following HS Noon Mass
Children's Liturgy	1st & 3rd Sundays of the month in term time at HS, Fetcham 11.00 am

Next Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Isaiah 53:10-11 | Psalm 32:4-5, 18-20,22. R.v2 | Hebrews 4:14-16 | Mark 10:35-45



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

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