



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*

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Lepers had such bad manners back in Jesus' day—fancy not saying “thank you”! But, of course, today's Gospel isn't really about bad manners. It's about missing the point of life.

As lepers the ten had to live apart from society. Having been cured, they are hurrying off to the priest to get permission to rejoin the community and resume their previous lives. But they have missed the point that they have just had an encounter with the Living God in the person of Jesus. They are going to see the priest, but Jesus is the real Priest here, mediating God's healing and saving power. And Jesus offers not just reintegration into human society but reconciliation and communion with God and His holy people.

But at least one of those cured—the foreigner—gets the point. He is irresistibly drawn back to Jesus. He “turns back” to Him—he is literally “converted”. He senses the divinity of Jesus, falling down at His feet in worship. And he “gives thanks”—in Greek, “eucharistōn”.

I think the Eucharistic link is important here for us. In the Eucharist we can experience the heart of this Gospel: the Real Presence of Jesus our God and our High Priest, who brings us communion and reconciliation with God and His people. In the Eucharist let us turn back to Him, be healed by Him, worship Him and give Him thanks like never before.

May God bless you all

*Fr Stephen*

## **THIS WEEK**

Please pray for the soul of Joanna Kettle RIP (daughter of Trish and John Kettle), who died on the 5 October and please also remember her family at this time too.

### **Aid to the Church in Need – Appeal THIS**

**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.

**Christmas Shoebox Appeal:** In the last few years Parishioners have been very generous in donating shoeboxes for the 'Children in Distress' Shoebox Appeal. The shoeboxes are delivered to children and elderly people in Romania. Last year the total number of boxes rose to 160 and this year we would like to try and reach 200. Mary Agius will be outside all this weekend's Masses to distribute forms and some empty shoeboxes. **Full shoeboxes will need to be brought back by the weekend of 15/16 November.**



**Parish Quiz Night:** is **NEXT 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.

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

**Prisons Week:** Today, **Sunday 13 October**, is Prisoners' Sunday and the start of a week of prayer for prisoners and victims, their families, their communities, those working and volunteering in prisons and the criminal justice system. Some prayer sheets and 'how to help' flyers are available at the back of each church.

**First Holy Communion:** we need some more people to help as catechists on the new programme which will run from January to June 2020, usually meeting weekly on a Wednesday, at St Alphege Hall, with sessions starting at 5pm and lasting about an hour. If you are interested in being involved, please speak to Fr Stephen.

### **Special Collection next week - World Mission Sunday MISSIO:**

the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all creation. You will be able to Gift Aid your donations by using the special envelopes provided by Missio. Thank you.

**Raising funds for Christian Aid:** This is a Churches Together in Effingham & Little Bookham initiative. Come to a fun evening, and Sing-a-Long in St Alphege Church Hall, Lower Road, Effingham on **THIS Friday 18 October from 7pm** starting promptly with the film at 7.15pm. Refreshments at half time, with a bring and share supper, wine and soft drinks also available. Wonderful music from one of the recent shows to sing-a-long to if you wish. *Please sign up on the sheet at the rear of each church so we know numbers for catering purposes.*

**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](mailto: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**

**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.

**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.

**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. For more information: Facebook.com/CatholicEncounter or contact [Jack.Regan@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Jack.Regan@abdiocese.org.uk)

**Parents of Babies and Toddlers:** Do you have a child under 5? Would you like to meet and share social time with fellow Parishioners and their children? The Effingham & Fetcham Grandparents' Group are hosting a lunch on **Sunday, 17 November** for Parents and their children under 5 (older brothers and sisters welcome). The lunch will be held at St Alphege Hall from **12:30 to 2:30pm**. If you are interested and would like to receive an invitation then please e-mail your contact details to Jean and Deacon Ian [ianjeanwells@hotmail.com](mailto:ianjeanwells@hotmail.com) or phone 01372 456347. Lots of noise, chat and a few honorary grandparents to help out!

**'Lord, teach us to pray':** If you would like to learn and experience new forms of prayer, then this weekend is for you. A Jesuit priest will be leading it, and it will be very much 'user friendly' for everyone. You can just come to one day or to both. You will need to bring your own packed lunch on each day. Refreshments will be provided and there will be no charge. This weekend is being offered in four venues to the whole diocese. On **Saturday and Sunday 7 and 8 December** at St. Michael's church Ashtead. For further information, please contact John Harman, our Diocesan Advisor for Formation and Spirituality on 01293 651157 or [Joh.harman@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Joh.harman@abdiocese.org.uk)

## **GENERAL**

**The Passage Fundraiser:** a Christian Charity working with homeless people, is holding a fundraising concert at the Royal Festival Hall on **Tuesday 5 November** on the theme *Magic of Italian Opera* with Petroc Trelawny as presenter. The music includes Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves and Nessun Dorma with soloists Joyce El-Khoury, Michael Fabiano, Clare Presland and Simon Thorpe. For more details call 020 7592 1856 or email [tickets@passage.org.uk](mailto:tickets@passage.org.uk)

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

Marie Bliss	Jane Neville
Christopher Brown	Maureen Rennison
Alan Bryant	Patrick Rennison
Jeff Care	Piers Ripley-Duggan
Amy Chapman	Allison Roberts
Maggi Cooke	Jean Rowlandson
Marian Cross	Yolande Sharpe
Maureen Donoghue	Karen Silver
John Donovan	Mary Skilton
Mary Doran	Andrew Smith
Ros Kennedy	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	12 Oct	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Beth Finnan - RIP
Sunday	13 Oct	09.00am	(OLOS)	People of the Parish
		11.00am	(HS)	Surriya Bullen - RIP
Monday	14 Oct	Noon	(HS)	Holy Souls - RIP
Tuesday	15 Oct	09.15am	(OLOS)	Holy Souls - RIP
Wednesday	16 Oct	09.15am	(HS)	Holy Souls - RIP
Thursday	17 Oct	09.15am	(OLOS)	Brian Denore - RIP
Friday	18 Oct	06.00pm	(HS)	Holy Souls - RIP
Saturday	19 Oct	10.00am	(OLOS)	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday	19 Oct	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Gerry Payne - RIP
Sunday	20 Oct	09.00am	(OLOS)	Mary & Robert Estall - RIP
		11.00am	(HS)	People of the Parish

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday	15 Oct	09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)
Thursday	17 Oct	09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)
		02.00pm to 05.00pm	(OLOS)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday	19 Oct	10.30am to 11.15am	(OLOS)	Face to Face
		05.00pm to 05.30pm	(OLOS)	In the Confessional
Sunday		After 11.00am Mass	(HS)	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month

MONTHLY ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

Monday		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: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Exodus 17:8-13 Psalm 120. R. cf.v2 2Timothy 3:14-4:2 Luke 18:1-8



**Newsletter items to the Parish office by 10.00am Wednesday**