



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

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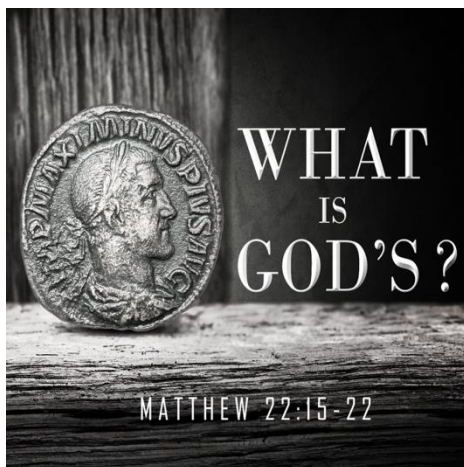
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A Very Warm Welcome to Parishioners and Visitors

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Special Collection this week: World Mission Sunday (Gift Aid)

Sundays: Cycle A Weekdays: Year I 22 October 2023



The Pharisees and the Herodians are odd bedfellows in questioning Jesus about paying taxes to Caesar. The Herodians were supporters of the king, Herod Antipas, who was kept in power by the Romans—so they, naturally enough, supported paying the tax. Whereas the Pharisees were much more concerned with loyalty to God's Law, and much less in favour of paying the tax, as that implicitly denied that God had given the Holy Land to the Jews—not the Romans!

What could have brought the two sides together? They both wanted to cut Jesus down to size, to undermine His authority and influence. Their question is, of course, a trick. Whichever way Jesus answers, they've got Him! They have reduced Him to one party or another. They are trying to put particular issues above the Person

of Jesus. "If you support taxes to Caesar, then you can support Jesus"—or vice versa. Either way, Jesus has become more manageable.

Jesus, as always, sees right through the trick—with a few nice swipes along the way! The image and inscription on the coins are idolatrous, claiming divine status for the emperor Tiberius. And Jesus asks for a coin presumably because He doesn't carry money around—it's not so important to Him.

And that's the real issue that I think Jesus is interested in: not being caught up in money or material things at all. It's not about what to do with an image of the emperor on a coin that ultimately matters, but what we do with the image of God in ourselves—for we are created in God's image.

May God Bless you,

Fr Stephen

This Week



Today. Tomorrow. Together.

Special Collection this week: World Mission Sunday (MISSIO).

World Mission Sunday today is vital to the growth of the Church and the spread of the Gospel in predominantly impoverished and remote areas overseas. The funds raised build much needed chapels, schools, orphanages, clinics etc. Support from Missio transforms lives and creates a hub from which the young Church can flourish and grow. Today through prayer, reflection and material help, we express our support of missionaries who are striving to preach and live the Gospel among those who have yet to receive it. Please give what you can, and use the special Missio envelopes to Gift Aid your donation if possible. Alternatively you can visit www.missio.org.uk.

Mass this Monday 23 October at Holy Spirit will be at **9.15 am** rather than the usual time of midday.



First Holy Communion and Reconciliation 2024.

To enrol your child for the First Holy Communion programme starting in January 2024, please take a yellow form from the back of the church (or print one off at https://www.effinghamandfetcham.org.uk/uploads/4/0/8/9/40894629/fhc_applicationform_v2022.pdf) Children should be in school year 3 or above. Please complete it and return it with your child's baptismal certificate to Fr Stephen or Deacon Ian after Mass as soon as possible.

October: The Month of the Rosary. In October we are praying the Rosary together at OLOS on Saturdays from 5.40pm. Children and young

parishioners are encouraged to help leading the prayer.

Please help yourself to a leaflet about how to pray the Rosary at the back of each church. A selection of Rosaries is also available to purchase in each church.

Coming Soon



Sycamore

Follow-Up.

Following the great success of our Sycamore New Evangelisation sessions last Lent and early summer, we are now planning some further sessions to view four more of the videos and to continue and deepen our discussions. They will run on the Monday evenings of November starting at 7.30 pm in St Alphege Hall. Our topics this time will be:

- Mon 6 – The Light of Christ
- Mon 13 – Creation, Fall, Salvation
- Mon 20 – Christian Vocations
- Mon 27 – Social Teaching of the Church

Do put the dates in your diary and come along, and do invite others to come along too—*especially* any guests who came to the previous sessions. We also need volunteers to help out with organising and running these sessions.

If you are planning to attend or if you can lend a hand, please sign-up on the sheet at the back of each church. Many thanks.

Blessing of the Graves. On **Saturday 4 November at 3 pm** at OLOS cemetery followed by tea and cake in the hall. Everyone is welcome, especially those who have loved ones laid to rest in our cemetery.

General

Do & Raise – Raffle. The Do & Raise team have been busy making this gorgeous knitted Noah's Ark. To be in with a chance of winning it, raffle



tickets will be available to buy on the weekends of the 29 Oct and 5 Nov. The proceeds of the raffle will be donated to the Red Cross.

'Quick Journey through the Bible' – Free study course at St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth. The new study mornings continue on **Saturday 28 October**, led by Fr John Seddon OSB. They will focus on Part 2, covering Genesis 1-11 and the early world. Holy Mass with the Benedictine monks is at 9am, followed by video and talks from 10.30am to 12.15pm. It's free to attend and there is no need to book. Bring a friend if possible. For more information visit: <http://www.chilworthbenedictines.com>

Liturgy of the Word with Children – Leaders' Training – Sat 11 Nov, 10am–1pm at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley RH10 6RP. Please join us for a morning exploring an exciting style of delivering the Liturgy of the Word with Children. Lucy Hall will be demonstrating a hands-on, tactile approach to wondering about the Gospel. Please register using the link [Liturgy of the Word with Children - Leaders' training \(11-Nov-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

Marriage Catechists' Day – Sa 18 Nov 11am-3.30pm at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley RH10 6RP. Are you involved with, or would like to be involved with, supporting couples on their engagement journey towards marriage? Bishop Richard invites you to join him for our annual day of formation. We will be looking at the impact of the new pastoral plan on the diocesan preparation scheme and on the need to support couples in their communities. Please register using the link [Marriage](#)

[Catechists Day \(18-Nov-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

Who cares? We do. Let's Grow Together. A free support group for people going through divorce and separation. This is a self-help group run by others who have experienced this loss and change in their lives and are on a recovery journey. We meet monthly in various locations in West Sussex and Surrey. Contact one of our group leaders Caroline or John: E: whocares.team@outlook.com. The next meeting of the group is on 4 November at St Joseph's Church Hall, Dorking RH4 3DL. Car parking behind Church.



Please pray for all those in our Parish who are sick:	
Derek Barham	Janet Morgan
Marie Bliss	Jim Morgan
Christopher Browne	Maureen Rennison
Amy Chapman	Jean Rowlandson
John Donovan	Bernard Shaw
Mary Doran	Karen Silver
Mary Hefford	Jenny Smith
Maddy Hewitt	Maggie Thomas
Tessa Knott	Pat Turton
Gillian Lake	Simon Turton
Joanna Mills	Andrea Vaughan

This Week's Masses and Intentions

Saturday Vigil	21 Oct	6.00 pm	OLOS	Celebrant's Intention
Sunday	22 Oct	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	22 Oct	11.00 am	HS	Piers Ripley-Duggan – RIP
Monday	23 Oct	9.15 am**	HS	Edwina Vardey – RIP
Tuesday	24 Oct	9.15 am	OLOS	Holy Souls – RIP
Wednesday	25 Oct	9.15 am	HS	Peace in the Holy Land
Thursday	26 Oct	9.15 am	OLOS	Vocations to the Priesthood
Friday	27 Oct	6.00 pm	HS	Holy Souls – RIP
Saturday	28 Oct	10.00 am	OLOS	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday Vigil	28 Oct	6.00 pm	OLOS	Peace in the Holy Land
Sunday	29 Oct	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	29 Oct	11.00 am	HS	David Summers – RIP

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

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Confessions

Saturdays

10.30-11.15 am OLOS, Effingham

5.00-5.30 pm OLOS, Effingham

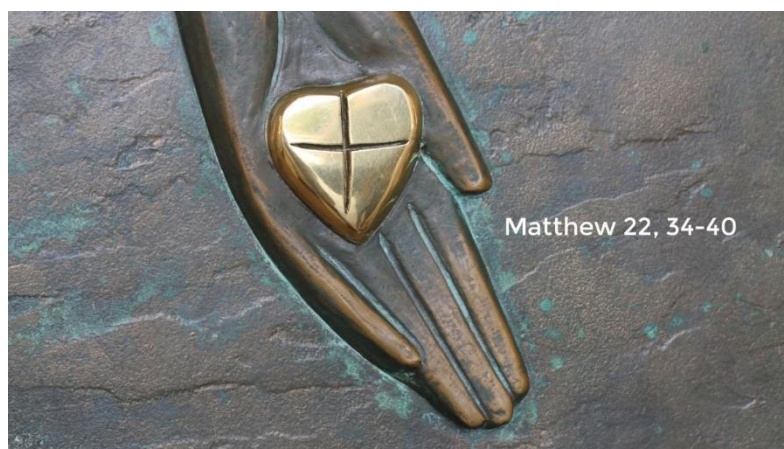
1st Sunday of the month after 11.00 am Mass HS, Fetcham

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Thursdays after Mass until midday, then 2-7 pm

The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will be prayed every Friday at 5.45 pm at HS, before the 6 pm Mass

Next Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 22:20-26 | Psalm 17:2-4.47.51. R.v2 | 1Thessalonians 1:5-10 | Matthew 22:34-40



Matthew 22, 34-40

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

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