



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

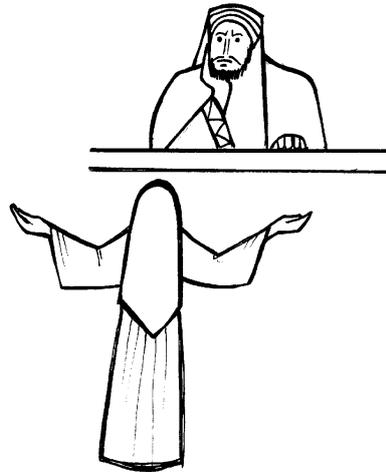


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A Warm Welcome to all Parishioners and Visitors

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays: Cycle C Weekdays: Year I 20 October 2019



“Jesus told a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart.” So we have been warned—prayer does not always have immediate visible results. Why not? Because prayer doesn’t work mechanically—like “magic”. Prayer is always a meeting of several freedoms, and freedom is the opposite of mechanical.

First of all there is the freedom of God. God is always willing to answer prayer, and to answer it speedily. Jesus’ parable today assures us of that. But God’s freedom always chooses what is good. If we pray for something that isn’t truly good—something silly or selfish—God won’t do it anyway just to please us.

Then there’s usually the freedom of the people we are praying for, or who will be affected by our prayer. God always respects His gift of freedom to each person, and won’t violate it. He won’t force His blessings on other people or force them to be good against their free will.

Finally there is our own freedom. It is by our free choice that we cooperate in God’s works through our prayers. That’s the essence of true prayer. It’s not about changing God’s mind or twisting His arm. Rather, in a relationship of friendship and trust with God, we offer Him our minds and hearts as instruments through which He can work His wonders.

May God bless you all

Fr Stephen

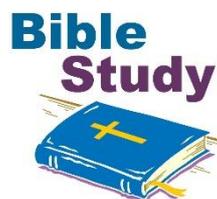
THIS WEEK

The Requiem Mass for Joanna Kettle RIP will be held on **Monday 21 October** at Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham at **12 noon**. It will be the only Mass of the day.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Frank O'Donoghue RIP, Carmel Brennan RIP and Barbara Ann Tucker RIP who died recently. Please also remember their families at this time too.

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.

The Catholic Times and The Universe: We sell hardly any of these papers, although some are taken free after a week. The publisher will soon be changing their terms and unsold copies will no longer be credited to us. If you are interested in us still taking Catholic papers—and if you will buy them—please let the parish secretary know (01372 458263 or eandfparish@btinternet.com). If we don't hear from you by the end of November we will cancel them.



Bible Study Group: You are reminded that this Group meets **every Friday afternoon at 4.00pm** for about an hour at **98 Woodlands Road, Bookham KT23 4HH**. The

Group is 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 or phone 01372 456545.

Mass Intention Requests: If you would like to request a Mass intention you will find orange forms, for the purpose, in the porch of each church. Please fill in the details and put in an envelope with your offering. The suggested donation under Diocesan guidelines is £10 but please just give an amount you can afford. You

can either put the envelope into the post box at Holy Spirit or drop it through the letterbox of the Presbytery (behind Our Lady of Sorrows church) or give it to Fr Stephen. If it's a more urgent request or you would like to see what dates are available, please do contact the Parish Office (01372 458263 or eandfparish@btinternet.com).

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

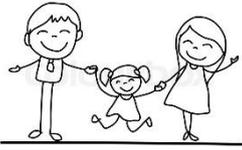


First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation: Now is the time to apply for preparation for First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation. Children aged

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 Saint John Henry Newman: 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](https://www.facebook.com/CatholicEncounter) or contact 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 or phone 01372 456347. Lots of noise, chat and a few honorary grandparents to help out!

'Lord, teach us to pray' Saturday and Sunday 7 and 8 December: 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. 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

GENERAL

Music in Hospitals Concert: This **Wednesday 23 October** between 2.15-3.15pm. With professional singer Laura Stevenson and pianist Judith Flint, all would be welcome to join with Meeting Point, a group for those more mature in years. Come and experience this interactive concert - one you will not forget! (No charge - tea and cake available). At Eastwick Road Church (ERC), Eastwick Road, Bookham KT23 4BE.

Alton Day of Renewal (ADoRE): This Month's Theme: *Prophetic Intercessory Prayer*. You are most welcome to come and celebrate with us and renew your faith at this mini-retreat day or half day on **Saturday 26 October**. Come for the whole day, or just morning or afternoon if you prefer. There is no need to book in advance and it's completely free, but we do invite donations

on the day, for those who can afford it, to cover expenses. Programme starts at 11.00 with the Rosary and finishes at 4pm. At Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton, Hampshire GU34 2NG. For more details: 01252 714809 or www.altonrenewal.com

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

Individual Retreats @ Worth Abbey: You are invited to book a stay (fully inclusive) for a self-led retreat between **11-14 November (3 nights)**. Cost: £189 per person Arriving from 4pm on the first day until after lunch on the final day. At the heart of this experience is participation in the monastic daily office to which all are welcome. Then enjoy the Abbey Church, our extensive grounds for walking and a visit to the Quiet Garden for quiet contemplation. To book your place and request a booking form, please contact: 01342 710318 or email: toc@worth.org.uk We look forward to welcoming you to Worth Abbey.

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	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
Monday	21 Oct	Noon	(OLOS)*	Requiem Mass for Joanna Kettle RIP
Tuesday	22 Oct	09.15am	(OLOS)	Joanna Kettle - RIP
Wednesday	23 Oct	09.15am	(HS)	Maureen Power - RIP
Thursday	24 Oct	09.15am	(OLOS)	Vocations to the Priesthood
Friday	25 Oct	06.00pm	(HS)	Holy Souls - RIP
Saturday	26 Oct	10.00am	(OLOS)	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday	26 Oct	06.00pm	(OLOS)	The Russel Family - Thanksgiving
Sunday	27 Oct	09.00am	(OLOS)	People of the Parish
		11.00am	(HS)	Ken Sellaya - RIP

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday	22 Oct	09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)
Thursday	24 Oct	09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)
		02.00pm to 05.00pm	(OLOS)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday	26 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 st 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: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14. 16-19 Psalm 33:2-3.17-19.23. R.v7 2Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18 Luke 18:9-14



Newsletter items to the Parish office by 10.00am Wednesday