



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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays: Cycle B Weekdays: Year I 17 October 2021



The strangest thing happens in today's Gospel. James and John ask for something outrageous—places at Jesus' right hand and left hand in His kingdom—and Jesus *doesn't* tell them off! Instead, He tells the other ten disciples off for getting so indignant at the brothers' audacious request.

The point is, I think, that Jesus has seen the good—as well as the obvious bad—in James' and John's request. The ten see only the hubris, and they are probably a little jealous of their own positions of closeness to Jesus. Will the brothers oust them from the positions of honour that they are secretly hoping for? But Jesus sees more. He sees James' and John's desire to be close to

Him, in other words, their love for Him. He sees their desire to be active figures in God's kingdom. He sees their ambition to achieve real greatness—even if they are going about it in completely the wrong way. So Jesus purifies their aspirations rather than crushing them. He encourages them to make great sacrifices for Him: sharing His "cup" and "baptism" of suffering. And He wonderfully transforms their ambitions for worldly glory into desire for true, heavenly glory.

And He does the same with each of us, if we let Him, if we have enough love for Him to ask for places near Him in His kingdom, enough ambition to hope for God's kingdom to come. He can see and build on the good in our hearts, even if He's the only one who can see it.

May God bless you all,

Fr Stephen

This Week

Congratulations to our six children who celebrated their first Holy Communion on Saturday and to their families. Please continue to pray for them in the weeks going forward.

Next Week

Special Collection next week – World Mission Sunday MISSIO

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when 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. Special envelopes are available for your donation and to Gift Aid (if you can). You can also give by phoning Missio (in office hours) 0207 821 9755 or by visiting <http://missio.org.uk>

Coming Soon



Night of Light. On the evening of **Sunday 31 October** we are having a “Night of Light”—a family celebration of the Saints who show us the light of Christ. It is “Hallowe’en”, in other words, the Eve of All Hallows’ Day or All Saints Day. How sad that our society has replaced a celebration of something so wonderful with a neo-pagan festival of all things ghoulish. So how great that we can celebrate its real meaning, especially with our children.

The evening will run from **5.30 to 7.30 pm** and involve Saint-themed party food and games. Children can come dressed up as a Saint. The evening will finish with a candle-light procession from the hall into the church ... “When the Saints go marching in”. Do come along—and do encourage other families to come with you—it’s a great fun way to share the Good News!

General

Raising funds for Christian Aid - THIS Friday 22nd October at 7pm



Come to a fun evening and sing along too if you wish — in St Alphege Hall, on **Friday 22nd**

October starting promptly at 7pm. Refreshments halfway through, wine and cheese and cake and wonderful music with a film from the shows.

If you’d like to come along, you’ll need to sign up on one of the lists (at the back of each church). Attendee numbers are needed as the event is restricted to a total of 40 people but also to help with the catering arrangements. You can also phone to book on 01372 457987. No tickets, but donations please on the night.

Creative Prayer Retreat Day

One of our parishioners, Emily Westlake, is running an in-person Creative Prayer retreat day (on the theme of ‘I am the vine, you are the branches’) at Compass House, Worth Abbey, near Crawley, West Sussex, on Saturday 23rd October 11am-5pm. To book, or if you would like more information, or could come as a helper, please contact Emily on emcat76@hotmail.com or 07947103781. There will be limited spaces, so please let Emily know if you can come as soon as possible.

Parenting for Faith. Want to help the children you love find God in everyday life? CELEBRATE is running the Parenting for Faith course on Zoom and we would love to see you there! Whether you are a parent, guardian, grandparent, family member, friend or catechist, you can help the young people in your life develop a vibrant and connected relationship with God - whatever their age! Starts on Tuesday 2nd November at 8-9.15pm. For more details or to book your free place on the course, go to the Celebrate Trust website <https://www.celebratetrust.org/>

Childcare and Home Help Needed. One of our parishioners, a mother of a young toddler, is looking for assistance with childcare and home help. One or two hours per day, up to four days per week. Timings are flexible (mornings/afternoons/evenings). Please contact Hannah on 07707663540 for further information.



Jam Sale in Aid of Tanzanian Trade School. The jam sale is THIS weekend, 16th/17th October, after all Masses.



Christmas Shoebox Appeal - Would you please start to think about filling your shoeboxes for the

annual Children in Distress Christmas Appeal. Boxes will be collected in mid-November from Mary Agius at 98 Woodlands Road.

Help Feed People in Need



Just a reminder that food donations for those needing support can be left in the box in the porch of each church, for onward distribution. Many thanks

The Blessing of Graves

On Saturday 6th November there will be the blessing of graves at 3pm at OLOS cemetery followed by tea and cake in the hall. Open especially for those who have loved ones laid to rest in the cemetery.

Station Mass For those who have Died

This last year has been a very challenging time for everyone, especially when our thoughts and prayers turn to those we have lost, whether through the time of the pandemic or before. Many of us have found it difficult to get to Church through lockdowns, to sit with the Lord and to share our thoughts or find comfort in His embrace. The limited numbers permitted at funerals may have meant that we were unable to be with friends and family at that special moment. With these challenges in mind, you are warmly invited to join your Deanery Station Mass this November for the intention of those lost. Join Bishop Richard as he offers Mass for your intentions, for your friends and loved ones. In our deanery of Epsom and Redhill the Mass will be on Friday 19th Nov at 7.30pm, SACRED HEART CATERHAM.

Recent Second Collections

The amounts raised are as follows:

- Day for Life £665.54
- Peter's Pence £444.45
- Sea Sunday - £626.00

Thank you so much for your donations.

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

Marie Bliss	Paddy Payne
Michael Boulvard	Maureen Rennison
Pauline Boulvard	Piers Ripley-Duggan
Christopher Browne	Allison Roberts
Amy Chapman	Jean Rowlandson
Maggi Cooke	Yolande Sharpe
John Donovan	Karen Silver
Mary Doran	Mary Skilton
Mary Hefford	Jenny Smith
Derek Knott	Margaret Summers
Tessa Knott	Pat Turton
Noreen Landers	Simon Turton
Joanna Mills	Andrea Vaughan
Janet Morgan	Alf Wiggins
Jim Morgan	

This Week's Masses and Intentions

Saturday Vigil	16 Oct	6.00 pm	OLOS	Brian Denore - RIP
Sunday	17 Oct	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	17 Oct	11.00 am	HS	Thanksgiving for FHC children
Monday	18 Oct	Noon	HS	Holy Souls - RIP
Tuesday	19 Oct	9.15 am	OLOS	Graham Smith – Thanksgiving & Wellbeing
Wednesday	20 Oct	9.15 am	HS	Canon Richard Hearn - RIP
Thursday	21 Oct	9.15 am	OLOS	Chantal Witchalls - RIP
Friday	22 Oct	6.00 pm	HS	Holy Souls - RIP
Saturday	23 Oct	10.00 am	OLOS	Candida Pimenta - RIP
Saturday Vigil	23 Oct	6.00 pm	OLOS	Celebrant's Intention
Sunday	24 Oct	9.00 am	OLOS	David James Summers - RIP
Sunday	24 Oct	11.00 am	HS	People of the Parish

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>

Eucharistic Adoration – Thursday mornings, from the end of Mass to 11.00 am.

Confessions

Saturdays

11.00-11.45 am HS, Fetcham
5.00-5.30 pm OLOS, Effingham

Next Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Jeremiah 31:7-9 | Psalm 125. R.v3 | Hebrews 5:1-6 | Mark 10:46-52



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

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