

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

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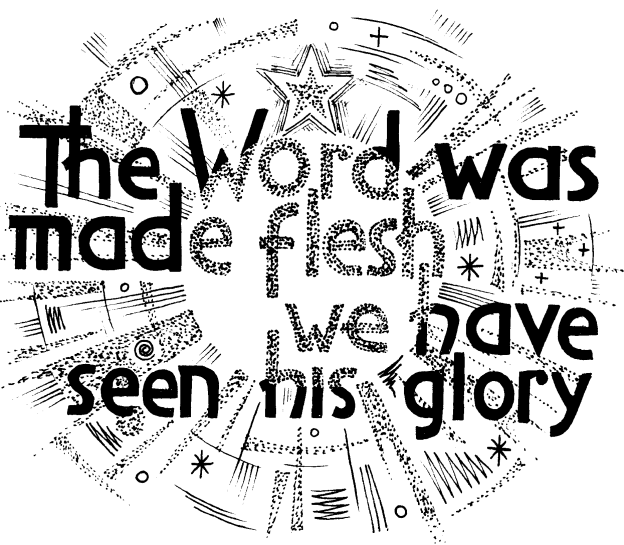
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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLGeHumF6yae4QGCSVg0UA>

A Very Warm Welcome to Parishioners and Visitors

2nd Sunday after the Nativity

Sundays: Cycle C Weekdays: Year II 2 January 2022



The date chosen as the beginning of the year is not as fixed as you might think. 1 January was the date used in the Roman empire, and that date has been culturally celebrated ever since. But different dates have been officially used, especially 25 December (the birth of Jesus) or 25 March (the feast of the Annunciation to Mary, and therefore also the date when the Incarnation began in Mary's womb). In France Easter Sunday was used for some time. In England it was 25 March until as recently as 1751.

Does any of this matter? Not so very much! In any case, our liturgical year begins on the first Sunday of Advent.

But the idea of a new year does have some real importance. Psychologically it is a great time for making a fresh start and for good resolutions. It is therefore a time of hope. For us as Christians it should be a time of special hope too. Not hope based on wishful thinking or on our own unaided efforts to make changes in our lives and our world. Our hope is based on Jesus entering into our world and our lives as our Saviour. (So Christmas or the Annunciation were better dates for New Year!) And we should make good—sensible and achievable—resolutions and real efforts to change things for the better. But it is Christ's grace working invisibly in our hearts and souls that makes them powerfully effective.

May God bless you

Fr Stephen

This Week

Epiphany



Holy Day of Obligation. This Thursday 6th Jan we celebrate Epiphany with two Masses in the parish: 9.15 am at OLOS, 8 pm at CHS. (Of course, the actual obligation to attend Mass on the Epiphany – like the obligation to attend Sunday Mass – is currently suspended by our bishops due to the pandemic. So do make a responsible decision whether you can attend or not ... But we should come if we responsibly can!)



The Parish Office will be closed **over the Christmas period and will reopen THIS Thursday 6th January 2022.** Please bear in mind that for much of that time

emails will not be monitored so you may have to wait longer than usual for a response. Thank you for your understanding.

General



MISSIO Red Box Results. A very big thank you to all the Red Box holders at OLOS whose boxes were counted recently. The total raised was £677.91



Mary's Meals. "Give until 31 Jan 2022 and your donation will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.6 million – meaning we can reach even more hungry children with life-changing school meals" If you would like to donate, please click on the link [Donate | Mary's Meals UK \(marysmeals.org.uk\)](https://www.marysmeals.org.uk)

Emergency Afghanistan Appeal (CAFOD)

An appeal for the people of Afghanistan has been launched by CAFOD in conjunction with the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC). At present, more than half the population of Afghanistan are facing extreme hunger, with some parts of the country close to famine conditions. The number of people seeking aid increases daily, and the situation will deteriorate with the onset of winter.

Please pray for the people of Afghanistan and give to the CAFOD appeal if you can. Donations can be made:

- Online at: [Afghanistan Crisis Appeal | CAFOD](https://www.afghanistan-crisis-appeal.org.uk)
- By phone: 0303 303 3030
- By cheque: payable to CAFOD and sent to: CAFOD Head Office, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB.

Thank you.

Help Feed People in Need

Food donations for those needing support can be left in the box in the porch of each church, for onward distribution. Many thanks

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

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



This Week's Masses and Intentions				
2 nd Sunday after the Nativity				
Saturday	01 Jan	6.00 pm	OLOS	Celebrant's Intention
Sunday	02 Jan	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	02 Jan	11.00 am	HS	Jean Daly - RIP
Monday	03 Jan	Noon	HS	Suzanne Sedgwick
Tuesday	04 Jan	9.15 am	OLOS	Elizabeth Kelly – RIP
Wednesday	05 Jan	9.15 am	HS	Mary Murphy - RIP
EPIPHANY – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION				
Thursday	06 Jan	9.15 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Thursday	06 Jan	8.00 pm	HS	Violet Langton - Wellbeing
Friday	07 Jan	6.00 pm	HS	Brian Medicott - Wellbeing
Saturday	08 Jan	10.00 am	OLOS	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday Vigil	08 Jan	6.00 pm	OLOS	The Tailby Family - Thanksgiving
Sunday	09 Jan	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	09 Jan	11.00 am	HS	Yolande Sharpe - RIP

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

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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: The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11 | Psalm 103:1-2,3-4,24-25,27-30.R.v1 | Titus 2:11-14. 3:4-7 | Luke 3:15-16.21-22



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

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