

**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*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Special Collection this week: White Flower Appeal (SPUC) (NOT Gift Aid)**

Sundays: Cycle C    Weekdays: Year II    16 January 2022



"Do whatever He tells you," Mary says to the servants at the wedding at Cana. But she doesn't only say it to them. Throughout history, her words have been understood to apply to everyone, in every situation in life, great and small: "Do whatever He tells you." It's a big ask. It takes a lot of trust—in Mary and in Jesus. Mary has lived with Jesus for some thirty years now, and knows Him better than anyone else on earth. If anyone can be trusted to give us good advice about obeying Jesus, it's her.

And the whole event gives us reasons to trust Jesus. That's the whole point as far as the evangelist St John is concerned. His conclusion is, "This was the first of the signs given by Jesus." We are supposed to do more than just be amazed by the miracle. We should see what it means—what it points to.

In the first place, it points to Jesus' divinity. His power to work miracles shows His almighty power beyond the limitations of this physical world. And Jesus' coming into the world as our Saviour is the greatest of God's works—"You have kept the best wine till now." Jesus chooses the setting of a wedding deliberately. It points us to the new and everlasting covenant between Christ and His Bride, the Church. And, of course we see the sign pointing to the Eucharist, when Jesus changed bread and wine into His body and blood, saying, "Do this in memory of Me." Do whatever He tells you!

May God bless you

*Fr Stephen*

## ***This Week***

**White Flower Appeal.** The Special Collection THIS weekend is for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC). The church collection is not available for Gift Aid. Please see <https://www.spuc.org.uk> for more information on their work or to donate online. Thank you.

**First Holy Communion.** Just a reminder that if your child is enrolled on the new programme then the first children's session is **THIS Wednesday** (19<sup>th</sup> Jan) at 4.45 pm (a slightly earlier time to the usual 5 pm). The meeting is at St Alphege Hall, Effingham.



### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – THIS WEEK 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January**

Churches Together in Bookham are marking the

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity by providing a daily opportunity to meet together via Zoom for Bible reading and prayer. We will meet at 8.30 am each morning for about half an hour, except on Saturday when we will have prayers at 9am.

To join the Zoom Meeting, ctrl click on <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89138254033>  
Meeting ID: 891 3825 4033

Tues 18, 8.30 am, St Mary's  
Wed 19, 8.30 am, Bookham Baptist Church  
Thur 20, 8.30 am, St Nicolas  
Fri 21, 8.30 am, Church of the Holy Spirit  
Sat 22, **9.00 am**, Eastwick Road Church  
Mon 24, 8.30 am, Bookham Baptist Church  
Tues 25, 8.30 am, St Nicolas

## ***General***

**New Evangelisation Curry Evening – Cancelled.** In view of the current covid situation we have taken the decision to cancel the curry evening which was due to take place on 22 Jan. However, we are planning an exciting programme of events starting a few weeks later - Watch this space!

### **Parish Email Address – IMPORTANT NEWS**



Our parish email address has changed to the following one allocated by the diocesan IT department: [effingham@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:effingham@abdiocese.org.uk) Please use this new address always. Please discontinue to use our old email addresses ([eandfparish@btinternet.com](mailto:eandfparish@btinternet.com) and [parish.secretary1@btinternet.com](mailto:parish.secretary1@btinternet.com)) with immediate effect and also delete them from the address book or contact list on your devices.

### **Churches Together in Effingham and Little Bookham**

**"Connect in Song"** A monthly singing group for people with dementia or Parkinson's with their carer or partner. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month in St Alphege Hall 2.30pm to 4pm. We start with refreshments and then have great fun singing well known songs for an hour led by an experienced tutor. Contact Gill on 01372 457987 or email [Gillconnect1@gmail.com](mailto:Gillconnect1@gmail.com) for more information. All welcome from wherever you live.

**Tuesday Teas** On the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month 2.30pm to 4pm. Held in St Alphege Hall, Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Lower Road, Effingham.

Come for friendship, chat as well as tea and cake! For further information and transport if required, phone Gill or Keith on 01372 457987, email [tinkersend@gmail.com](mailto:tinkersend@gmail.com) **Helpers also required!**

**A thank you from Mary's Meals for the money raised from the Do & Raise Christmas table decorations**

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your precious gift of £240.00, which is helping us to transform the lives of hungry children. As part of our Double The Love campaign, your kindness will have twice the impact.

Together, we are bringing the hope of a brighter future to so many little ones. I thank you, with all my heart, on behalf of the children who eat Mary's Meals.

Yours sincerely,



Daniel Adams  
Executive Director, Mary's Meals UK



**Mary's Meals.** Give until 31 Jan 2022 and your donation will be doubled. If you would like to donate, please click on the link [Donate | Mary's Meals UK](https://marysmeals.org.uk)

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**Evening Prayer for Divorced, Remarried and Separated on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2.45pm at St John The**

**Evangelist, Horsham.**

All those in our diocese who may be separated, divorced, or who have married again, are invited to come together to meet Bishop Richard for conversation. We will conclude with evening prayer followed by tea and cake. If you are interested, please click the Diocesan website link

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>, search the calendar and click on the event to sign up.

**The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage**

For online applications for those who do not require any assistance in Lourdes or on the journey, click on [lourdes.abdiocese.org.uk](https://lourdes.abdiocese.org.uk) or you can [click here](#)

To receive an Assisted Pilgrim Application Form, please phone the pilgrimage office on 01403 740110 with the name of the person and postal address.

**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.

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://afghanistan-crisis-appeal.cafod.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<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	15 Jan	6.00 pm	OLOS	Catherine Gauci - RIP
Sunday	16 Jan	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	16 Jan	11.00 am	HS	Donor's Special Intention & Thanksgiving
Monday	17 Jan	Noon	HS	Dom Ian Condon - RIP
Tuesday	18 Jan	9.15 am	OLOS	Fr Christopher O'Brien (Archbish. of Southwark) - RIP
Wednesday	19 Jan	9.15 am	HS	Frantisek Mimelic - RIP
Thursday	20 Jan	9.15 am	OLOS	Miranda Tountney - Wellbeing
Friday	21 Jan	6.00 pm	HS	Mgr Canon Cyril Murtagh - RIP
Saturday	22 Jan	10.00 am	OLOS	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday Vigil	22 Jan	6.00 pm	OLOS	David Farrow - RIP
Sunday	23 Jan	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	23 Jan	11.00 am	HS	Dorothy Dinan (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary) - RIP

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

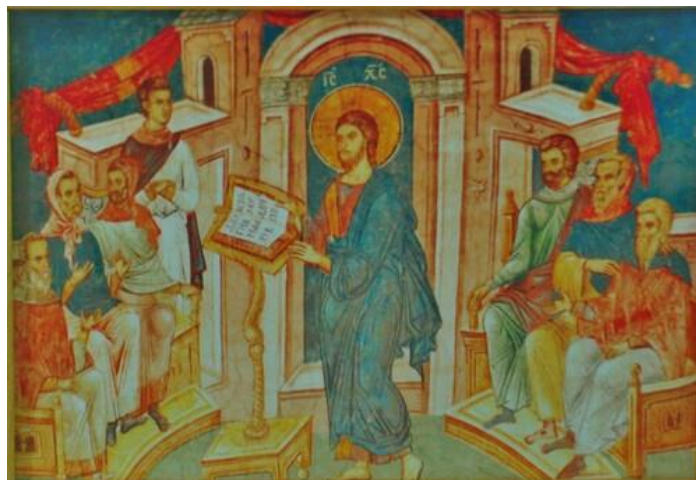
#### Saturdays

11.00-11.45 am HS, Fetcham

5.00-5.30 pm OLOS, Effingham

### Next Sunday: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10 | Psalm 18:8-10, 15.R.Jn 6:63 | 1Corinthians 12:12-30 | Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21



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

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