

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

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A Very Warm Welcome to all Parishioners and Visitors

2nd Sunday of Advent

Sundays: Cycle B Weekdays: Year I 06 December 2020



"All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem" made their way to John the Baptist when he started preaching in the desert. I wonder what would get all the home counties and all the people of London to go out into a desert! I doubt if John the Baptist would. I doubt whether even Jesus would! It's an indication of how secular our society has become, that it's almost impossible to imagine anything like that happening in 21st

century Britain. No religious figure would have that sort of mass appeal (even allowing St Mark a little artistic exaggeration). Nor, in all likelihood, would any politician. What does this say about the values of our culture? What does it say about the need for new evangelisation?

But just before we get all smug and self-righteous, I wonder what would it take to get you or me to go out into a desert—to leave behind the comforts of life for a while.

"A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord." It has to be in the wilderness. Only in the "desert" is there enough silence and space to allow our hearts to hear the message from God. In the "city" we are too distracted by entertainments and the worries of daily life. Let's resolve to find and choose some silence this Advent, to prepare a way for the Lord in our minds and hearts.

May God bless you all,

Fr Stephen

This Week

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Betty Archard RIP** who died recently and remember her family at this time too.

ADVENT TALKS – START THIS MONDAY 7 DEC



Fr Stephen will be giving a series of Advent talks this year at 7.30 on Monday evenings.

Since we cannot meet in the hall this year, the talks will be given via zoom. After each talk there will be some time to chat and discuss in small “breakout rooms”, followed by an opportunity for questions and answers. **Everybody is welcome.**

The link to the meetings is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83246342420?pwd=T1psVmoySIZiR2FSRVhuS1NscEFOQT09>

7 Dec	Who is Jesus? – How does Jesus reveal His personal identity?
14 Dec	What is Jesus? – Can Jesus really be divine and human?
21 Dec	Why is Jesus? – Why did Jesus come, and what does it mean to be saved?

Eucharistic Adoration. We will be recommencing Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from this coming Monday (7th December) from 10.50-11.50 am at Church of the Holy Spirit. It will be followed by Mass.

Christmas Masses – Booking

We will be having five Christmas Masses to celebrate our Saviour’s birth this year, to allow as many people to attend as possible given the limitations of social distancing.

Christmas Eve

6.00 pm OLOS; 9.00 pm HS; Midnight OLOS

Christmas Day

9.00 am OLOS; 10.30 am HS

We will operate a booking system to prevent, as far as possible, people having to be turned away because the church is full to its limited capacity.

To book a place, please contact the parish office—by email if possible, otherwise by phone. You need to state:

- How many people are in your group.
- Which Mass times you would consider attending, **in order of preference.**

A parish email has been sent out with details of how to book. The easiest way to book is by replying to that email. Please note, we will respond to your email **ONLY** when we have allocated your seat(s).

*** FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED ***

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 2020 (school year 3 or above) are welcome to apply. The application form is available on our website under the “Younger Members” tab. Please return the completed forms along with your child’s baptismal certificate to Fr Stephen or Deacon Ian.

Bishop Richard continues his series of **Advent Talks** at the Cathedral on Fridays, beginning at 7 pm. It is now possible for people to attend in person. Contact the Cathedral office to book: arundel@abdiocese.org.uk or 01903 882297.

The talks will also be streamed via the diocesan website.

11 December: Gaudete – Rejoice

18 December: Mary - Openness

Advent Guide for Families. The Celebrate conference has just launched a new Advent resource. Go to the website link below to download the Advent guide and then click through to find the links to the resources and activities suggested in the pack. Includes a link to 'The Donkey's Journey' written by one of our parishioners, Madeleine Carroll. Enjoy!

<https://www.celebrateconference.org/family>

General

The Passage Charity. Their Big Give fundraiser starts from 12 noon Tuesday 1st–8th December to support their work Helping Homeless People this winter. **Double your Donation, Double your impact.** This is a matched giving scheme for online donations. For more information ring Andrew Hollingsworth 020 75921886 andrew.h@passage.org.uk

Please generously give online at <https://tinyurl.com/PassageBigGive>

CHURCHES TOGETHER in Effingham and Little Bookham will be placing the usual Christmas tree with lights at the Effingham village shops. You are invited to place a Christmas star on the tree containing your personal prayer or reflective thought. Stars are available to collect and return to **Barry at Parker's** and at **Loolabelle's**. The stars will then be laminated and hung on the tree.

Food donations for those needing support can be left at the back of the churches, or delivered to **Mary Agius at 98, Woodlands Road, Bookham, KT23 4HH** for onward distribution. Many thanks.

Wintershall's Nativity Winter Walk

From the 18th to 21st December, experience the Christmas story at Wintershall. **Tickets are £35 per family group of up to six people.** To book: <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/nativity-winter-walk>

MISSIO Red Boxes – Urgent. If your Red Box hasn't been emptied, please would you phone Penny Osborne (01372 453088) as soon as you can to arrange it, as the count needs to be done for Missio in the next few weeks. Thank you.

CAFOD. Regrettably it will not be possible to have our Advent CAFOD Raffle this year, so please make a donation to CAFOD either by going online to cafod.org.uk and click on 'Donate Now', or by cheque posted to: CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. They also have 'World Gifts' available online at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts. Alternatively, phone 0808 14 000 14 for a catalogue or to place an order. Order by 16th December for free delivery in time for Christmas

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

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

Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

Saturday	05 Dec	10.00 am	OLOS	Fr Timothy Garratt - RIP
Saturday	05 Dec	6.00 pm	OLOS	Celebrant's Intention
Sunday	06 Dec	9.00 am	OLOS	Rosaline Kennedy - RIP
Sunday	06 Dec	11.00 am	HS	People of the Parish
Monday	07 Dec	Noon	HS	Jean Wood – Private Intention
Tuesday	08 Dec	9.15 am	OLOS	Katherine Drysdale – Private Intention
Wednesday	09 Dec	9.15 am	HS	Holy Souls - RIP
Thursday	10 Dec	9.15 am	OLOS	Shirley McCaffrey - Wellbeing
Friday	11 Dec	6.00 pm	HS	Jean Tailby - RIP
Saturday	12 Dec	10.00 am	OLOS	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday	12 Dec	6.00 pm	OLOS	Protection of Unborn Children
Sunday	13 Dec	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	13 Dec	11.00 am	HS	Lisa & Wayne Callaghan - loss of their unborn baby

Our churches are open for Mass. All our OLOS Masses are live-streamed on YouTube at "Effingham and Fetcham Catholic Parish" <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLGeHumF6yae4QGCSVg0UA>

Eucharistic Adoration (restarting this Monday 7 December)

Mon 10.50-11.50 am – HS, Fetcham

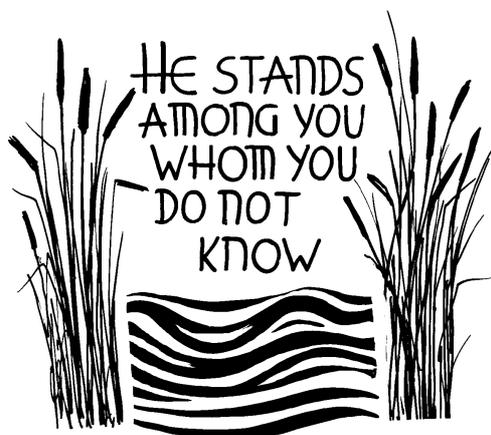
Confessions

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

Next Sunday: 3rd 'Gaudete' Sunday of Advent

Special Collection next week: Altar and Church Flowers (Gift Aid)

Isaiah 61:1-2.10-11 | Psalm Lk 1:46-50. 53-54. R. Is 61:10 | 1Thessalonians 5:16-24 | John 1:6-8. 19-28



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