

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

2nd Sunday of Easter

Sundays: Cycle B Weekdays: Year I 11 April 2021



Last week, on Easter Sunday, the Risen Jesus did not actually appear in any of our readings! We encountered the empty tomb and the angel proclaiming that Jesus had risen; we met the confused and frightened women, and the apostles Peter and John running to the tomb to see what had happened ... but no sign of Jesus Himself!

Today, at last, He appears in the Upper Room to the apostles. What does He bring them? First of all, peace: His first words to them are, "Peace be with you." Then He brings overflowing joy as they experience the wonder of the resurrection and Jesus' presence back among them. Next comes mission—sharing in Jesus' own mission from the Father—and the gift of the Holy Spirit to enable them to carry out this mission. Finally, Jesus gives the power to

forgive sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation: on the Cross His blood was poured out for the forgiveness of sins; now Jesus hands on the fruit of His sacrifice to be freely available to all in His Church.

Eight days later Jesus gives the gift of faith to Thomas. Last of all He gives a blessing to all of us who believe the apostles' testimony without having seen the Risen Jesus: a blessing which includes all the other gifts too: peace, joy, the presence of Christ with us, a share in His mission, the gift of the Holy Spirit, forgiveness and faith.

May God bless you all,

Fr Stephen

This Week

Thank You

Thank you so much for all your generous Easter offerings, cards, gifts and prayers. God bless you all, Fr Stephen.

Divine Mercy Sunday



This is a Feast instituted by Pope St John Paul II and is celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Jesus spoke to St Faustina Kowalska, and in her diary she quotes his words:

I desire that the Feast of Mercy be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. The soul that will go to Confession within 8 days and receive Holy Communion and spend some time in Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament on this day shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment [i.e., a plenary Indulgence].

The Parish will mark this day on **Sunday, 11 April at 3pm in the Church of the Holy Spirit** with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Readings, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. Fr Stephen will be available for Confessions.

Next Week

Special Collection next Sunday: Education of Future Priests. With the need to pray for priestly vocations, there is also the necessity of providing for the training of priests at home and abroad to serve the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton. This collection is eligible for Gift Aid. If you are signed up to the Parish Gift Aid scheme, please use a purple envelope and write in your details. Thank you.

General

Arundel & Brighton Lourdes Pilgrimage 2021



The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes has been organised for 23rd to 29th July. To access the applications pop-up website, go to 2021.ablourdes.org. Due to the ongoing challenges of Coronavirus the Pilgrimage to Lourdes will be different this year. Sadly, the Diocese cannot accept applications from those who need day to day assistance to live their lives. However, the pilgrimage that is being arranged is one of:

Mission: carrying the prayers and intentions for many parishioners in our Diocese to Lourdes and to pray for them and their families at the Grotto.

Healing: walking with those who have had a traumatic pandemic through loss of a loved one, loss of a job, or loss of status, and with those keyworkers who have been at the forefront of the pandemic and need time to process and reflect on their experiences over the past year.

Renewal: for those who have suffered by the closure of churches and may not yet have been able to re-engage, and who see our week in Lourdes as a way to recharge their spiritual batteries and return refreshed and ready to re-join their spiritual parish family in earnest.

What is outlined above is a best-case scenario and as there are many variables with this pandemic, the outcome is not certain.

Anyone interested in applying for a place on the pilgrimage can collect a card from Fr Stephen or the parish office.

Food donations for those needing support can be left at the back of the churches, for onward distribution. Many thanks.

Parish Divine Mercy Prayer Group. It has been a year now, since a small group of our parishioners have prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet together every Friday. We pray for our parish and our own intentions. We also follow spiritual reflections from St. Faustina's diary. You are warmly invited to join our prayer group. Even if you do not wish to join the group, we want to pray for you! To **request a prayer**, and/or to **join in the devotion** please contact Kamila on **07540 725233**.



® **Diocesan Fairtrade Group.** A&B is a Fairtrade Diocese: 50% of our churches are certificated as meeting the Fairtrade Foundation's criteria and agree to use products

with the FAIRTRADE mark. The A&B Fairtrade Group ensures that goals continue to be met and aims to raise awareness about Fairtrade labelled products—including those sold by Traidcraft—which support fair terms of trade, decent working conditions, and local sustainability for farmers and producers in the developing world.

The group needs more members from across the diocese and would welcome enquiries from interested people. Please contact Sue Joy, the group convenor:

Email: SusanJoy471@hotmail.com

Tel: 01342 835190.

Accommodation. A Catholic family of 5 (2 adults and 3 children, no pets.) are looking to rent a four-bedroom house with garden in the area for up to two years with immediate effect. If you have any information, please contact Deacon Ian either through the Parish Office or by calling 01372 456347 or by e mail.

Taking Action to Stop the Climate Crisis

CAFOD is asking us to support their petition urging the Prime Minister to make sure that world leaders put first the interests of the

poorest communities who have done the least to create the climate crisis but are hit hardest by it. This campaign is a response to Pope Francis's call for a new way of thinking about the world, and to take an active part in renewing our troubled societies by embracing the universal values of solidarity and fraternity. You can find more information and sign the petition online at www.cafod.org.uk/reclaim.

A&B's "Journey to 2030" and **CAFOD** also invite you to an evening of online discussion on Thu 15 April, 7.30 – 8.30 pm. It will consider how we can engage with our MPs on these issues and encourage them to take action through a "Parliament in your Parish". You will learn about how to engage with the campaign, including how to set up meetings with your MP, as well as have the chance to connect with others in the Diocese and your own constituency to maximise our message. Please email: parish_rep@journeyto2030.org with your name, parish and MP constituency to register your place and receive the Zoom link.

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

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| Marie Bliss | Maureen Rennison |
| Michael Boulvard | Patrick Rennison |
| Pauline Boulvard | Piers Ripley-Duggan |
| Christopher Browne | Allison Roberts |
| Jeff Care | Jean Rowlandson |
| Amy Chapman | Yolande Sharpe |
| Maggi Cooke | 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 |
| Joanna Mills | Rose Wedlake |
| Janet Morgan | Jean Wells |
| Jim Morgan | Alf Wiggins |
| Bonnie Parks | Chantal Witchalls |

This Week's Masses and Intentions

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| Saturday Vigil | 10 Apr | 6.00 pm | OLOS | Holy Souls – RIP |
| Sunday | 11 Apr | 9.00 am | OLOS | Frances Coni – RIP |
| Sunday | 11 Apr | 11.00 am | HS | People of the Parish |
| Monday | 12 Apr | Noon | HS | Faith Movement |
| Tuesday | 13 Apr | 9.15 am | OLOS | Charles Anthony Connors – Wellbeing |
| Wednesday | 14 Apr | 9.15 am | HS | Rosemary Leslie – RIP |
| Thursday | 15 Apr | 9.15 am | OLOS | Vocations to the Priesthood |
| Friday | 16 Apr | 6.00 pm | HS | Holy Souls |
| Saturday | 17 Apr | 10.00 am | OLOS | Celebrant's Intention |
| Saturday Vigil | 17 Apr | 6.00 pm | OLOS | Protection of the Unborn |
| Sunday | 18 Apr | 9.00 am | OLOS | Cissy Hughes – RIP |
| Sunday | 18 Apr | 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

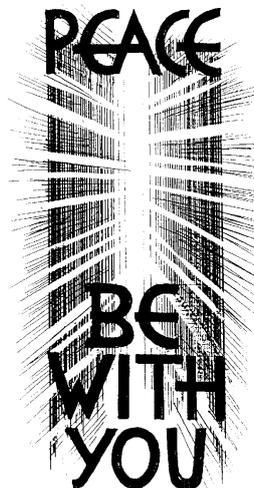
Saturdays

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

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

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Acts 3:13-15. 17-19 | Psalm 4:2. 4.7.9. R.v7 | 1John 2:1-5 | Luke 24:35-48



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

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