



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 'Transfiguration' Sunday of Lent

Special Collection this week: CAFOD Lent Fast Day (Special envelopes for Gift Aid)

Sundays: Cycle A Weekdays: Year II 1 March 2026



Today's gospel teaches us a very important lesson

It's a glimpse of glory, a glimpse of heaven

In the preface to the Eucharistic Prayer today we see that the church interprets the Transfiguration as moment of strengthening of Peter, John and James on the way to Jerusalem. Just a glimpse of the glory that is to come.

Peter wants to pitch tents for the three glorious figures – in other words he wants to stay in this wonderful, lovely state for ever. But... the hard lesson is... **YOU CANNOT STAY ON THE MOUNTAIN.**

YOU HAVE TO GO BACK DOWN THE MOUNTAIN AND TRUDGE ON TO JERUSALEM. And all that Jerusalem will mean: Passion, Crucifixion and Death. The mountain of Transfiguration is not a permanent state. It's an oasis along the way, a moment of grace and strengthening on the way to Jerusalem.

We pray for moments of grace, for glimpses of glory, for understanding of the glory that is to come. We pray that even in the most darkest nights of terror there may be glimpses of glory for all peoples on the journey to Jerusalem. For it is only through that journey to Jerusalem, to passion, crucifixion and death, that we reach the resurrection and enter into the glory that lasts forever, where we can, as Peter wanted, pitch our tents and stay there forever.

Prayers for us all,

Fr Charles

This Week

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Margaret Summers RIP** who died earlier this week and remember her family in your prayers too. Details of her funeral will follow in due course.

Changes to Mass and Adoration this Week

Fr Charles will be away from the parish this coming week on retreat.

As there will be no weekday Masses in the parish, for this week only: **Wed at HS** – Stations of the Cross 11.30 am followed by the Chaplet immediately afterwards. **Thurs at OLOS** - Adoration will start at 11 am.

Weekend Masses are as usual.



Special Collection this weekend: CAFOD Lent Fast Day.

Please use a special envelope **ONLY** if you would like to Gift Aid your donation (available at the back of church again this weekend). To donate online or for more info, please click the link: cafod.org.uk



Sunday Refreshments in the Hall at OLOS. Please join us after 9am Mass **THIS Sunday 1 March** for coffee, tea, squash, homemade cake and biscuits.

World Day of Prayer 2026 – Fri 6 March



This wonderful, annual, ecumenical prayer event led by women throughout the world will be hosted locally this year at:

St Mary's Church, Fetcham 10.30 am

St Martin's Church, East Horsley at 2.00 pm

Eastwick Road Church, Bookham 7.30 pm

Refreshments will be available after each service.

The Farino Family would like to thank everyone who helped make Tony Farino's Requiem Mass so special and also to say thank you for the generous donations to CAFOD.



SIGN LANGUAGE

Signed Mass at OLOS

The Diocesan Deaf Community are celebrating their monthly signed Mass at OLOS on **Sat: 7th March at 1pm** with refreshments in the Hall

after the Mass. Everyone is most welcome to join us, and it is a wonderful opportunity to experience how we are able to celebrate the Mass with our deaf friends.

Lent

Sacred Silence in the Liturgy of the Word

This Lent we are introducing Sacred Silence within the Liturgy of the Word. There will be a few pauses for reflection between the readings. Please simply follow the cues given by the reader and Fr Charles. This valuable practice will soon become second nature in our parish.

Service Times During Lent

At CHS

Wednesday Mass at 12 noon
Stations of The Cross at 11.30 am
Divine Mercy Chaplet after Mass

At OLOS

Saturday Mass at 6 pm
Stations of the Cross at 5.15 pm

As usual, we are seeking volunteers to lead the Stations and Divine Mercy. Sign-up sheets will be at the back of the church again this weekend.

Lent Reconciliation Service

On Friday 27th March we will be hosting a joint service with Cobham starting at 7.30 pm. There will be a number of priests available to hear your Confession.

The Life of Jesus in Art

Churches Together are hosting five evenings at St Alphege Hall on Mondays through Lent, **the second of the series is THIS MONDAY**. The talks will look at the Spiritual and Historical significance of the various events in Jesus' life, from his Baptism to his Resurrection, as recorded through great Christian paintings. Questions will be welcomed throughout. **The evenings will start at 7 pm with refreshments.**



The new **CELEBRATE Family Activity Pack for Lent** is now available to download

from <https://www.celebratetrust.org/onlinefamilyactivitypacks>. There are engaging ways to count down the days in Lent, reflective prayer and discussion, craft, games, books and movies



to help families draw close to God. CELEBRATE has also created a **Lent game 'Journey to Easter Joy'** - which encourages children to focus on prayer, fasting and almsgiving, in fun and interactive ways this Lent. Available to download

at <https://www.celebratetrust.org/celebrate-prayer-resources>

Leatherhead Parish will be running a Lent group from Thursday 26 Feb, 7.30-9 pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The group will be following the "Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation". For more info, please click on the link:

<https://ascensionpress.com/collections/the-bible-timeline-the-story-of-salvation-2025>.

What's Happening in the Deanery this Lent?

For a deanery-wide calendar of activities for Lent, please see the deanery website: www.epsomdeanery.com/lent2026

Alpha Youth



Got questions about life, faith, and what it all means?

Alpha Youth is coming to St Michael's in Ashted, offering a chance for young people in school Years 7-9 to

explore big questions in a relaxed, friendly space – with food, videos, and real conversations. The 2nd session is this Friday, starting at 6:30pm (approx. 2 hours per session) in St Michael's Catholic Church Hall. No question is off limits. Visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/alpha-youth-at-st-michaels-tickets-1980904089456?aff=oddtcreator>

Tai e Prayer at St Lawrence's – Sun 1 March at 6 pm. A reflective, quiet, contemplative service of Bible readings, prayer and praise.

General

Abortion Legislation. Please pray for the House of Lords as the Crime and Policing Bill reaches the Report Stage in the Upper House. Our particular concern is clause 208. While seeking to remove women from the criminal law in relation to their own pregnancy the unintended consequence of this clause would be to encourage high-risk late-term self-administered procedures. More details, including campaigning and lobbying tools, can be found on the SPUC website: <https://www.spuc.org.uk>



Thank you to Churches Together in Effingham and Little Bookham for choosing Cherry Trees as your Charity of the Year, and for your generous donation of £176 (raised by the Ash Wednesday Lent Lunch).

Please pray for all those in our Parish who are sick:	
Derek Barham	Janet Morgan
Marie Bliss	Jim Morgan
Christopher Browne	Brenda Parker
Mary Doran	Maureen Rennison
Pat Hammond	Bernard Shaw
Mary Hefford	Jenny Smith
Maddy Hewitt	Peter Stevenson
Valeria Kucharsky	Maggie Thomas
Joanna Mills	Ian Williamson
Ann McEntire	

This Week's Services and Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil	28 Feb	6.00 pm	OLOS	Pierre Regnault - RIP
Sunday	01 Mar	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	01 Mar	11.00 am	HS	Newell Family. Hazel & Zoe - RIP
Monday	02 Mar	NO MASS		NO MASS
Tuesday	03 Mar	NO MASS	OLOS	NO MASS
Wednesday	04 Mar	NO MASS	HS	NO MASS
Thursday	05 Mar	NO MASS	OLOS	NO MASS
Friday	06 Mar	NO MASS		NO MASS
Saturday Vigil	07 Mar	6.00 pm	OLOS	Tony Farino - RIP
Sunday	08 Mar	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	08 Mar	11.00 am	HS	The Wood and Daly Family

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

Most Masses from both our churches are live-streamed on YouTube at "Effingham and Fetcham Catholic Parish" <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLGeHumF6yae4QGCSVg0UA>

Confessions	Saturdays 5.00-5.30 pm OLOS, Effingham 1st Sunday of the month after 11.00 am Mass HS, Fetcham
Adoration	Thursdays following OLOS 9.15 am Mass to Noon, then 2-6 pm
Children's Liturgy	1st & 3rd Sundays of the month in term time at HS, Fetcham 11.00 am

Next Week: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a | Psalm 33(32):4-5. 18-19. 20, 22. R.22 | 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 | Matthew 17:1-9



Birmingham Museums Trust

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

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