

**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 of Lent**

**Special Collection this week: CAFOD Lent Fast Day (Please use the special envelopes ONLY if you wish to Gift Aid your donation)**

Sundays: Cycle C    Weekdays: Year I    16 March 2025



On Mount Tabor God's light burst forth from the body of Jesus, and he was transfigured. The three apostles were overcome with the beauty and brilliance of it. It was not a surface thing, but something inside shining through. In short: God was in Jesus. We too can experience rare moments of light and joy. We get glimpses of the promised land towards which we are travelling in faith. In his love for us, God allows us to taste the joys of the world to come. But these moments of transfiguration are given to us to strengthen us for our everyday tasks, and to enable us to face the cross which in some shape or form comes to everyone. The moment of glory does not exist for its own sake. It exists to clothe the common things with a radiance they never had before. Prayer and religion are not escapism. They are meant to help us face life with all its difficulties and challenges, to embrace the high and low moments of life, the hilltop and the pit.

God bless,  
*Deacon Ian*

## This Week



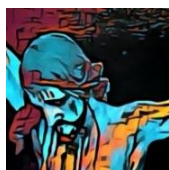
### Special Collection this week: CAFOD Lent Fast Day.

CAFOD's Family Fast Day collection is THIS weekend. Your donations will be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change, helping in finding solutions and hope.



Please **ONLY** use the special CAFOD envelope if you plan to Gift Aid your donation (available in the church) – and remember to complete your details on the back. Alternatively, scan the QR code, or donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call CAFOD on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

## Lent



### SERVICE TIMES DURING LENT

#### Wednesdays at HS

Stations of the Cross - 11.30 am

Mass - Noon

Divine Mercy Chaplet follows Mass

#### Saturdays at OLOS

Stations of The Cross - 5.15 pm

Vigil Mass – 6 pm

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**LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE – Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Mar, 7 pm at St Michael's, Ashtead.** As part of the Jubilee Year celebrations, Bishop Richard is visiting each Deanery to participate in their Lent Reconciliation Services. Our visit is on Tues 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7 pm at St Michael's, Ashtead (KT21 1RS). Bishop Richard and the Priests of the deanery will be available for confessions. This will be the only Lent Reconciliation service this year, and we invite the whole Deanery to gather

together to celebrate the mercy and forgiveness of God.

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**LENT TALKS.** The second talk from Father John Seddon is **THIS Wednesday (19th March) from 7.30-9.00 pm.** (Father John will cover topics including The Existence of God, the Problem of Evil, the Resurrection, Life after Death and Objective Truth.) Tea and Coffee will be available from 7.00 pm in St Alphege Hall. Please let us know ([chris@tailby.net](mailto:chris@tailby.net)) if you are coming so we can arrange for the correct number of handouts.

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**LENT LUNCHESES.** Churches Together in Effingham are organising several Lent Lunches **to be held at St Lawrence's church hall.** The next lunch will be held THIS Wed 19th March followed by the 2nd April, this last one being hosted by our Parish. **The lunches start at 12.30pm.**

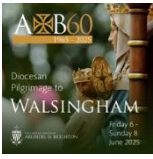


### CELEBRATE'S LENT PACK FOR FAMILIES.

Would you like to help your family or grandchildren grow in their faith this Lent? Are you looking for engaging resources and ideas? Look no further - CELEBRATE has just produced a new **Lent Online Family Activity pack** designed to support family faith life. It is packed full of engaging activities, ways to pray, books to savour and films that both entertain and promote conversation in faith. Get your free CELEBRATE Lent online family activity pack [here](#).

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**FAMILIES' LENTEN CHALLENGE.** 'My Good Deeds - a Lenten Challenge' was attached to the parish newsletter circulation email this week. Print it out and follow the instructions. A few hard copies are also available in church. See how many good fruits you can grow this Lent. Then bring to church and pin it onto the display board during the Holy Week. We look forward to seeing many good trees with many good fruits!

## Forthcoming



**Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Walsingham.** Bishop Richard is leading a special Jubilee Year pilgrimage to Walsingham this summer (Friday 6 June to Sunday 8 June), with people across our community of faith invited to mark the 60th anniversary of our diocese and Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year.

Dating from around 1061, the [Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham](#) was once one of the four principal shrines of Christendom, along with Rome, Jerusalem and Compostela. Walsingham is a great Marian Shrine of the Incarnation and a place of pilgrimage for all who would rejoice with Mary at the great joy of the Annunciation. For more info/book your place, please click the link: [abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/ocoptz](http://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/ocoptz)  
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## General

### Gift Aid Envelope Donors

Boxes of Gift Aid envelopes for the new tax year commencing 6 April will be ready for collection from:

Our Lady of Sorrows Church or the Church of the Holy Spirit during the weekends of 22-23 and 29-30 March.

Please email [ga.effingham@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:ga.effingham@abdiocese.org.uk) or call Sue Fisher 07414 190614 to indicate your preference.



**Calling all Holy Spirit Red Missio box holders** – please would you bring your boxes to church during March. Thank you.

## This Week



**Caritas Survey.** Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) - the official agency of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales for domestic social action - is conducting a survey to

understand the impact of the two-child benefit cap and the current economic climate on Catholic families in England and Wales. Please share your experience by completing the survey, which can be accessed at [csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey](http://csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey), where you'll also find further information about the survey. The survey will close on 25th March.

**Volunteers Needed at HMP Send.** To support the chaplains in delivering faith-related provision, pastoral care and other support to prisoners. HMP Send is a closed category adult women's prison near Send, Woking.

There are a wide range of volunteering opportunities at HMP Send; drawing on a range of skills and experience, and with appropriate training where necessary.

Examples include:

- Course leaders and group facilitators for a range of faith-related courses.
- Faith Service volunteers attending and joining in services.
- Administrative support in the Chaplaincy office.
- Pastoral Assistants offering a listening ear to women in distress.
- Official Prison Visitors – befriending and visiting a particular prisoner.

If you think you might be called to this ministry or have any questions, please email the Managing Chaplain, Aseel Gilbert [aseel.gilbert@justice.gov.uk](mailto:aseel.gilbert@justice.gov.uk).

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

Derek Barham	Janet Morgan
Marie Bliss	Jim Morgan
Christopher Browne	James Nicholls
John Donovan	Sue O'Connor
Mary Doran	Brenda Parker
Sandra Flynn	Maureen Rennison
Mary Hefford	Bernard Shaw
Maddy Hewitt	Jenny Smith
Joanna Mills	Maggie Thomas

## This Week's Services and Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil	15 Mar	6.00 pm	OLOS	Mary Morrison - RIP
Sunday	16 Mar	9.00 am	OLOS	Boultard Family - RIP
Sunday	16 Mar	11.00 am	HS	People of the Parish
Monday	17 Mar	NO MASS		NO MASS
Tuesday	18 Mar	9.15 am	OLOS	Bridget Davies - RIP
Wednesday	19 Mar	11.30 am	HS	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Wednesday	19 Mar	NOON	HS	Rosalie Randle - RIP
Thursday	20 Mar	9.15 am	OLOS	Pierre Regnault - RIP
Friday	21 Mar	NO MASS	HS	NO MASS
Saturday	22 Mar	5.15 pm	OLOS	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Saturday Vigil	22 Mar	6.00 pm	OLOS	Jean Rowlandson - RIP
Sunday	23 Mar	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	23 Mar	11.00 am	HS	Sharon Patefield - 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>

<b>Confessions</b>	<b>Saturdays</b> 5.00-5.30 pm OLOS, Effingham <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month</b> after 11.00 am Mass HS, Fetcham
<b>Adoration</b>	<b>Thursdays</b> following OLOS 9.15 am Mass to Noon, then 2-6 pm
<b>Chaplet of the Divine Mercy</b>	<b>Wednesdays</b> in Lent at HS following Noon Mass
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month</b> in term time at HS, Fetcham 11.00 am

### Next Week: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Exodus 3:1-8a,13-15 | Psalm 103(102):1-2.3-4.6-7.8,11. R.8a | 1Corinthians 10:1-6.10-12 | Luke 13:1-9



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

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