



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 in Ordinary Time

Sundays: Cycle B Weekdays: Year II 14 January 2024



One meeting with Jesus and those men, who were to become his Apostles, were captivated by him. He gave them as much time as they wanted. They found him warm, friendly, and welcoming. They knew they had met a remarkable person, and a rare friendship was born. They were totally at peace in his presence. Through their contact with him they began to discover themselves. Because of the kind of person he was, they got a vision of what they themselves might become. There is a huge difference between power and influence. Those who wield power over us oppress us, trying to turn us into slaves or copies of themselves. Those who

exercise influence on us do not try to convert us, or change us, or mould us. They offer the space in which we can find ourselves and our own way. Jesus didn't exercise power over his disciples. But he had a profound influence on them. We can't encounter Jesus in the flesh, but we can encounter him spiritually in faith as a friend, a brother, a Saviour, and of course in the Eucharist. Christianity involves a warm, close relationship with Jesus. Jesus is forever passing by. He is always available to those who are sincerely looking for him. But he never forces himself on anyone. To those who are interested in knowing more, he says what he said to John and Andrew: '*Come and see*'. Of course it is not a once-and-for-all encounter, but a growing relationship with him that we are talking about.

May God Bless you,

Deacon Ian

This Week

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you so much for a lovely farewell celebration last Sunday. It was wonderful to see so many of you there (apologies if I didn't manage to speak to everyone). Thanks to Jean Wells and her team for the organisation. Thank you for all your kind gifts, cards, and staggeringly generous Christmas offering. Thank you even more for your prayers, support and friendship over the last five years. I'm going to miss you all very much. But, of course, we are never really separated because we are always united in Christ – most of all in the Mass.

God bless you all,
Fr Stephen

We Welcome to our parish this weekend **Fr Benny O'Shea** who will be celebrating the weekend Masses (6pm, 9am and 11am) and will be available for Sat evening Confessions at 5pm.

Change to Masses and Confessions this Week.

There will be no weekday or Sat morning Mass this coming week (from Mon 15 Jan). Weekend Masses are as usual (see notice above).

There is no Sat morning Reconciliation but there is the opportunity to have your Confession heard on Sat eve 5-5.30 pm.

Temporary Change to Adoration Start Time.

For the next three Thursdays, 18th and 25th January and 1st February, until regular weekday Masses restart, Adoration will start at 11.00am, making the times for Adoration 11.00am to 12.00pm and 2.00pm until 7.00pm.

Bishop's New Pastoral Plan. There are now copies of the abridged version of the plan available at the back of each church. Please help yourself.



18-25 January is **Christian Unity Week**. There will be joint services in Bookham and Fetcham every weekday morning at 8.30 am.

- Thur 18 (St Nicolas Church)
- Fri 19 (Bookham Baptist Church)
- Mon 22 (St Mary's Church, Fetcham)
- Tues 23 (St Nicolas Church)
- **Wed 24 (Church of the Holy Spirit, Fetcham)**
- Thur 25 (Bookham Baptist Church)

On Saturday 20 Jan there is the opportunity to meet @ 9am (Eastwick Road Church) followed by coffee and croissants.

Coming Soon

Effingham and Fetcham parish will be welcoming **Fr Charles Howell** as our new parish priest towards the end of Jan. He will be celebrating his first weekend Masses on 27-28 Jan (while he is still in the process of moving in) and will begin weekday Masses on Fri 2 Feb.

Advance Notice – Permanent Changes to Masses

After Fr Charles's arrival, there will be some necessary changes to the weekly Mass schedule.

Mondays – No Mass (Fr Charles's day off)

Fridays – the Mass will move to Noon (from 6 pm) but still at HS

Saturday mornings – No Mass

Weekend Masses will remain as usual.



Invited
LENT 2024

Series IV of Invited is coming soon. Five new films will be released from Mon 19 Feb to Mon 18 Mar. For more information, please click on the link: www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited

General

Chilworth Abbey Study Morning. The next one is on **Sat 20 Jan** led by Fr John Seddon OSB, on Part 5 of Jeff Cavin's 'A Quick Journey through the Bible', dealing with Joshua and Judges 1 and 2, 1 and 2 Samuel with 1 Kings 1-11: Conquest, Judges and Royal Kingdom. Mass, 9.00am, Video and Talks 10.30am-12.15pm. Bring a friend if possible. See www.chilworthbenedictines.com for more details.

World Day of Prayer 2024 – 1 Mar, 10am, OLOS
Every year Christian people join together on one day for a service written by Christian women in one specific country or area. This year will be particularly moving as it has been written by the Christian women of Palestine. If you would like to be involved in any way: reading, singing, greeting fellow Christians from neighbouring parishes, preparing and serving refreshments, we would love to hear from you. Come along to St Alphege Hall at 2.00 pm on Wednesday 31 Jan. The more the merrier for this important day of prayer. Please contact Annette Turner (07561 305767) for more details.

PACT – Prison Advice and Care Trust. On Mon 15 April there will be a talk on the work of PACT at 7.30 pm in St Alphege Hall. Further details will be given nearer the time.

General



Do You Need a Lift to Mass?

Do you live in the Effingham/Fetcham parish area and need a lift to mass? Ring Marian on 01372 801092 to see if we can help.

Diocesan Directory 2024. There are a couple of copies available to purchase at each church. £5 per copy, please put your money in the slot marked 'books or newspapers'.

Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist – Saturday 10 February. Bishop Richard will lead a day of reflection and formation for Ministers of the Eucharist at St Michael's, High Salvington, Worthing 11-4pm. The day will include theological and practical talks, Eucharistic Adoration and Mass. Please register using the link [Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist \(10-Feb-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](https://www.churchsuite.com/events/day-of-reflection-for-ministers-of-the-eucharist-10-feb-2024)



Breakthrough: Connecting to God's Vision for Your Life. Cor et Lumen Christi in person event. Sat 20 Jan.

As the New Year begins, the Breakthrough Conference provides an opportunity to start off on the right footing with resolutions that will really make a difference. The Conference will address the most common issues that we face in our Christian lives through sharing and teaching from people who have seen breakthrough in their own situations. For more info, or to book: <https://coretlumenchristi.churchsuite.com/events/rgck3kfl/invite/pu4iqtsv?action=accept>



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

Derek Barham	Janet Morgan
Marie Bliss	Jim Morgan
Christopher Browne	Maureen Rennison
Amy Chapman	Jean Rowlandson
John Donovan	Bernard Shaw
Mary Doran	Jenny Smith
Mary Hefford	Maggie Thomas
Maddy Hewitt	Pat Turton
Tessa Knott	Simon Turton
Gillian Lake	Andrea Vaughan
Joanna Mills	Clive Ward

This Week's Masses and Intentions

Saturday Vigil	13 Jan	6.00 pm	OLOS	Nathalie Bellamy née Cain - RIP
Sunday	14 Jan	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	14 Jan	11.00 am	HS	Jean Wood
Monday	15 Jan	***NO MASS***	HS	***NO MASS***
Tuesday	16 Jan	***NO MASS***	OLOS	***NO MASS***
Wednesday	17 Jan	***NO MASS***	HS	***NO MASS***
Thursday	18 Jan	***NO MASS***	OLOS	***NO MASS***
Friday	19 Jan	***NO MASS***	HS	***NO MASS***
Saturday	20 Jan	***NO MASS***	OLOS	***NO MASS***
Saturday Vigil	20 Jan	6.00 pm	OLOS	Martha Sedgwick - RIP
Sunday	21 Jan	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	21 Jan	11.00 am	HS	David Farrow - 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>

Confessions

Saturdays

10.30-11.15 am OLOS, Effingham *****No morning Confessions on Sat 13 and 20 Jan*****

5.00-5.30 pm OLOS, Effingham

1st Sunday of the month after 11.00 am Mass HS, Fetcham

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Thursdays **11-12* am**, then 2-7 pm (*for 18 & 25 Jan and 1 Feb*)

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jonah 3:1-5. 10 | Psalm 24:4-9. R.v4 | 1Corinthians 7:29-31 | Mark 1:14-20



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

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