

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

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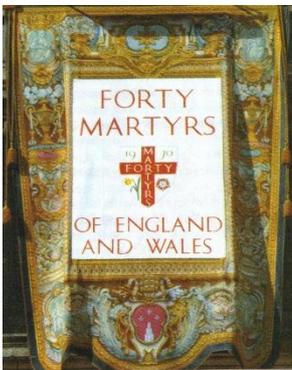
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*A Very Warm Welcome to all Parishioners and Visitors*

**Anniversary of the Canonisation of the 40 Martyrs of England and Wales**

Special Collection this week: Retired Priests' Fund (Gift Aid)

Sundays: Cycle A Weekdays: Year II 25 October 2020



Fifty years ago this Sunday forty Martyrs of England and Wales were canonised by Pope St Paul VI. These were representatives of a much larger number who were persecuted for their Catholic faith in the 16th and 17th centuries following Henry VIII's split with Rome. Initially they were martyred for refusing to acknowledge Henry's self-proclamation as "supreme head on earth of the Church of England". Later, under Elizabeth I, simply attending Mass was outlawed, and being a Catholic priest was high treason.

In this atmosphere many young men escaped to the continent to train to become priests. They returned to England to minister secretly to those who remained loyal to their Catholic faith, travelling in disguise and often having to hide in 'priest-holes' cleverly built into Catholic houses. Some managed to minister for many years; others were arrested within months or even weeks of their arrival. Yet they surrendered their lives for Christ meekly and even cheerfully.

We too live in times of persecution in this country—not the explicit persecution of Reformation times, but a more subtle and insidious form: persecution by the relentless pressure of secularism, consumerism and hedonism in our culture; persecution by constant undermining of the value of human life through abortion and euthanasia; persecution by sneering at chastity, religious practice and holiness. We too need the ardent, hope-filled and joy-filled faith of our predecessors. We need their example and their prayers. We need their courage to be different, to be totally dedicated to Christ and His truth and love.

May God bless you all,

*Father Stephen*

## ***This Week***

### ***Special Collection this week: Retired Priests' Fund.***

This fund assists with the accommodation, welfare and support of diocesan priests in retirement. As a Diocesan collection it is eligible for Gift Aid. For those parishioners who have signed up to the Gift Aid scheme, you may make your donation using the Purple Gift Aid Envelopes. For one-off donations by visitors or those not enrolled on the Gift Aid scheme, please use the Yellow Gift Aid Envelopes. Please complete the details on the envelope to ensure that Gift Aid can be applied to your donation.

EUCCHARISTIC  
ADORATION



#### **Eucharistic Adoration.**

We will be recommencing Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from this coming Monday (26<sup>th</sup> November) from 10.50 to 11.50 am at Church of the

Holy Spirit. It will be followed by Mass.

**November – The Month for Holy Souls.** If you would like, please take an envelope from the back of the church, fill in the enclosed sheet with names of those for whom you would like prayers, then return the envelope and place in the special box provided. We will pray for all those named throughout November. Any money you enclose will go towards Holy Souls Masses throughout the year. Thank you.

### ***Keeping Safe at Church***

**Test and Trace.** When you arrive at church the stewards will request your names and phone / mobile numbers. Alternatively, if you have downloaded the NHS Covid-19 App on your phone, you can simply scan the **QR code** near the door in each church.

Please note that you are not legally required to give this information, and if you choose not to, you will not be excluded from

entering the church. However, we encourage you to cooperate in order to provide the best protection we can for all in our society. The attendance books will be kept securely, and we will not use this information for anything except Test and Trace.

**Socialising after Mass outside church.** Please do remember appropriate social distancing after Mass. It's lovely to see everyone ... but please do keep the dangers to yourselves and others in mind.

### ***General***

#### **Parish Memorial Mass**

There will be a Memorial Mass on Friday 6th November, 6pm at Church of the Holy Spirit for all who died during the lock-down and for whom we were unable to celebrate Requiem Masses at that time. We will also remember all those who have died recently.

#### **November Masses in Deaneries**

Bishop Richard will be celebrating Masses in each deanery during November, to enable those who have lost loved ones during these recent months to gather through live-streaming only. If you would like to send in a name of someone you have lost during this year, please email the parish office [eandfparish@btinternet.com](mailto:eandfparish@btinternet.com) or hand a note to Fr Stephen. These will be placed, in advance of the Mass, in a basket on the Sanctuary. **The Mass for our Deanery** will be at Sacred Heart, Caterham, 9th November at 7.30pm. You can follow it online at <https://www.churchservices.tv/caterham>

#### **St. John's Seminary, Wonersh**

Many of you will have heard that St John's Seminary in Wonersh is to close in its present form. The Seminary has served the Church for 130 years and there is great sadness that formation must now end at the site. Unfortunately there was no new intake this September. With the seminarian body numbering just 17 the community is small, with

the building and staffing costs too high to sustain. Arrangements have been made for the remaining seminarians to join the community at Allen Hall, Chelsea in September 2021.

Archbishop John Wilson and Bishop Richard are committed to providing priestly formation that will serve the people of our Dioceses and parishes into the future. St John's will remain a legal entity so that consideration can be given to the ways in which the tradition of priestly formation established at Womersley in 1891 will continue.

The Trustees of St John's are extremely grateful to rectors, staff and seminarians, past and present, and to all those who have supported the Seminary over the years. We ask our Diocesan church family to pray for vocations to the priesthood, keeping our seminarians in their thoughts and prayers over the coming months.

**Anti-Modern Slavery.** "18<sup>th</sup> October was Anti-Slavery Sunday. The diocese has been steadily building up its campaign against modern slavery, and in conjunction with this we have issued the first of what we hope to be regular updates on the current progress. The newsletter is on the new diocesan website and can be found here - [https://assets.website-files.com/5ecba8204966c2777264a947/5f89626454d227195af8b974\\_Modern%20Slavery%20Issue%201%20v2.pdf](https://assets.website-files.com/5ecba8204966c2777264a947/5f89626454d227195af8b974_Modern%20Slavery%20Issue%201%20v2.pdf)

You may have also seen the item in the regular e-bulletin from the diocese (You can sign up for it on the diocesan website - <https://abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/news>) Our hope is to extend the number of people across the diocese who are aware of the tragedy of modern slavery that exists in our communities. We hope as time progresses to be able to offer awareness sessions. Anyone who is interested in becoming a supporter and receiving regular updates can contact Tessa Ricketts to sign up [tessa.ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:tessa.ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk). We welcome any suggestions you might have to help raise

awareness across our diocese. Thank you".  
*David Farey - Chairman of the Diocesan Steering Group on Modern Slavery.*

**Cake Sale.** Following the recent successful sale of jams in aid of the Mtandika Trade School in Tanzania, Mary Agius is organising a sale of cakes for the same cause **next Saturday, 31 October**, between 11.00am and 2.00pm at 98 Woodlands Road, KT23 4HH.

**Shoebbox Appeal.** Leaflets giving details have been left at the back of both churches. Shoebboxes need to be returned by **the weekend of 14/15 November.**

**Parish Diaries 2021.** There are copies of these pocket diaries now available at the back of each church. If you would like to give a donation, please put it in the slot marked 'Books'. Thank you.

*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

