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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays: Cycle A Weekdays: Year II 25-10-2026

A WORD FROM BISHOP STEPHEN AT HIS ORDINATION

"Thank you for being here today! I am so grateful to God for his goodness. I'm so grateful to the many people who have helped and supported me throughout my life, living and dead, and to all those in the Diocese who have welcomed me and been preparing for this day. Let's pray for one another, and let's pray for the people and mission of our Diocese. Let's put Jesus, our loving Saviour, at the centre of everything we do, and his blessed mother Mary."

God bless,
Deacon Ian

This Week

We welcome to the parish this weekend…
Fr Simon Hall (from Epsom) for Confessions and Saturday Vigil Mass at OLOS and
Fr Philip Pak (Chaplain to St Helier & Epsom Hospitals) for Sunday Masses – 9 am OLOS, 11 am HS.

Personal Note of Thanks from Fr Charles

There are not enough words and so many people to thank for making my farewell weekend so special and such a life-affirming event even though tinged with the sadness of leaving. Thank you for all your prayers, support and kind enquiries about my future plans and welfare. I am very touched and deeply grateful. And thank you for the most generous leaving presentation and other thoughtful gifts and cards.

I will be living in diocesan accommodation in Eastbourne, near the church, but not in the presbytery. My diocesan e-mail address charles.howell@abdiocese.org.uk will reach me, and will continue to follow me round wherever I may be in years to come. Please pray for me as I will for you. The matter for discernment is not *whether*, but rather *how*, to continue being a priest into my later years. Our wonderful diocese is my home, and the priests are my brothers. I have no plans to leave.

Parish Walking Group – Next Walk Sat 31st October. Please meet at the HS car park at 9.30 am and we will car share to the start of the walk. We plan to do the Esher Ledges walk – as it's quite a short walk, we're planning to have a break for coffee half way round at Garston's Farm in West End. If you would like to join our WhatsApp group please text Annette on 07561 305767. This is the way we keep in touch, request lifts and make any last-minute changes due to the weather. *Annette and Kathy*

The Pastoral Team

Below is the new Team to assist me in administering the Parish. I am delighted to let you know that the following have kindly agreed to take on this task:

Dave Evans – sits on the new Deanery Parish Finance Team
Pierre Fernandes – sits on the new Deanery Parish Team
Alan Miller – sits on our Parish Finance Team covering Maintenance & Repair
Melissa Longmire – new to the Parish, Teacher and a Diocesan Lourdes Hotel Leader
Kamila Smith – Children's Liturgy & Choir
Jean Wells – Lead Catechist for RCIA/Confirmation
Mary Sherrington – Parish Catechist and Retired Lawyer.
Tamsyn Barham – Received into the church at Easter 2026 and Chair of St Peter's PTA
Amanda Killingback – Parish Secretary

With this wealth of expertise, I am sure we will care for the wellbeing of our Parish. We will be displaying photos of each person at each church in case you don't know them and want to talk to them.

We will meet every 4/6 weeks and publish to everyone minutes of our meeting.

I will have weekly meetings with Fr Chris Bergin, our Dean, for pastoral guidance.

God Bless, keep us in your prayers.

Deacon Ian

Just a reminder that the clocks go back an hour this weekend.

MASS AND ADORATION NEWS

Changes to Masses and Adoration this Week

Monday 9.30 am Mass at OLOS
No other weekday Masses
Weekend Masses will be as usual

Forthcoming Weekday Masses

From the 5th November, Fr Ian Vane (from Dorking) will be celebrating a regular morning Mass on a Thursday at OLOS at 9.30 am.

It is hoped to have a weekday Mass at HS but details still need to be confirmed.

Parish Sacramental Programmes

A reminder that the most important preparation for any Sacrament is regular attendance at Sunday Mass. There is no substitute for this, and all our programmes presume a good level of practice of the faith and attendance will be monitored.

First Holy Communion Programme 2027

Application forms (YELLOW) for next year's programme (starting in January) are available at the back of each church or can be printed off the parish website from this page: First Holy Communion - EFFINGHAM & FETCHAM

If you have a child in year 3 or above then, **provided that you and your child are in regular attendance at Mass you and they will be able to join the programme.** Please hand fully completed application forms with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate (please give a copy, not the original) to Deacon Ian or deliver to the Parish Office.

Confirmation Programme

If you would like to be Confirmed next year, please pick up a RED form from the back of the church or printed off the parish website: Confirmation - EFFINGHAM & FETCHAM. All ages school Yr 10 and upwards. Please complete and return it with a copy of your baptismal certificate to the parish office or Deacon Ian as soon as possible.

Next Week

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. There will be speakers at all the Masses this weekend and special envelopes available to take away – PLEASE ONLY use an envelope if you want to Gift Aid your donation.

The CAFOD collection will take place next weekend (31st Oct/1st Nov).

General

CELEBRATE Autumn family pack - helping families grow an attitude of gratitude, noticing all the good gifts God gives us and saying thank you together. Their updated online Autumn Family Pack is available now at celebratetrust.org/shop/autumnpack

Shoebox Collection. This year's Shoebox collection in aid of Children in Distress will be on 11th November. Boxes will need to be brought to Our Lady of Sorrows and Holy Spirit by the weekend of 7th/8th November, or to 98 Woodlands Road KT23 4HH by 10th November latest.

Your Legacy of Faith. A new leaflet on how to leave a gift to your parish or diocese is now available at the back of church. Supporting the work and mission of the Church in your Will.

Recent Second Collection Result

World Mission Sunday (MISSIO) - £518

Thank you for your generosity!

Please pray for all those in our Parish who are sick:	
Emile Aboud	Jim Morgan
Marie Bliss	Brenda Parker
Christopher Browne	Maureen Rennison
Mary Doran	Bernard Shaw
Brede Hassard	Jenny Smith
Mary Hefford	Peter Stevenson
Maddy Hewitt	Maggie Thomas
Valeria Kucharsky	Theo West
Joanna Mills	Ian Williamson
Ann McEntire	

This Week's Services and Mass intentions

Saturday Vigil	24 Oct	6.00 pm	OLOS	Holy Souls - RIP
Sunday	25 Oct	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	25 Oct	11.00 am	HS	Desmond Tobin - RIP
Monday	26 Oct	9.30 am	OLOS	Celebrant's Intention
Tuesday	**27 Oct**	**NO MASS**	**OLOS**	**NO MASS**
Wednesday	**28 Oct**	**NO MASS**	**HS**	**NO MASS**
Thursday	**29 Oct**	**NO MASS**	**OLOS**	**NO MASS**
Friday	**30 Oct**	**NO MASS**	**OLOS**	**NO MASS**
Saturday Vigil	31 Oct	6.00 pm	OLOS	Fr John Sheehy - RIP
Sunday	01 Nov	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	01 Nov	11.00 am	HS	Paula & Daphne Randal - RIP

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

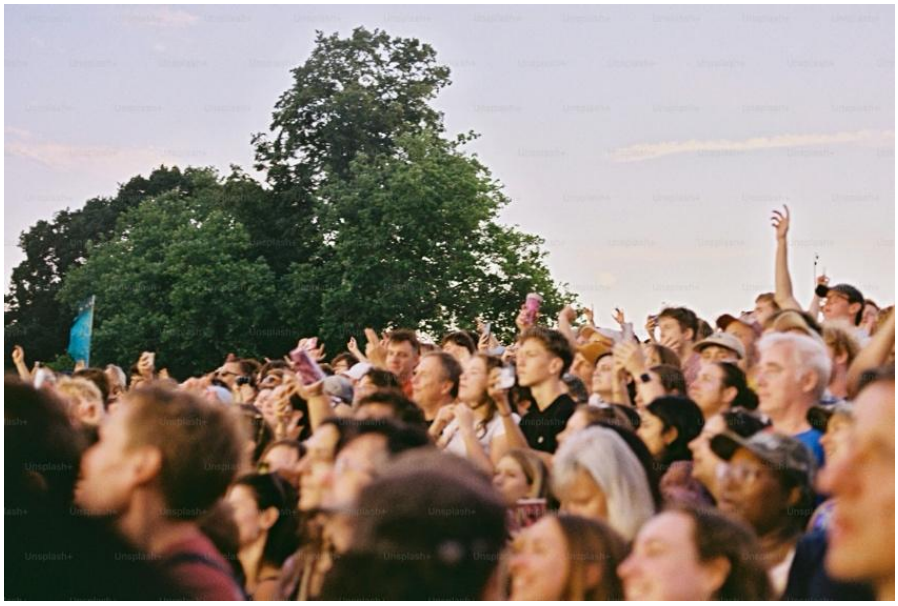
Most Masses from both our churches are live-streamed on YouTube at "Effingham and Fetcham Catholic Parish" https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLGeHumF6yae4QGCSVg0UA

Confessions	**Saturdays** 5.00-5.30 pm OLOS, Effingham **1st Sunday of the month** after 11.00 am Mass HS, Fetcham
Adoration	**Thursdays** at OLOS – currently 11 am 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: All Saints

Special Collection next weekend: CAFOD Harvest Fast – To Gift Aid: Use CAFOD envelopes

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 | Psalm 24(23):1-2. 3-4b. 5-6. R. cf. 6 | 1John 3:1-3 | Matthew 5:1-12a



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

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