



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 B Weekdays: Year II 27 October 2024



This weekend we listen to the story of Bartimaeus, the blind beggar, whose sight was restored by Jesus. Sometimes we feel like blind people groping in the dark or even dazed, sitting disheartened by the side of the road. We don't see where we stand or where we are going, we cannot discern what we have to believe or to do. So, let all of us to whom God has given good eyes thank God wholeheartedly for the gift of sight. But, Jesus, as always, challenges us by asking us: Do you see with the eyes of your heart what I am asking of you? Do you see the way I have shown you? Do you see the people I have placed on your way and are you aware of their needs and hungers? Do you see the beauty of the world I created and are you willing to keep it a marvel for you and your children? Bartimeus was in darkness until he met Jesus. Here on earth, though we can have a sense of God, we do not see God himself. We have to be content to travel by the light of faith towards that land where we shall see as we are seen.

God bless

Deacon Ian

This Week

Sacrament Programmes

****THE CLOSING DAY FOR APPLICATIONS IS
THIS SUNDAY 27TH OCTOBER**.**

First Holy Communion and Reconciliation 2025. If you would like to enrol your child for the First Holy Communion programme starting in January 2025, please take a YELLOW form from the back of the church. Children should be in school year 3 or above. Please complete it and return it with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate to the parish office or to Fr Charles or Deacon Ian **BY SUN 27/10.**

Confirmation

If you would like to be Confirmed in Eastertide next year, please pick up a RED form from the back of the church. All ages, school Year 10 and upwards. Please complete and return it with a copy of your baptismal certificate to the parish office or Fr Charles or Deacon Ian **BY SUN 27/10.**

Adult Baptism or Reception into the Church

If you, or someone you know might be interested in becoming a Catholic at Easter next year, please contact the parish office or speak to Fr Charles or Deacon Ian as soon as possible.

The recent **Churches Together Film Night** in St Alphege Hall attracted around 30 people and raised over £800 for Christian Aid. Well done all!

Gaza/Lebanon Emergency Donations

Middle East Humanitarian Appeal
To CAFOD at cafod.org.uk or call 0303 303 3030
Or to the Disasters Emergency Committee
at dec.org.uk or call 0330 123 0333
or in cash at Post Office Counters

Fetcham Church Heating in Autumn and Spring

To avoid the church overheating and excess noise from the blowers the heating is currently

set to warm up the church BEFORE Mass begins and then switch off. Please keep the inner swing doors closed to maintain the temperature in the church. Thank you.

NOVEMBER



Fri 01 Nov – All Saints Day Holy Day of Obligation

9.15 am Mass at OLOS, 8 pm Mass at HS

Sat 2 Nov – All Souls Day

Special Mass at 10 am at OLOS followed by **ble^ssing of the graves** and refreshments in the hall afterwards.

Sun 10 Nov – Blessing of Garden of Remembrance after 11 am Mass at HS.

November is the month for Holy Souls (Lists of your Deceased Loved ones). 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. Any money you enclose will go towards Holy Souls Masses throughout the year. Thank you.

Next Week

Taizé Prayer at St Lawrence Effingham
Sunday 3rd November 2024 at 6.00pm

You are warmly invited to this reflective, quiet, contemplative service of Bible readings, prayer and praise in the style of the Taizé Community

For further details contact
Helen Overell helen@bayleaf.org

Coming Soon

Advance Notice

Mon 18 – Fri 22 Nov – Fr Charles away. No weekday Masses. Weekend Masses as usual.

Sun 1 Dec – New Lectionary starts to be used.

Assisted Suicide Bill

Kim Leadbeater MP is introducing a bill to introduce assisted suicide, which will be voted on by MPs on the **29 November**. We know that assisted suicide laws in other jurisdictions have had devastating consequences for the poor, disabled and marginalised. This is the biggest threat to the vulnerable in a decade, and we need a huge effort to lobby MPs. Please contact your MP by visiting www.livesworthliving.org.uk

Fr Charles adds: Unfortunately, it would appear that both our MPs are strongly in favour of the bill. While in no way 'giving up' on lobbying against the Bill and attempting to inform and reform our MPs consciences on this matter, we may also want to urge for various inclusions in case the Bill passes into law. These include: Maximal Safeguards, On-going Meaningful Review of Safeguards, including regular in-depth review of randomly chosen cases, looking at who said and suggested what, and when. And giving the hospices and palliative care movement proper statutory funding such that there is a level playing field. We cannot fund assisted suicide if we won't fund hospice care.

therapy dog - Jackson. Jackson is trained to provide comfort and affection to people who need him. He is a perfect companion for those who are elderly and struggling with anxiety. Come and hear how those with dementia and Alzheimer's respond to his visits.



On Wed 27 Nov, 10.30 am to 12 pm at Bookham Library. To book, please contact the Anna Chaplain, Liz Tapp: ac@themeetingplace.org.uk

or Tel: 07518735729. Suggested donation £2. Tea & coffee will be provided.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Please could you start thinking about the contents of your boxes now as the boxes will need to be handed in by **weekend 9-10th Nov** at the latest, for onward shipment to Romania on 12th Nov by Children in Distress. Any queries, please contact Mary or Michael Agius.



The Grange - Autumn Fair, Tues 29 Oct, 1.30-3.30 pm

The Grange's Autumn Fair will be a special event where they sell merchandise made or designed by the people they support. By attending, you can directly support their cause while

enjoying a fun-filled afternoon for the whole family – with original crafted goods, craft workshops, tombola and raffle. The Grange Rectory Lane, Bookham KT23 4DZ.

Living Well in Older Age

The elderly and their carers are invited to come and meet Georgie and her beautiful fully trained pet



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

Derek Barham	Joanna Mills
Marie Bliss	Janet Morgan
Christopher Browne	Jim Morgan
Amy Chapman	James Nicholls
John Donovan	Maureen Rennison
Mary Doran	Jean Rowlandson
Sandra Flynn	Bernard Shaw
Mary Hefford	Jenny Smith
Maddy Hewitt	Maggie Thomas
Hanna Jaszczyk	

This Week's Services and Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil	26 Oct	6.00 pm	OLOS	Celebrant's Intention
Sunday	27 Oct	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	27 Oct	11.00 am	HS	Roy Wood - RIP
Monday	28 Oct	NO MASS		NO MASS
Tuesday	29 Oct	NO MASS	OLOS	NO MASS
Wednesday	30 Oct	NO MASS	HS	NO MASS
Thursday	31 Oct	9.15 am	OLOS	Fr John Sheehy - RIP
ALL SAINTS – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION				
Friday	01 Nov	9.15 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Friday	01 Nov	8.00 pm	HS	People of the Parish
Saturday	02 Nov	10.00 am	OLOS	Holy Souls - RIP
Saturday Vigil	02 Nov	6.00 pm	OLOS	Holy Souls - RIP
Sunday	03 Nov	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	03 Nov	11.00 am	HS	Kathleen Baxter - 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 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
Chaplet of the Divine Mercy	Fridays following HS Noon Mass
Children's Liturgy	1st & 3rd Sundays of the month in term time at HS, Fetcham 11.00 am

Next Sunday: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 6:2-6 | Psalm 17:2-4.47.51. R.v2 | Hebrews 7:23-28 | Mark 12:28-34

Love God
 Love Your Neighbour
 Love Yourself

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

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