



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

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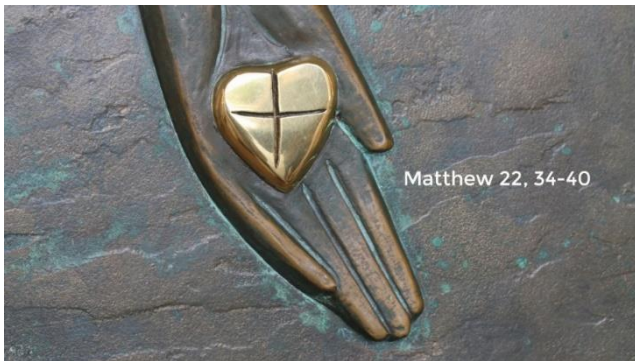
Live-stream on YouTube "Effingham and Fetcham Catholic Parish":

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLGeHumF6yae4QGCSVg0UA>

A Very Warm Welcome to Parishioners and Visitors

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays: Cycle A Weekdays: Year I 29 October 2023



(With apologies to those who heard me preach this on Tuesday ...) I wonder if you watch "The Repair Shop" on telly? If not, the format is easy to describe: people bring in cherished possessions which have got damaged or broken, and a team of experts repair them and give them back. There are two wonderful things to enjoy: the skill of the experts, and look of delight on the faces of the people who get their possessions back.

And my point is that this is a lovely parable for the work of Jesus our Redeemer. We bring ourselves to him, damaged and broken—because we are all broken in various ways in our souls; damaged by original sin which we inherit from Adam and Eve, and damaged by our own sins too. We come to the Repair Shop—to church, especially to the Eucharist and Confession—and Jesus makes us whole again.

And the parable goes deeper than that too. Because often the first thing the experts need to do is to take the damaged object completely to pieces, even for instance undoing an ugly repair that has held a broken vase together for years. And that is an image of death. But it's not the end. The old ugly brown glue and years of dirt are carefully removed. That's purgatory. And finally all the pieces are put back together again so perfectly that you can't see that the object had ever been broken at all. And that's heaven and resurrection to new and everlasting life. We are full of admiration for Jesus our Expert Restorer, and full of hope for ourselves and our loved ones.

May God Bless you,

Fr Stephen

This Week

All Saints – Holy Day of Obligation

On **Wed 1 Nov** there are two Masses in the parish. OLOS: 9.15 am and HS: 8 pm.

All Souls Day is Thursday 2 Nov. It is a special day when we pray for all who have died, and a great day to come to Mass if we can.

Changes to Mass this Week. Mass on **Tuesday 31 Oct** will be at 6.00 pm at OLOS; Mass on **Friday 3 Nov** the Mass will be at OLOS at 6 pm (rather than at HS) due to a fireworks event at Oakfield School and road closure.

We welcome **Jack James Francis** into the Catholic community through the Sacrament of Baptism. Congratulations to his family.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **John McEntire**, who died on Wednesday, and for his family at this sad time.

November – 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.

Blessing of the Graves – Saturday 4 Nov, 3.00 pm at OLOS cemetery followed by tea and cake in the hall. Everyone is welcome, esp. those who have loved ones laid to rest in our cemetery.



Do & Raise – Raffle.

The Do & Raise team have been busy making this gorgeous knitted Noah's Ark. To be in with a chance of winning it, raffle

tickets will be available to buy on the weekends

of the 29 Oct and 5 Nov. The proceeds of the raffle will be donated to the Red Cross.

Next Week

Special Collection next week: Retired Priests' Fund. To assist with the accommodation, welfare and support of diocesan priests in retirement. To Gift Aid your donation, regular givers please use a YELLOW gift aid envelope, for a one-off donation, please use a WHITE one.



Sycamore Follow-Up. We are running 4 more sessions of our very popular Sycamore New Evangelisation

programme. There will be great company, light refreshments (cheese, cakes, etc.) and, of course, a video and friendly discussion to explore and deepen our faith. They sessions will run on the Monday evenings of November starting at 7.30 pm in St Alphege Hall. Our topics this time will be:

- Mon 6 – The Light of Christ
- Mon 13 – Creation, Fall, Salvation
- Mon 20 – Christian Vocations
- Mon 27 – Social Teaching of the Church

Do put the dates in your diary and come along, and do invite others to come along too—*especially* any guests who came to the previous sessions.

If you are planning to attend or if you can lend a hand, please sign-up on the sheet at the back of each church. Many thanks.

Coming Soon

Annual Parish Review



Just to give you the head's up about this important meeting on **Monday 4 Dec, 7.30 pm** at St Alphege Hall. More details coming soon!



First Holy Communion and Reconciliation 2024.

To enrol your child for the First Holy Communion programme starting in January 2024, please take

a yellow form from the back of the church (or print one off at https://www.effinghamandfetcham.org.uk/uploads/4/0/8/9/40894629/fhc_applicationform_v2022.pdf) Children should be in school year 3 or above. Please complete it and return it with your child's baptismal certificate to Fr Stephen or Deacon Ian after Mass as soon as possible.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Please note the dates for the rest of this year.

November: Sunday 12th only.

(Children's choir on Sunday 26th Nov as usual.)

December: Sunday 3rd and 17th.

Please also note that Children's Liturgy of the Word is designed for children up to their First Holy Communion.

General

Liturgy of the Word with Children – Leaders' Training – Sat 11 Nov, 10am–1pm at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley RH10 6RP.

Please join us for a morning exploring an exciting style of delivering the Liturgy of the Word with Children. Lucy Hall will be demonstrating a hands-on, tactile approach to wondering about the Gospel. Please register using the link [Liturgy of the Word with Children - Leaders' training \(11-Nov-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

Recent Second Collection Results

Home Mission	£298.20
CAFOD	£775.50
Prisoners' Sunday	£500.70
World Mission Sunday (MISSIO)	£475.60

Thank you for your generosity

Get to Know Other Members of Our Parish



Please join us in the St Alphege Hall after any Sunday 9 am Mass for tea, coffee, squash and biscuits, or just a chat.

This also helps us to encourage a greater sense of the parish as a community. All are welcome and we'd love to see you!

Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Please could you return your filled boxes to either church **over next weekend, 4th/5th November**, or to 98 Woodlands Road, KT23 4HH by **Wednesday 8th November at the latest**. Thank you.

Cake Sale and Raffle in aid of the Mtandika Trade School in Tanzania - Results. An amazing amount of £1350 was raised, £750 from the sale of cakes and jams and £600 from the raffle, which was won by parishioner Anne Wells. Thanks to all who participated so generously.

Taizé Prayer is to be held at St Lawrence, Effingham on **Sunday 5th November at 6 pm**. The service is an ecumenical contemplative space - all are welcome.

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	Karen Silver
Mary Hefford	Jenny Smith
Maddy Hewitt	Maggie Thomas
Tessa Knott	Pat Turton
Gillian Lake	Simon Turton
Joanna Mills	Andrea Vaughan

This Week's Masses and Intentions

Saturday Vigil	28 Oct	6.00 pm	OLOS	Peace in the Holy Land
Sunday	29 Oct	9.00 am	OLOS	David Summers – RIP
Sunday	29 Oct	11.00 am	HS	People of the Parish
Monday	30 Oct	Noon	HS	Fr John Sheehy – RIP
Tuesday	31 Oct	6.00 pm ***	OLOS	Kathleen Francis & Family – Wellbeing
ALL SAINTS – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION				
Wednesday	01 Nov	9.15 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
		8.00 pm	HS	Derek Barham wellbeing
Thursday	02 Nov	9.15 am	OLOS	Holy Souls – RIP
Friday	03 Nov	6.00 pm	OLOS***	Vocations to the Priesthood
Saturday	04 Nov	10.00 am	OLOS	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday Vigil	04 Nov	6.00 pm	OLOS	Holy Souls – RIP
Sunday	05 Nov	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	05 Nov	11.00 am	HS	Teresa Aboud – 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

5.00-5.30 pm OLOS, Effingham

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

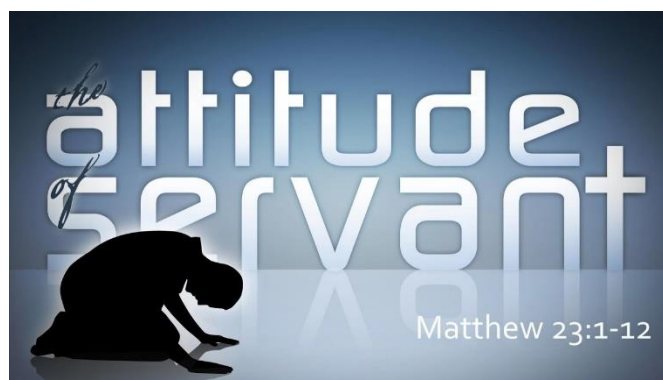
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Thursdays after Mass until midday, then 2-7 pm

The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will be prayed every Friday at 5.45 pm at HS, before the 6 pm Mass

Next Sunday: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10 | Psalm 130 | 1Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13 | Matthew 23:1-12



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

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