

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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays: Cycle B Weekdays: Year II 3 November 2024



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It's been a busy time for the Vatican Publishers. Hot off the press are the Synod final document (not yet in official English Translation), and also the encyclical letter *Dilexit nos* from Pope Francis on the Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ.

Dilexit nos (meaning 'he loved us' from Romans 8:37, which Francis uses as the opening words of the encyclical) is an extended historical review, theological explanation, and pastoral meditation on the Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It can be downloaded directly from the Vatican

website. In the document, Francis demonstrates how the human and divine Love of Jesus is the essential remedy for the Church and for the World. Here is paragraph 218 from the conclusion:

In a world where everything is bought and sold, people's sense of their worth appears increasingly to depend on what they can accumulate with the power of money. We are constantly being pushed to keep buying, consuming and distracting ourselves, held captive to a demeaning system that prevents us from looking beyond our immediate and petty needs. The love of Christ has no place in this perverse mechanism, yet only that love can set us free from a mad pursuit that no longer has room for a gratuitous love. Christ's love can give a heart to our world and revive love wherever we think that the ability to love has been definitively lost.

Prayers for us all

Fr Charles

This Week

Change to Masses and Adoration this Week

There will be no Masses in the parish Mon 4th – Fri 8th Nov inclusive. Therefore, Adoration on Thur will start at the slightly later time of 11 am. Weekend Masses as usual.

NOVEMBER



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.

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

Parish Walking Group - Saturday 9 November

We have a special walk planned for November and we are walking on the Saturday closest to Armistice Day. We will be walking in Langley Vale – the First World War Memorial Wood. It is about three and a half miles and is gently undulating. We will meet at 9.30 am at the Church of the Holy Spirit car park so that we can car share to the start of the walk.

We hope that this will be a popular walk as it's so special. It is also the last walk of the year – we will start our walks once more in February or March depending on the weather.

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

Next Week

Second Collection next week: Retired Priests' Fund. To assist with the accommodation, welfare and support of diocesan priests in retirement. To Gift Aid your donation, please use either a yellow (regular giver) envelope or a white (one-off) envelope. Thank you.

Coming Soon

**Approaching Advent - Thur 28 Nov
10.30 am – 3 pm. Led by Rev Dan Balsdon**



A day of worship, prayer and contemplation as we prepare to begin the season of Advent together.

Gathering and refreshments from 10.15 am. Hosted at Effingham Methodist Church, KT24 5NB. To register a place (to help with catering), please contact Rev Dan Balsdon on 01372 379575 or dan.balsdon@methodist.org.uk Parking available at St Lawrence Church Hall. Refreshments and soup lunch will be provided. Donations towards costs welcome.

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

Sun 1 Dec – New Lectionary starts to be used.

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARISH

Christmas carols around the tree – Sun 22 Dec at 4 pm at OLOS with refreshments afterwards



Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve

8 pm for 8.30 pm carols followed by Mass at HS

Christmas Day

9.00 am at OLOS and 10.30 am at HS

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.

General



DEC Emergency Middle East Humanitarian Appeal

Donations 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.

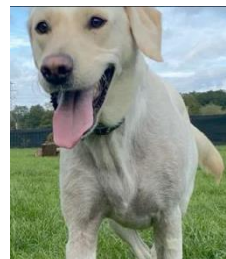
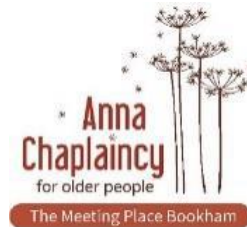
Fetcham Church Heating in Autumn and Spring

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.



Missio Red Boxes. Please can parishioners who are Red Box holders at OLOS (Effingham) return their boxes to the shelf

outside the Sacristy for counting by Sun 24 Nov at the latest. Thank you.



Living Well in Older Age

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

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	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
Monday	04 Nov	NO MASS		NO MASS
Tuesday	05 Nov	NO MASS	OLOS	NO MASS
Wednesday	06 Nov	NO MASS	HS	NO MASS
Thursday	07 Nov	NO MASS	OLOS	NO MASS
Friday	08 Nov	NO MASS	HS	NO MASS
Saturday Vigil	09 Nov	6.00 pm	OLOS	Kingsley Wenaden - RIP
Sunday	10 Nov	9.00 am	OLOS	For all those who died in wars
Sunday	10 Nov	11.00 am	HS	Holy Souls - RIP

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

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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: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Kings 17:10-16 | Psalm 145:7-10. R.v2 | Hebrews 9:24-28 | Mark 12:38-44



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

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