



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

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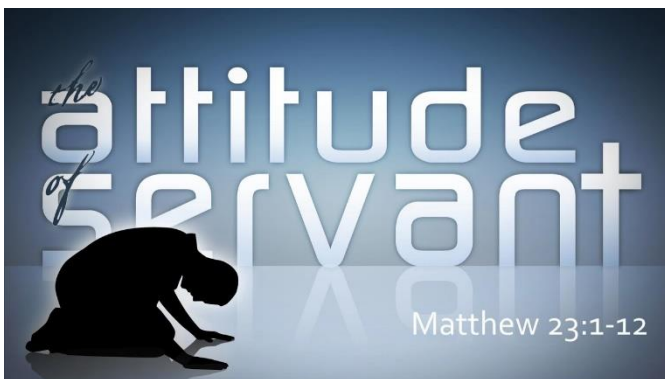
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A Very Warm Welcome to Parishioners and Visitors

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sundays: Cycle A Weekdays: Year I 5 November 2023



Today there is great emphasis on appearances. The image is everything. People put on a front, but deep down they are not like that at all. You cannot go by appearances. How deceptive appearances can be. So it was with the Scribes and Pharisees. On the outside they appeared to be good and holy people. But inside they were anything but. This is a danger that faces all of us. Each of us has two selves – an outer self and an inner self. The outer self is the public self – the one that is seen by others. The inner one is the

private self – the one only seen by ourselves. The outer self is the shell; the inner self is the kernel. We cannot achieve either happiness or holiness as long as we pretend to be what we are not. Jesus was able to see beneath the appearances, behind the masks. He saw the inner person. Thus he looked at the Scribes and Pharisees and saw a pious exterior. But, they were hollow inside. We have to try to be true to ourselves, otherwise we are false. When we are false, the outward appearance ceases to be an expression, a revelation of the soul, but instead becomes a shell to hide our soul. Our greatest task is to try to conform our lives with our convictions, and thus to make peace between our inner and outer selves. All we have to do is try to be what we are – God's sons and daughters.

May God Bless you,

Deacon Ian

This Week

We welcome into our Catholic Community through the Sacrament of Baptism **Noa Olive Bertie Webb**. Congratulations to the family.

Special Collection this 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 – Starting THIS Monday. 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.

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.



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 for the last time this weekend 4/5th Nov. The proceeds of the raffle will be donated to the Red Cross.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Please could you return your filled boxes to either church **over this weekend, 4th/5th November**, or to 98 Woodlands Road, KT23 4HH by **Monday 6th November at the latest.** Thank you.

Next Week

CAFOD Raffle. From next weekend (11-12th Nov) tickets will be on sale after all Masses for a chance to win the Christmas hamper – watch this space!

Coming Soon

Annual Parish Review



Just to give you the heads-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 **by end of November.**

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](#)

Lighthouse Event – Shining the Vision of Charis across the Diocese.

Sat 11 Nov, 2.30-6.30 pm at St Winifred's Catholic School, St Winifred's Way, Old Horsham Rd, Crawley RH11 8PG.

An afternoon of worship, Reconciliation, Holy Mass, prayer ministry, fellowship and teaching. For more info, see poster in porch or contact dabcdsc@gmail.com

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!

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

Southwark Arundel & Brighton Brethren CIO Charity.

Previously known as 'The Southwark Brethren' this has now become an incorporated charity and its aims have grown to support all priests working and retired. In the past 18 months the charity has stepped in to help several priests requiring emergency treatment in hospital, followed by rehabilitation and convalescence. Priests also have other medical and dental needs which can be varied and complex. In order to continue the financial help this charity provides, please donate to it, if you can. Cheques can be made payable to: 'Southwark Arundel & Brighton Brethren CIO' and sent to 3 Birch Way, Warlingham CR6 9DA. To give by Standing Order, please contact either Frederika or Fr Paul Hough on 07939 654522. If you would like to Gift Aid your donation or remember the charity in your Will, please contact them and the appropriate form will be sent to you. Thank you.

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

This Week's Masses and Intentions

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
Monday	06 Nov	Noon	HS	Ian Zejma - RIP
Tuesday	07 Nov	9.15 am	OLOS	Ellen & Frank Wilks - RIP
Wednesday	08 Nov	9.15 am	HS	David Farrow - RIP
Thursday	09 Nov	9.15 am	OLOS	Kingsley Wenaden - RIP
Friday	10 Nov	6.00 pm	HS	Fr Gerry Vann - RIP
Saturday	11 Nov	10.00 am	OLOS	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday Vigil	11 Nov	6.00 pm	OLOS	Marcelle Copus - RIP
Sunday	12 Nov	9.00 am	OLOS	For those who have died in war
Sunday	12 Nov	11.00 am	HS	People of the Parish

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: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 6:12-16 | Psalm 62:2-8. R.v2 | 1Thessalonians 4:13-18 | Matthew 25:1-13



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

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