



**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*

## **32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

Sundays: Cycle B    Weekdays: Year I    7 November 2021



The widow in today's Gospel is an amazing woman. She puts into the poor box all the money she has—every last penny! She has some important lessons for us. That's why Jesus pointed her out to His disciples.

Firstly, she shows us that each of us can offer something wonderful to God. It doesn't matter whether we are rich or poor; whether we are clever or not; whether we have much time or not. Everyone can make a valuable contribution, a worthwhile offering to God. So what we are called to give? Everything we have. Whatever we have—time, money, talents, a helping hand, a listening ear, a good example—large or small—we must give them all to God. We must use them for God's glory and to help our neighbour.

But the widow teaches us something else, something even more important. Our translation of the Gospel says she put in "all she had to live on". A more literal translation would say she put in "her whole life".

And when Jesus saw her doing this, it was just a few days before He gave His whole life on the Cross. The widow's offering of everything she had makes her like Christ; or, rather, by His gift of interior grace, Jesus has made her like Himself. And *therefore* her gift—so paltry to earthly eyes—becomes amazingly valuable. For the effectiveness of our giving is not determined by its monetary value, but by how deeply we are participating in the self-giving of Christ.

May God bless you all,

*Fr Stephen*

## ***This Week***

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Matthew Sutherland** who died recently and keep his wife and family in your prayers too at this sad time.

### **Special Collection this week – Retired Priests' Fund.**

This Fund is to assist with the accommodation, welfare and support of diocesan priests in retirement. Please Gift Aid your donation if you are able, using the appropriate Gift Aid envelope. If you are signed up to the Parish Gift Aid Scheme, please use the purple-coloured envelope - or if not, use the white-coloured one for a one-off donation. Please remember to fill out your details on the envelope. Thank you.

### **Night of Light**

Thank you so much to everyone who came along to the Night of Light last Sunday to make it such a lovely evening. Huge thanks to the team who helped to organise it, and to everyone who prayed for God to bless it. Do have a look on our website (under the "more" tab) for some pictures of the event—coming soon, hopefully by this weekend.

### **November – The Month for Holy Souls**

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.



### **First Holy Communion**

Our new programme will be starting in January 2022. If you would like to enrol your child, please pick up a yellow form from the back of the church (or click on the link [https://www.effinghamandfetcham.org.uk/uploads/4/0/8/9/40894629/fhc\\_applicationform](https://www.effinghamandfetcham.org.uk/uploads/4/0/8/9/40894629/fhc_applicationform)

[v2022.pdf](#) to print off a copy). Please complete it and return it with your child's baptismal certificate to either Fr Stephen or Deacon Ian after Mass by Sunday 5th December. Thank you.

### **Covid Update**

Please continue to wear face coverings (unless you are exempt) and use the hand sanitiser at the church and hall entrances. And, of course, please don't come if you have any covid symptoms or if you are required to self-isolate. These seem to be the most effective things we can do to keep ourselves and each other safe. For Test and Trace we will keep the QR codes displayed and the sign-in books available. However, rather than the stewards logging you all, please sign yourselves in if you wish to do so. We have now returned to near normal seating availability. Please remember to leave some space between families. Early birds might like to sit nearer the front, to allow later arrivals easier access to the back benches without too much squashing together! Remember that the hall is open for 6pm and 9am Masses at Effingham for overflow seating if you prefer some extra space. Thanks as always for your cooperation, common sense and charity to one another.

*Fr Stephen Dingley*

### **Coming Soon**

**Autumn Walk.** On Sunday 21 Nov, 2pm. Meet at the Percy Arms, Chilworth for a gentle stroll. Get to know others on the walk or in the pub afterwards.

### **General**

#### **Help Feed People in Need**

Food donations for those needing support can be left in the box in the porch of each church, for onward distribution. Many thanks



**MISSIO Red Boxes.** Calling all Red Box holders at Our Lady of Sorrows – please would you leave your box on the shelf by the Sacristy for counting by the end of November at the latest. If you are unable to get to church, please contact Penny Osborne on 01372 453088 to arrange collection. Many thanks.



**Do & Raise group** are going to be raffling their handmade Advent Nativity calendar in aid of The Passage charity, <https://passage.org.uk>. They will be selling tickets **THIS** and next weekend (6/7<sup>th</sup> and 13/14<sup>th</sup> Nov).



**Christmas Shoebox Appeal.** *Just one week to go!* Please return your shoeboxes for the annual Children in Distress

Christmas Appeal to the churches by **NEXT weekend 13th/14th November**, or to Mary Agius at 98 Woodlands Road by the **15th November**.

### Station Mass For those who have Died

This last year has been a very challenging time for everyone, especially when our thoughts and prayers turn to those we have lost, whether through the time of the pandemic or before. With these challenges in mind, you are warmly invited to join your Deanery Station Mass this November for the intention of those lost. Join Bishop Richard as he offers Mass for your intentions, for your friends and loved ones. In our deanery of Epsom and Redhill the Mass will be on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7.30pm**, Sacred Heart Caterham.

### Wintershall's The Nativity Journey

"The Nativity Journey is an unforgettable experience, bringing the true meaning of Christmas to life for the whole family". Runs

from 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. For more information or to book tickets [www.wintershall.org.uk](http://www.wintershall.org.uk) or call 01483 892167.



### More Recent Collections

The following collections raised the donations listed below. Thank you for your generosity.

- Catholic Education Services £471.85
- Home Missions Sunday £195.00
- CAFOD Harvest Fast Day £864.50

**Parish Diaries 2022.** There are a number of diaries available at the back of each church. Please just give a donation (if you would like to) by placing your money in the slot for books or papers. Many thanks.

**Churches Together – Christian Aid film fund raising evening.** An enjoyable evening was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October watching the film "Gigi" in St Alphege Hall. Thank you to all who helped in various ways, especially to Dave Putland, the projectionist. The evening raised £321.40 including Gift Aid.

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

Marie Bliss	Jim Morgan
Michael Boulvard	Paddy Payne
Pauline Boulvard	Maureen Rennison
Sue Brackenbury	Piers Ripley-Duggan
Christopher Browne	Allison Roberts
Amy Chapman	Jean Rowlandson
Maggi Cooke	Yolande Sharpe
John Donovan	Karen Silver
Mary Doran	Mary Skilton
Mary Hefford	Jenny Smith
Derek Knott	Margaret Summers
Tessa Knott	Pat Turton
Noreen Landers	Simon Turton
Joanna Mills	Andrea Vaughan
Janet Morgan	Alf Wiggins

## This Week's Masses and Intentions

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil	06 Nov	6.00 pm	OLOS	David Farrow - RIP
Sunday	07 Nov	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	07 Nov	11.00 am	HS	FHC 2020 Children & their Families - Thanksgiving
Monday	08 Nov	Noon	HS	Frank & Ellen Wilks - RIP
Tuesday	09 Nov	9.15 am	OLOS	Fr David Irwin - RIP
Wednesday	10 Nov	9.15 am	HS	Fr Ken McCarthy - RIP
Thursday	11 Nov	9.15 am	OLOS	Vocations to the Priesthood
Friday	12 Nov	6.00 pm	HS	Holy Souls - RIP
Saturday	13 Nov	10.00 am	OLOS	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday Vigil	13 Nov	6.00 pm	OLOS	Beatrice Vella - RIP
Sunday	14 Nov	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	14 Nov	11.00 am	HS	Bertha Wetherall - 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>

**Eucharistic Adoration** – Thursday mornings, from the end of Mass to 11.00 am.

### Confessions

### Saturdays

11.00-11.45 am HS, Fetcham  
5.00-5.30 pm OLOS, Effingham

## Next Sunday: 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daniel 12:1-3 | Psalm 15:5.8-11. R.v1 | Hebrews 10:11-14,18 | Mark 13:24-32



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

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