

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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays: Cycle A Weekdays: Year I 12 November 2023



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The point of this weekend's Gospel, is that every Christian is meant to be a lamp-carrier, a bearer of the light of Christ in our darkened world. I suspect that many of us hear this parable and believe that we have to be ready for death so as not to be caught unaware. Much much more than this is meant. We have to learn to meet the Lord now in the many ways he comes to us: as our companion on the road of life, in our neighbour, in our prayer, in the celebration of the Eucharist. These will prepare us for the final encounter. We are not alone. Jesus shared our life, our loneliness, our anguish,

our death. He is always very close to us. We can touch, serve, and love him every day of our lives. With the oil of prayer and good works we must keep the lamp of faith burning, and he will recognise us. We won't simply be judged on a momentary lapse, but on our life as a whole. All that Jesus says to us in this parable is meant as a warning. This warning is a sign of his love for each of us. It tells us that every moment should be beautiful. That the soul should always be ready for the coming of the Bridegroom, for he certainly will come but we do not know when.

May God Bless you,

Deacon Ian

This Week

Change to Mass this Week. On **Thurs 16 Nov** the Mass at OLOS will be at 7 pm (following Adoration) instead of the usual 9.15 am.

Sycamore Follow-Up – Continues THIS



Monday. Our Sycamore New Evangelisation programme got off to a wonderful start last Monday, with nearly 50 attending – great

company, light refreshments and, of course, the video and friendly discussion to explore and deepen our faith. The sessions continue on Monday evenings in November starting at 7.30 pm in St Alphege Hall. Our three remaining topics this time are:

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

Do come along, and do invite others to come along too!

CAFOD Raffle. From **THIS** weekend (11-12th Nov) tickets will be on sale after all Masses for a chance to win the Christmas hamper. Proceeds from the Raffle will go to Cafod's Emergency Israeli - Palestinian Crisis Appeal.

Parish Walking Group. Our next walk is on **Sat 16 Nov** and will start in Brockham – it's an easy and attractive two and a half mile walk, mostly good underfoot. We will car share again – so we will meet at the Church of the Holy Spirit car park (Fetcham) at 1.30 pm.

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. If not – just turn up at the church car park in Fetcham.

It would be lovely to see some new walkers for this easy walk in Brockham!

Annette and Kathy

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.

Next Week

Special Collection next week: Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund (Gift Aid). There are heavy expenses for the upkeep of the mother church of the diocese and these are shared amongst the parishes of the diocese. To Gift Aid your donation, please use a yellow envelope if you are a regular giver, or a white envelope for a one-off donation.

Coming Soon



Save the date - **Carols Round the Tree** on Sun 10 Dec at 4.00 pm, followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the hall. Please do invite friends, neighbours, colleagues, etc. A great evangelisation opportunity!



Invited – this Advent

Season III is coming soon with a series of four new films being released by the diocese. They can be accessed on the diocese's website

www.abdiocese.org.uk/invite

or You tube channel
www.youtube.com/@AandBcommunications

One film will be released each week starting on 27th Nov to 18th Dec. An exciting way to prepare for Advent. They are suitable for individuals or small groups. If anyone would like to form a small group to discuss the videos, please contact the parish office and we can put you in contact with one another.

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.**

General

MISSIO Red Box Holders at OLOS Effingham

VERY URGENT – Please return your boxes to the shelf by the Sacristy for counting. If you are unable to do so by Sun 26 Nov at the very latest, please contact Penny Osborne on 01372453088 to arrange collection. Thank you.

Do & Raise – Ark Raffle Results

A wonderful £503 was raised from this raffle and the proceeds will go to The Red Cross. Thank you to all those who bought tickets and supported this good cause.

CAFOD World Gifts for Christmas Catalogue.

There are a number of these in the porch of each church. Please help yourself to a copy.

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.

A Quick Journey Through The Bible. Part 3 will take place at Chilworth Abbey on **Saturday 25 November** at St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth led by Fr John Seddon OSB. This session will examine Genesis ch 12-15. Mass is at 9am, Video and Talks 10.30am-12.15pm. Bring a friend if possible. Free to attend. Donations welcome. No need to book.

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	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
Monday	13 Nov	Noon	HS	Lewis Vardey - RIP
Tuesday	14 Nov	9.15 am	OLOS	Bertha Wetherall - RIP
Wednesday	15 Nov	9.15 am	HS	Holy Souls - RIP
Thursday	16 Nov	7.00 pm**	OLOS	Celebrant's Intention
Friday	17 Nov	6.00 pm	HS	Clive Ward - Wellbeing
Saturday	18 Nov	10.00 am	OLOS	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday Vigil	18 Nov	6.00 pm	OLOS	Beatrice Vella - RIP
Sunday	19 Nov	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	19 Nov	11.00 am	HS	Private Intention

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

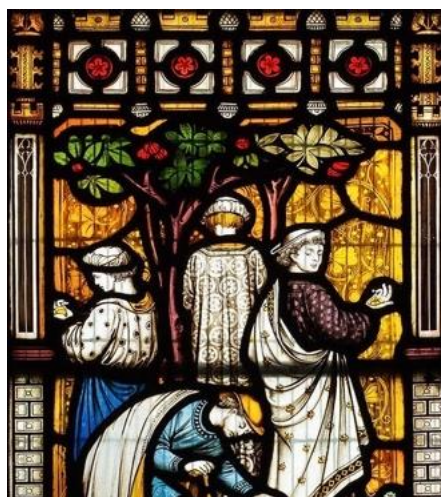
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Thursdays after Mass until midday, then 2-7 pm

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

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Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31 | Psalm 127:1-5.R.v1 | 1Thessalonians 5:1-6 | Matthew 25:14-30



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