

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

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A Very Warm Welcome to all Parishioners and Visitors

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Remembrance Sunday)

Sundays: Cycle A Weekdays: Year II 08 November 2020



Fr Stephen has kindly asked me to write a brief reflection each week of lockdown for our Parish Newsletter. This week's Readings focus on wisdom and we need a lot of that at present! The First Reading eulogises wisdom and we see this wisdom exemplified in the five wise bridesmaids in the Gospel parable. In fact, wisdom is one of the great themes of the Bible. And it is easy to see why. Without wisdom we are like travellers in the dark. With wisdom we have an unfailing lamp for our steps. But if wisdom is acquired at all, wisdom is acquired slowly and often painfully. To meet someone who has gleaned wisdom along the path of life is a great joy, a great encouragement, and a great inspiration. It is said, that wisdom is the highest virtue. Through wisdom God communicates to us the meaning of life, and the grandeur of our destiny, which is to be with God, a

greater good than life itself. Unlike knowledge, which is acquired through hard work, wisdom is a gift of God and is found by those who desire and seek it. When they hear that they have to be vigilant and ready for the Lord's coming, many people think that they have to be ready for death so as not to be caught unaware. 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. Let us pray to the Lord that he makes us attentive to his constant presence among us.

May God bless you all,

Deacon Ian

This Week

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you are keeping safe and well in body and spirit as we enter this second national lockdown. Once again we must endure the penance of being separated from receiving the holy Eucharist for a while, and from the support of meeting each other face to face. But we can still join in the celebration of the Mass, via live-streaming or simply spiritually in our own homes. And we can worship God in all sorts of other ways individually and in our families.

Let's also remember to keep in contact with each other—especially anyone who might be more in need or feeling more isolated—by phone and text and zoom etc. Praise God for technology!

Doing all of this with a generous heart—as I know you will—will make this time a great season of God's grace. Don't forget that the doors in the Upper Room were locked on Easter morning, but Jesus still came in to be with His friends; and He is with us always, yes, to the end of time.

God bless,
Fr Stephen

Special Collection this week: Day for Life.



This weekend we were due to have a collection in church that is then distributed to charities associated with the theme. Although this cannot happen physically due to lockdown, you may like to make a donation to one of the following charities through online giving. Just click on a link below and select how much you would like to give.

SPUC - <https://spuc.org.uk/Donate>

Life - <https://lifecharity.org.uk/donate/>

Live-streaming of Mass

Although sadly once again we cannot celebrate Masses with a congregation for a while, we will, of course, continue to live-stream Mass every day on our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLGeHUmF6yae4QGCSVg0UA>

You can find the texts of the Mass every day at <http://www.universalis.com/mass.htm>.

Starting from this weekend (7-8 November) we will revert to our previous schedule for lockdown Masses:

Sunday 10.30 am — Monday to Friday 9.15 am
— Saturday 10.00 am

Church Opening for Private Prayer

We hope to open our churches for private prayer during this period. A timetable for this will be communicated as soon as possible.

As always, we would be very grateful for any **further offers of help with stewarding**. A number of our parishioners have been amazingly generous in this task on behalf of us all—and the more volunteers we have, the lighter the burden will be.

Confessions

Confessions will be available at **OLOS** on Saturdays: 11.00-11.45 am and 5.00-5.30 pm. As throughout the pandemic, please wait—socially distanced—in the porch or outside the church. That way we can use the whole church as a large confessional, maintaining both social distancing and confidentiality.

If you prefer, you can also phone Fr Stephen for an appointment for Confession.

Holy Souls Lists

You can still submit a list of names of your departed loved ones for us to place in the basket at the foot of the altar, and to be remembered at all Masses in November. Any sheet of paper with your list of names is fine. You can simply drop it through the presbytery letterbox. Alternatively, once the churches are open for private prayer, you can put it in the

collection box at the back of the church. If you wish, you can also include a donation, which will go towards the Holy Souls Masses celebrated throughout the year.

First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation.

Now is the time to apply for preparation for First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation. Children aged seven or over on 1 September 2020 (school year 3 or above) are welcome to apply. The application form has been sent out with the circular parish email and will soon be available on our website. Please return the completed forms along with your child's baptismal certificate to Fr Stephen or Deacon Ian after Mass.

General

November Masses in Deaneries

Bishop Richard will be celebrating Masses in each deanery during November, to enable those who have lost loved ones during these recent months to gather through live-streaming only. **The Mass for our Deanery** will be from Oxted, 9th November at 7.30pm. You can follow it online at <https://www.churchservices.tv/oxted>

Shoebox Appeal. With the closure of our churches, Shoeboxes should be returned to Mary Agius at **98, Woodlands Road, Bookham, KT23 4HH by 14th/15th November.** If this is a problem, telephone Mary at 01372 456545 to arrange collection.

Do & Raise Raffle. Due to the lockdown, regrettably the raffling of the Advent wall hanging has been postponed until next year.

St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Leatherhead - Open Day. Due to the current restrictions, St Peter's cannot have an open day as normal. However, they warmly invite potential new families to join them for their

Virtual School Open Morning on 13 November. Please see details within the website: www.stpeters-leatherhead.surrey.sch.uk

Race for Grace

Thank you to all the parishioners who sponsored the Full and Half Marathon in memory of Grace Sheridan age 5 who died a year ago of Neuroblastoma.

The target was £25,000 but over £40,000 has so far been raised for the Neuroblastoma Society and the Children's Hospice in Guildford. Several of our Parishioners took part and also the Headmaster and teachers from St Peters Catholic primary school Leatherhead. All the participants crossed the finishing line. Once again thank you for your prayers and donations.

Food donations. With the closure of our churches, food donations normally left at the back of the churches can be left with **Mary Agius at 98, Woodlands Road, Bookham, KT23 4HH** for onward distribution.

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

Marie Bliss	Janet Morgan
Michael Boulvard	Jim Morgan
Pauline Boulvard	Maureen Rennison
Christopher Browne	Patrick Rennison
Jeff Care	Piers Ripley-Duggan
Amy Chapman	Allison Roberts
Maggi Cooke	Jean Rowlandson
Dorothy Dinan	Yolande Sharpe
Maureen Donoghue	Karen Silver
John Donovan	Mary Skilton
Mary Doran	Jenny Smith
Mary Hefford	Margaret Summers
Derek Knott	Pat Turton
Tessa Knott	Simon Turton
Noreen Landers	Andrea Vaughan
Daphne McLeod	Rose Wedlake
Joanna Mills	Alf Wiggins

Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

Saturday	07 Nov	10.00 am	OLOS	Hubert
Sunday	08 Nov	10.30 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Monday	09 Nov	9.15 am	OLOS	Holy Souls - RIP
Tuesday	10 Nov	9.15 am	OLOS	Mary Murphy - RIP
Wednesday	11 Nov	9.15 am	OLOS	Fr John O'Callaghan - RIP
Thursday	12 Nov	9.15 am	OLOS	Wellbeing of Staff/residents at Dene Place, Horsley
Friday	13 Nov	9.15 am	OLOS	Bice Vella - RIP
Saturday	14 Nov	10.00 am	OLOS	Bertha Wetherall - RIP
Sunday	15 Nov	10.30 am	OLOS	People of the Parish

Owing to the coronavirus, all Masses have to be celebrated without a congregation. All our Masses are now live-streamed on YouTube at "Effingham and Fetcham Catholic Parish".

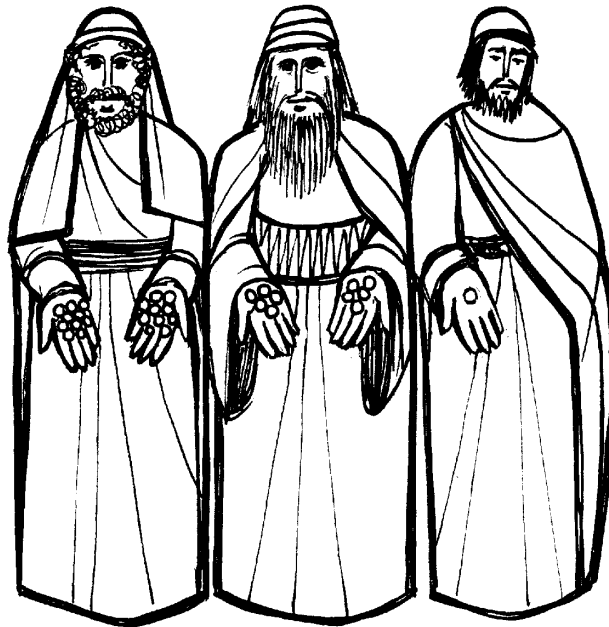
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Next Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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