

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

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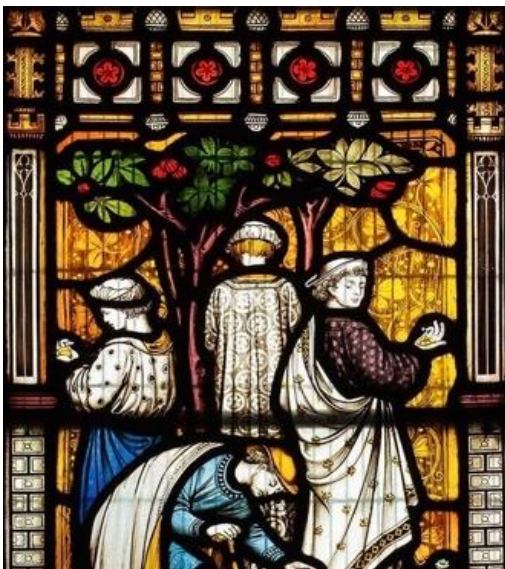
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A Very Warm Welcome to Parishioners and Visitors

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Special Collection this week: Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund (Gift Aid)

Sundays: Cycle A Weekdays: Year I 19 November 2023



What have you done with your Talents? God has given us rich gifts of faith, but what have we done with them? During the time of Jesus a Talent was an amount, 30 kilograms of precious metal. But in this weekend's parable, Jesus is speaking of the talents that God has given each of us. Sadly, we can sometimes bury the talent which we refuse to use either for our own benefit or for the benefit of others. And what is buried is of no earthly use to anyone. For each of us, a talent has first of all to be discovered and recognised. It has been said that our true birthplace is the place in which we awaken our gifts and talents. And, very often it takes an outsider to recognise the talent. God has given each of us special gifts. If well used, these gifts will enrich our lives and the lives of others. It is by living that we discover our talents, and it is by using them that they grow. Each talent has to be carefully

developed. Sometimes a lot of hard work, discipline, and patience are required if a talent is to bear its full fruit. We see this in the example of the first two servants in Jesus' story. We see the opposite of it in the case of the third servant. It wasn't the harshness of his master that prevented him from using his talent – that was merely an excuse. Nor was it lack of opportunity. He himself was to blame, through a combination of laziness, cowardice, and selfishness. Life is God's gift to us. What we do with life is our gift to God.

May God Bless you,

Deacon Ian

Next Week

This Week

Special Collection this 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.

Sycamore Follow-Up. Our Sycamore New Evangelisation programme continues this Monday – 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 two remaining topics this time are:



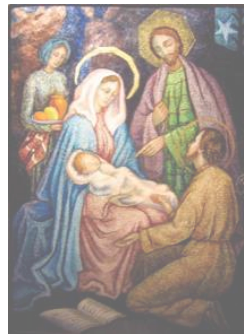
- Mon 20 – Christian Vocations
- Mon 27 – Social Teaching of the Church

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

CAFOD Raffle. Tickets will be on sale again this weekend 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.

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.

Invited – this Advent



Season III is coming soon with a series of four new films being hosted by the diocese – an exciting way to help you prepare for Advent. They can be accessed on the diocese's YouTube channel

www.youtube.com/@AandBcommunications

or see website below. One film will be released each week starting on 27th Nov to 18th Dec. They are suitable for individuals or small groups. Each episode will take you on a journey through the themes of the Advent readings, and there are a great selection of guest speakers. They are also offering the opportunity for you to join an online small group where you can watch and then discuss the films with others, growing in fellowship and praying with like-minded people. To find out more, simply visit <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited>

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!



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!

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.

CAFOD World Gifts for Christmas Catalogue.

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

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.



Wintershall's Nativity Journey – a play for all the family 13-18 Dec.

For more details or to book, click on www.wintershall.org.uk or phone 01483 892167.



Friends of the Holy Land Christmas Concert, Thur 14 December.

At Our Lady of Victories Church, Kensington Featuring the well-known London Welsh Male Voice Choir. Palestinian-themed buffet from 6 pm (£50) or concert-only ticket to start at 7.30 pm (£30). Buy your tickets through [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com): Search 'FHL Christmas Concert' or for more details: friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/christmas-concert-2023

Diocesan Job Vacancy. There is an opportunity to work as a part-time Education Officer based at the St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley. For more details and how to apply, please click on: [P/T Education Officer - Admissions and Place Planning | Careers \(abdiocese.org.uk\)](http://abdiocese.org.uk)



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	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	For the three children being baptised today
Monday	20 Nov	Noon	HS	John Silver - RIP
Tuesday	21 Nov	9.15 am	OLOS	Private Intention
Wednesday	22 Nov	9.15 am	HS	Celebrant's Intention
Thursday	23 Nov	9.15 am	OLOS	Vocations to the Priesthood
Friday	24 Nov	6.00 pm	HS	Holy Souls - RIP
Saturday	25 Nov	10.00 am	OLOS	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday Vigil	25 Nov	6.00 pm	OLOS	Holy Souls - RIP
Sunday	26 Nov	9.00 am	OLOS	Michael Boulvard - RIP
Sunday	26 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>

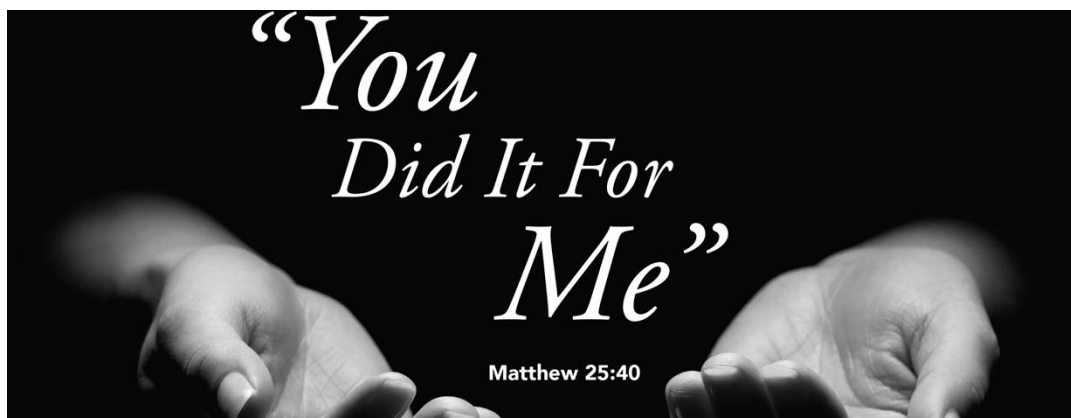
Confessions	Saturdays 10.30-11.15 am OLOS, Effingham 5.00-5.30 pm OLOS, Effingham 1st Sunday of the month after 11.00 am Mass HS, Fetcham
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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Thursdays after Mass until midday, then 2-7 pm

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

Next Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

Ezekiel 34:11-12.15-17 | Psalm 22:1-3.5-6.R.v1 | 1Corinthians 15:20-26.28 | Matthew 25:31-46



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

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