



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



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A Warm Welcome to all Parishioners and Visitors

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Special Collection this week: Mission Appeal on behalf of The Spiritans

Sundays: Cycle B

Weekdays: Year II

18th November



In today's second reading the Letter to the Hebrews says: "By virtue of that one single offering (his sacrifice on the Cross), Christ has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying."

So ... has he achieved your eternal perfection? Are you perfect yet? No? Nor am I. So either you and I are not included among those Jesus is sanctifying (which would be rather depressing), or the Scriptures are wrong (which would be rather alarming), or there's a third alternative.

And the third alternative is that Jesus' one single offering is not *simply* an event in the past—over and done with one Friday afternoon in the spring of 33 AD. It *is* a historical event, but also something more. Jesus never loses his priesthood; he is a priest for ever, and he lives for ever to intercede for us with his Father (cf. Heb 7:21-25). So Jesus' sacrifice also endures for ever. That's what we mean by the sacrifice of the Mass. It's the very same sacrifice that Jesus offered once and for all on Good Friday afternoon, but seen in its eternal aspect; not receding further and further into history, but powerfully real and effective here and now for you and me.

That's why we offer the Mass for a particular intention. It is always offered for all the living and the dead, and always more especially for those who attend, but most particularly for some specific intention. This means that when Jesus died on the Cross for all of us, his intention was not just vague and general—love is never vague and general. He offers himself personally and particularly for each one of us and for our particular intentions. And throughout history he is achieving the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying.

May God bless you all

Fr Stephen

THIS WEEK

We welcome into our Christian and Parish Community **Amber Louise Thornton** through the Sacrament of Baptism.

Special Collection this week – Mission Appeal on behalf of The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) Caring for the poor, the marginalized and the most abandoned in our world.

Special Collection next week – Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund

Arundel Cathedral is the mother church of the Diocese and the church of its chief pastor, Bishop Richard. The heavy expenses for its upkeep have to be shared by the parishes of the Diocese.

Eucharistic Adoration: with Advent starting soon, this is an ideal time to start the Ecclesiastical Year with a commitment to attend one hour's weekly Eucharistic Adoration. When we started the extended period of Adoration some 18 months ago, we had 35 parishioners on our Tuesday and Thursday rotas. Unfortunately, several of the 35 have died, moved away from the Parish or feel unable to continue and we are now down to about 25 committed Parishioners. *If you can commit to coming to Adoration for just one hour out of the 168 hours that God gives you in each week and join the rotas on either Tuesday morning or Thursday morning or afternoon, please have a word with Michael or Mary Agius, email maryagius@gmail.com, telephone 01372 456545. Of course, you can drop in any time the Blessed Sacrament is exposed without joining the rotas, but it would be wonderful if you could make that powerful commitment.*

Chilworth Abbey Study Day: You are warmly invited to a presentation of the third episode of 'Catholicism - a journey to the heart of the faith', by the acclaimed author and speaker Bishop Barron, on **Saturday 24 November**. Given by Fr John Seddon who will contextualise the episode and then teach and lead discussion about its subject matter. The day begins with Mass at 9.00am, followed by coffee. The third film

investigates *'The Ineffable Mystery of God'* Midday prayer and lunch will divide the day and concludes at 4.00 pm. Come to part, or all of the day, as it suits you. Bring a packed lunch and a friend. Tea and coffee is provided. More information at chilworthbenedictines.com

Christmas Charity Post (CCP): with Christmas fast approaching CCP is swinging into action again in the villages of Effingham, Bookham and Fetcham. The stamps cost 30 pence - half the price of the normal post – and will be on sale at 14 locations around the villages from **Monday 19 November**. Details of the locations are given on the notice in the church porch. If needed, further details can be obtained by contacting CCP Chairman Michael Agius on meagius@gmail.com or 01372 456545. Each year CCP raise some £4000 for worthwhile charities. *Please support your local charity and save yourself some money at the same time.*

Annual Parish Supper: This is happening on **Saturday 24 November**, 7.30 for 8pm – four course meal, £10. Elizabeth Cross will be collecting names after all weekend Masses from this weekend or you can let her know on 01372 458286 or ecross@ctis.co.uk. Desserts and raffle prizes requested.

November – The Month for Holy Souls: If you would like to 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.

Book of Reflections from the Young: Many of us have had the experience of being moved by something a young person has said. The Do & Raise Group are trying to produce a book of reflections based on what our children and teenagers have said about matters of faith. If you would like to know more or have an example to give, please contact one of the following people: Christine Fahey 01372 635950, Frances Riches 01372 452942 or Kit Oliver 01372 377633. We would love to have this ready in time for Christmas – so please do contact us soon.

THIS MONTH

Church of the Holy Spirit Cleaning: If you can spare half an hour after the 9.15am Mass at Fetcham on **Wednesday 28 November** then please can you help to sweep and dust the church? To quote a monastic motto 'Laborare est orare' and what better way to work and pray than to help keep God's house clean and tidy.

FORTHCOMING

St Peter's Catholic Primary School Christmas Fair: on **Saturday 1 December 12.30-2pm**. Attractions include slime making, festive pony rides, delicious winter BBQ, fabulous raffle prizes to be won. All welcome for some family fun.

Parish Advent Talks: Fr Stephen will be talking about The Kingdom of God and New Evangelisation over the course of three weeks running from **Monday 3 December**, St Alphege Hall, Effingham, 7.30-9.00pm with a mid-way break for refreshments. (Offers of snacks, mince pies, cheese scones, etc will be most welcome).

The Word Who is Life – Diocesan Pastoral Plan: Bishop Richard will unveil the Pastoral Plan to members of the Epsom Deanery at St Joseph's Church, Epsom at 7.00pm on **4 December**. Everybody is welcome to attend their local deanery meeting to hear the exciting vision for the future of the Diocese.

Horsley Choral Christmas Concert: Mozart Vesperae solemnes de Confessore with Christmas music and carols. **Sunday 9 December at 7.30pm** at St Andrew's Church in Cobham, Downside KT11 3EJ. Tickets £13 or £6 under 18s. To book 07768 573987 or 01372 4579787. In aid of Medical Detection Dogs.

Wintershall Nativity Play: (12-16 December) at Wintershall near Bramley in Surrey. A 50-volunteer cast in biblical costumes, assisted by sheep, donkeys, horses and a sheepdog take the audience on foot from the chill open air into the atmospheric, candle-lit barn, as the story of how Jesus changed the world unfolds with songs and music and joyful carolling. See their website for details including opportunities to volunteer: www.wintershall-estate.com.

Justice & Peace Assembly 2019: 'Slavery on our Doorstep', Saturday 26 January, from 10am (coffee from 9.30am). Learn about the slave trade hidden under your nose and how you can help those affected. Speakers from the Santa Marta Group and Sussex Police. To book contact Rosie Read, Formation Secretary at rosie.read@dabnet.org 01293 651161.

Please pray for those in our Parish who are sick:

Marie Bliss	Janet Morgan
Liz Boughton	Jim Morgan
Christopher Brown	Jack Oliver
Alan Bryant	Kit Oliver
Amy Chapman	Maureen Power
Maggi Cooke	Maureen Rennison
Marian Cross	Patrick Rennison
Anne Cuffe	Piers Ripley-Duggan
Maureen Donoghue	Allison Roberts
John Donovan	Jean Rowlandson
Joan Doran	Yolande Sharpe
Mary Doran	Mary Skilton
Philippa Gibbons	Andrew Smith
Ros Kennedy	Eileen Tennant
Derek Knott	Michael Tomkins
Tessa Knott	Andrea Vaughan
Filomena Lionetti	Rose Wedlake
Joanna Mills	Alf Wiggins

Reconciliation Services around the Deanery this Advent

- St Ann's and St John's (joint service at St Ann's, **Banstead**) Wednesday 12th December 7:30pm
- St Clement's **Ewell** Thursday 13th December 7:30pm.
- Our Lady & St Peter's **Leatherhead** Thursday 13th December 7:00pm.
- Our Lady of Sorrows **Effingham** Sunday 16th December 3:00pm.
- St Michael's **Ashted** Monday 17th December 7:30pm.
- St Joseph's **Epsom** Thursday 20th December 7:30pm.
- St Joseph's **Dorking** Sunday 23rd December 3:00pm.

MASS TIMES

Saturday	17 Nov	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Anthony Comyn - Wellbeing
Sunday	18 Nov	09.00am	(OLOS)	Celebrant's Intention
		11.00am	(HS)	Maria Kirsch - RIP
Monday	19 Nov	09.15am	(HS)	Gerry Payne - RIP
Tuesday	20 Nov	09.15am	(OLOS)	Jim & Rachel Brady - Thanksgiving
Wednesday	21 Nov	09.15am	(HS)	Charles Copelin - RIP
Thursday	22 Nov	09.15pm	(OLOS)	Sheila Coltart - Wellbeing
Friday	23 Nov	06.00pm	(HS)	Departed Legionaries - RIP
Saturday	24 Nov	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Gerry Payne - RIP
Sunday	25 Nov	09.00am	(OLOS)	People of the Parish
		11.00am	(HS)	Evelyn & Joseph Turcotte - RIP

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday	20 Nov	09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)
Thursday	22 Nov	09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)
		02.00pm to 05.00pm	(OLOS)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday	24 Nov	10.30am to 11.15am	(OLOS)	Face to Face
		05.00pm to 05.30pm	(OLOS)	In the Confessional
Sunday		After 11.00am Mass	(HS)	1 st Sunday of every month

MONTHLY ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

Monday		09.45am	(HS)	1 st Monday of every month
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HS = Church of the Holy Spirit, Fetcham OLOS = Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham

Next Sunday: Christ the King

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

Daniel 7:13-14 Psalm 92:1-2, 5. R.v1 Apocalypse 1:5-8 John 18:33-37



Newsletter items to the Parish Office by 10am Wednesday.