



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



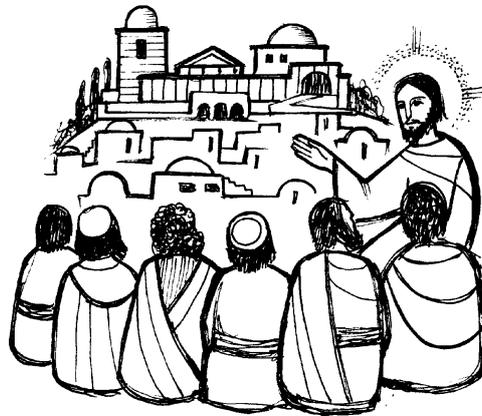
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*A Warm Welcome to all Parishioners and Visitors*

## **33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

Sundays: Cycle C    Weekdays: Year I    17 November 2019



“There will be wars and famines ... great earthquakes and plagues ... they will seize you and persecute you ... and some of you will be put to death.” After a Gospel like that it’s rather tempting to give up! But clearly that’s not Jesus’ intention here—quite the opposite. He’s telling us all this precisely so that we *don’t* become discouraged when it happens.

We have a deeply counter-cultural message. In every age the Good News of Jesus Christ challenges people to real conversion of mind, heart and way of life. And as the dominant ideologies of the world come and go, so different aspects of the truth of Jesus become hateful to the world. At present, I think the key issues circle around the infinite value of every human life from conception to natural death, and intrinsic, God-given meaning of marriage and personal relationships, which we can’t change to suit our feelings or political correctness.

For we know that the truth and teaching of Jesus is the only authentic route to happiness—for ourselves and for the whole of humanity. So we ask the Spirit for courage to bear witness; we implore Jesus to fulfil His promise of irresistible eloquence and wisdom; we thank and praise the Father for giving us His only Son, and for raising Him from the dead as our great hope and example.

May God bless you all

*Fr Stephen*

## **THIS WEEK**

We welcome into our Catholic Parish Community through the Sacrament of Baptism Archibald Darcy Norrington.

**Parents of Babies and Toddlers:** The Effingham & Fetcham Grandparents' Group are hosting a lunch **THIS Sunday, 17 November** for Parents and their children under 5 (older brothers and sisters welcome). The lunch will be held at St Alphege Hall from **12:30 to 2:30pm**. Lots of noise, chat and a few honorary grandparents to help out!

**Youth Group Meeting:** Our parish youth group will be meeting again **THIS Sunday 17 November** at St Alphege Hall, Effingham. The timings are as follows: 5pm years 6-8 for social time/games and activities focussing on Saints. 6.15pm Pizza. 6.45pm finish. All really welcome. **Another date will be announced soon to include the older youths.**

**Change to Mass:** There is No Mass on Thursday 21 November.

**Advent Extra:** Copies of this full-colour publication are now available at the back of each church. With 25 daily reflections and prayers and many articles. Priced at £2 per copy, please put your money in the slot marked books.

**Parish AGM:** Our Parish Annual General Meeting is **THIS Monday 18 November, 7pm**, St Alphege Hall, Effingham. Please do try and come and hear what the Parish Team has been doing on your behalf and have your say about the future.

**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 with go towards Holy Souls Masses throughout the year. Thank you.

**Christmas Charity Post (CCP):** 30 pence stamps - half the price of the normal post - **are now on sale** at 13 locations around the villages

of Effingham, Bookham and Fetcham. **Details of the locations are given on the notice in the church porch.** *Please support your local charity and save yourself some money at the same time.*



**The Do and Raise group:** have spent some time knitting a set of beautiful crib figures for Christmas, as shown in the picture, which will be raffled with proceeds

going to the Passage. Raffle tickets will be on sale after Mass on the weekends of **16/17 and 23/24 November** with the Draw being made during coffee after 11am Mass on **24 November**. This is a great opportunity to win a hand crafted and beautiful Nativity set and support a very worthwhile cause.

**The God Who Speaks:** Fr Tony Milner is giving a series of talks at St Joseph's Church, Dorking at 8 pm on Thursdays: **21 November** 'The Place of Scripture in the Church', **12 December** 'Matthew's Story of the Birth and Infancy of Jesus' and **23 January** 'The Sermon on the Mount'. No need to book.

## **FORTHCOMING**

**Confidence in Facing Death at Any Time - a seminar on Sunday 24 November 2:45-5pm @ Bookham Baptist Church:** This free seminar offers some practical help and support in preparing for death at any age - whether you're thinking about yourself or supporting friends and family. Please sign up at [bookhambaptistchurch.org.uk](http://bookhambaptistchurch.org.uk) or call **01372811313** - there is no charge for this event. Pastoral support and prayer will be available on the day.

**Annual Parish Supper:** on **Saturday 30 November 7.30pm for 8.00**, in St. Alphege Hall, Effingham. Tickets are £10 for a 4 course meal. Elizabeth Cross will be collecting names after all weekend Masses or you can let her know on 01372 458286 or [ecross@ctis.co.uk](mailto:ecross@ctis.co.uk). Please bring your own drinks and glasses. Desserts and raffle prizes requested.

**St John's Seminary Open Afternoon:** The Seminary has been forming Catholic priests for service in the Church in England & Wales since

1889. A warm invitation is extended to visit on **Sunday 1 December from 3pm** – afternoon tea & tours, **4.30pm** sung evening prayer followed by mulled wine and mince pies. All are most welcome. Plenty of parking. St John's Seminary, Wonersh, Guildford, Surrey GU5 0QX.



## ADVENT TALKS:

Fr Stephen is giving a series of three talks during Advent on Modern Science and Christian Religion on **Mondays at St Alphege hall, Effingham, starting at 7.30pm. 2 Dec** -The Myth of Conflict: Galileo and the Bible; **9 Dec** - A First Cause: The Chicken, the Egg and the Big Bang; **16 Dec** - A Cosmic Designer: Evolution and the Multiverse. All welcome.

**Ignite Teenage Retreats: 6-8 December @ Worth Abbey (For those in school years 7-9):** Expect talks, workshops, prayer, silly activities, games, sports, drama, a space for silence and stillness, yummy food and lots of fun and laughter! The weekends are run by me (Jess) a member of The Wellspring Community in collaboration with Worth Abbey. For more info please email Worth Abbey: [toc@worth.org.uk](mailto:toc@worth.org.uk)

**'Lord, teach us to pray' Saturday and Sunday 7 and 8 December: at St Michael's Church, Ashtead** (this weekend is also being offered in three other venues in the diocese. If you would like to learn and experience new forms of prayer, then this weekend is for you. A Jesuit priest will be leading it, and it will be very much 'user friendly' for everyone. You can just come to one day or to both. You will need to bring your own packed lunch on each day. Refreshments will be provided and there will be no charge. For further information, please contact John Harman, our Diocesan Advisor for Formation and Spirituality on 01293 651157 or [Joh.harman@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Joh.harman@abdiocese.org.uk)

**Cranmore Carol Service:** Cranmore School has very kindly invited parishioners of Effingham and Fetcham to the Dress Rehearsal of their Carol Service in the Main Hall at Cranmore on **12 December from 2.15-3.15pm**. This is a great opportunity to listen to a very talented young choir and to start the count down to the wonderful feast of the birth of Our Lord.

## GENERAL

**MISSIO Red Boxes:** It's that time of year again when we ask all Red Box holders to bring in their boxes for counting. Please leave your box on the shelf by the Sacristy **by the end of this month** at the latest to assist those who will need to do the count. Thank you.

**First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation:** The deadline for the submission of applications for the forthcoming First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation programme is **Sunday 15 December**. Children aged seven or over on 1 September 2019 (school year 3 or above) are welcome to apply. Yellow application forms are available at the back of the churches. Please return the completed forms along with your child's baptismal certificate to Fr Stephen or Deacon Ian after Mass.

**The Catholic Times and The Universe:** We sell hardly any of these papers, although some are taken free after a week. The publisher will soon be changing their terms and unsold copies will no longer be credited to us. If you are interested in us still taking Catholic papers—and if you will buy them—please let the parish secretary know (01372 458263 or [eandfparish@btinternet.com](mailto:eandfparish@btinternet.com)). If we don't hear from you by the end of November we will cancel them.

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

Marie Bliss	Jim Morgan
Christopher Brown	Jane Neville
Alan Bryant	Maureen Rennison
Jeff Care	Patrick Rennison
Amy Chapman	Piers Ripley-Duggan
Maggi Cooke	Allison Roberts
Marian Cross	Jean Rowlandson
Maureen Donoghue	Yolande Sharpe
John Donovan	Karen Silver
Mary Doran	Mary Skilton
Ros Kennedy	Andrew Smith
Derek Knott	Eileen Tennant
Tessa Knott	Pat Turton
Noreen Landers	Simon Turton
Filomena Lionetti	Andrea Vaughan
Joanna Mills	Rose Wedlake
Janet Morgan	Alf Wiggins

### MASS TIMES

Saturday	16 Nov	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Deceased Members of the Boulvard Family
Sunday	17 Nov	09.00am	(OLOS)	People of the Parish
		11.00am	(HS)	Deceased Legionaries of Mary
Monday	18 Nov	Noon	(HS)	Ellen & Frank Wilks - RIP
Tuesday	19 Nov	09.15am	(OLOS)	Lila Owen - RIP
Wednesday	20 Nov	09.15am	(HS)	Charles Copelin - RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>21 Nov</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>(OLOS)</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Friday	22 Nov	06.00pm	(HS)	Margaret Coleman - RIP
Saturday	23 Nov	10.00am	(OLOS)	Deceased Members of the de Freitas Family
Saturday	23 Nov	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Joe Hughes - RIP
Sunday	24 Nov	09.00am	(OLOS)	John West - RIP
		11.00am	(HS)	People of the Parish

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday	24 Nov	11.00am	(HS)	During school term time only
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### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday	19 Nov	09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)	
Thursday	21 Nov	09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)	
		02.00pm to 05.00pm	(OLOS)	

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday	23 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 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month

### MONTHLY ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

Monday		11.30am	(HS)	1st Monday of the month
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HS = Church of the Holy Spirit, Fetcham OLOS = Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham

## **Next Sunday: Christ the King**

2Samuel 5:1-3 Psalm 121:1-5. R.cf.v2 Colossians 1:12-20 Luke 23:35-43



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