

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

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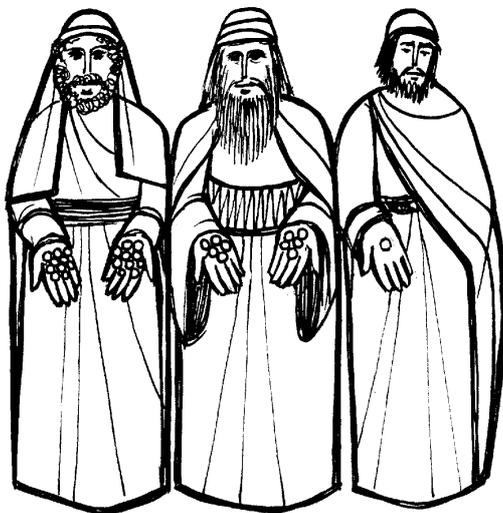
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A Very Warm Welcome to all Parishioners and Visitors

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays: Cycle A Weekdays: Year II 15 November 2020



We don't usually comment on the Readings when preaching, but focus on the Gospel. However, today's First Reading comes at the end of Proverbs and I encourage all husbands to read it! Here is a picture of an exemplary mother and wife. She uses all her talents of mind and heart and faith in the service of her family and also of the poor. So, that neatly leads us to the Gospel and the parable of the talents. Jesus is challenging us (as always) to look at the rich gifts of faith that God has given each one of us. He challenges us by asking what have we done with them. Which one of the servants in the Gospel do we identify with? 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 to our gifts and talents. Often it takes an

outsider to recognise the talent. Then, what do we do with it? I am sure you agree that it is disheartening to see at times how people with a lot of potential simply refuse to use their gifts. It is by living that we develop our talents, and it is by using them that they grow. Every talent has to be 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. However, 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 a 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 all,

Deacon Ian

This Week

Church Opening for Private Prayer

Our churches will be open on the following days and times:

Sun: CHS 4.00-5.00 pm
Tues: OLOS 11.00-12.00 am and 7.00-8.00 pm
Wed: CHS 11.00-12.00 am
Fri: OLOS 11.00-12.00 am

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.

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 drop it through the presbytery letterbox, or put it in the collection box at the back of the churches when they are open for private prayer. 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 is available on our website under the “Younger Members” tab. Please return the completed forms along with your child’s baptismal certificate to Fr Stephen or Deacon Ian.

Coming Soon – Advent Talks



Fr Stephen will be giving a series of Advent talks this year at 7.30 on Monday evenings. Since we cannot meet in the hall this year, the talks will be given via zoom. After each talk there will be some time to chat and discuss in small “breakout rooms”, followed by an opportunity for questions and answers. **Everybody is welcome.** The link

to the zoom meeting will be circulated nearer the time.

- 7 Dec **Who is Jesus?** – How does Jesus reveal His personal identity?
- 14 Dec **What is Jesus?** – Can Jesus really be divine and human?
- 21 Dec **Why is Jesus?** – Why did Jesus come, and what does it mean to be saved?

General

Advent Extra. This year’s edition has just arrived and is available at the back of each church. In full colour, with 27 daily reflections and prayers for your journey to Christmas. There are articles too that offer hope and support as the writers reflect on the impact of coronavirus. Priced at £2 each - why not buy a copy when you drop in for private prayer? Or perhaps see if someone you know who is unable to come to church would like one?

World Day of Prayer for the Ending of the Pandemic. Churches throughout the world will be observing this day of prayer on **Saturday 21 November**, which is the Vigil of the feast of Christ the King.

As part of this day of prayer Bishop Richard will be leading a period of Eucharistic Adoration, livestreamed from the Cathedral, from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. To watch, click on <https://abdiocese.org.uk/livestream> and select this livestream.

Shoebbox Appeal - Final Call - Shoebboxes should be returned to Mary Agius at **98, Woodlands Road, Bookham, KT23 4HH by 15th November - this weekend.** If this is a problem, telephone Mary at [01372] 456545 to arrange collection.



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 Nov. More details on the website: www.stpeters-leatherhead.surrey.sch.uk

Governing Board at St Peter's Catholic Primary School. St Peter's would be pleased to invite anyone who is interested in joining their Governing Board as a Foundation Governor. A Foundation governor is responsible for making sure the school provides a good quality education for all pupils, and raising educational standards in school. They promote effective ways of teaching and learning when setting

school aims and policies whilst preserving and developing the Catholic ethos of the school. It is a highly rewarding role and if you are interested please contact the Co-Chairman, Ian Page, at:

ian.page@stpeters-leatherhead.surrey.sch.uk

CHURCHES TOGETHER in Effingham and Little Bookham will be placing the usual Christmas tree with lights at the Effingham village shops. You are invited to place a Christmas star on the tree containing your personal prayer or reflective thought. Stars will be available to collect and return to **Barry at Parker's** from Monday 23rd November onwards. The stars will then be laminated and hung on the tree.

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	14 Nov	10.00 am	OLOS	Norma & Paul Chapman – Golden Wedding Ann.
Sunday	15 Nov	10.30 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Monday	16 Nov	9.15 am	OLOS	Deceased Clergy of the Deanery
Tuesday	17 Nov	9.15 am	OLOS	Teresa Aboud - RIP
Wednesday	18 Nov	9.15 am	OLOS	Gregory Hill - RIP
Thursday	19 Nov	9.15 am	OLOS	Charles Copelin - RIP
Friday	20 Nov	9.15 am	OLOS	Chris Cutler - RIP
Saturday	21 Nov	10.00 am	OLOS	Mgr Barry Wymes - RIP
Sunday	22 Nov	10.30 am	OLOS	People of the Parish

Owing to the coronavirus, all Masses have to be celebrated without a congregation. During lockdown all our Masses are live-streamed on YouTube at “Effingham and Fetcham Catholic Parish” <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLGeHumF6yae4QGCSVg0UA>

Confessions

Sat 11.00 – 11.45 am – OLOS, Effingham
Sat 5.00 - 5.30 pm – OLOS, Effingham

Next Sunday: Christ the 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