

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

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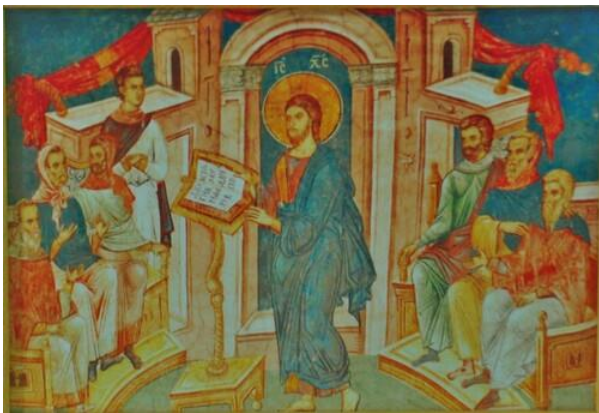
Live-stream on YouTube "Effingham and Fetcham Catholic Parish":

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLGeHumF6yae4QGCSVg0UA>

A Very Warm Welcome to Parishioners and Visitors

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays: Cycle C Weekdays: Year II 23 January 2022



It is fashionable in some theological circles to suggest that Jesus didn't really know who He was (the "Messiah" or "Christ" or "Anointed"; God incarnate). Instead, He had to arrive at that knowledge through hard work and interior struggle, through the experiences of faith and doubt, in just the same way that we do. And there is something comforting in that idea: Jesus knows what our lives are like and so can identify with us completely.

But there's a massive problem lurking just beneath the surface here—or, rather, two problems. Firstly, it's just not what the Gospels tell us. St Luke is at pains today

to teach us that Jesus knew His identity right from the outset of His mission: He is the Anointed One (the Christ); He is the fulfilment of the prophecies; He is the Good News for the poor. Jesus carefully chose that passage, and unambiguously taught that it was being fulfilled "today", right here and now, in their hearing, in front of their gaze. In any case, He knew perfectly well who He was when He was twelve, calling the Temple His Father's house.

Secondly, and just as importantly, a Jesus who doesn't know who He is—who shares our doubts and struggles—can't be our great Teacher, the One who can guide us safely through the maze of human experience and challenges. He can only be a blind guide, or, at best, a partially-sighted guide. So thank the Lord that Jesus does know who He is, and who we are, and what the Good News truly is.

May God bless you

Fr Stephen

This Week

We welcome into our Catholic Parish Community through the Sacrament of Baptism **Emily Steere and Hugo Dean.**



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – concludes THIS WEEK

Churches Together in Bookham are marking the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity by providing a daily opportunity to meet together via Zoom for Bible reading and prayer. We will meet at 8.30 am each morning for about half an hour.

To join the Zoom Meeting, click on <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89138254033>

Meeting ID: 891 3825 4033

- Mon 24 Jan, 8.30 am, Bookham Baptist Church
- Tues 25 Jan, 8.30 am, St Nicolas

Next Week



'Churches Together in Effingham and Little Bookham' invite you to: 'Scones of Praise' Sunday 30th

January 4pm at St Lawrence Church, Effingham

A chance to enjoy singing hymns chosen, and introduced, by members of the Anglican, Methodist and Roman Catholic congregations in our villages. A scone tea will be served after the service.

Coming Soon

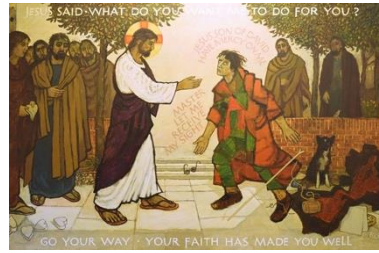
Confessions. The times and places when confessions are available in our parish are returning to their pre-pandemic schedule from Sat 6th February.

Sat 10.30 – 11.15 am OLOS

Sat 5.00 – 5.30 pm OLOS

First Sun of every month after 11.00 am Mass at HS.

Adult Formation Programme



I am involved with some others in the diocese in putting together a series of sessions on our Catholic Faith. We have called it “The

Bartimaeus Project” because of Bartimaeus’ request to Jesus “Lord let me see”. He is, of course, asking for physical sight, but in the Gospel that is also a metaphor for understanding.

The sessions will be delivered both ‘really’ and ‘virtually’. The talks will be given to a real audience in one location and streamed to audiences in other places, and also available for individuals online. After the talk there will be a chance for discussion at each location, followed by an opportunity for questions to the speaker. The first set of sessions will be on our understanding of Revelation—how God speaks to us—and the Bible. There will be four weekly sessions, beginning on **Tuesday 1 March** (Shrove Tuesday) at **7:30 pm.**

Fr Stephen

General



Evening Prayer for Divorced, Remarried and Separated on Sunday 6th February 2.45pm at St John The Evangelist,

Horsham. All those in our diocese who may be separated, divorced, or who have married again, are invited to come together to meet Bishop Richard for conversation. We will conclude with evening prayer followed by tea and cake. If you are interested, please click on <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>, search the calendar and click on the event to sign up.

Churches Together in Effingham and Little Bookham

"Connect in Song" A monthly singing group for people with dementia or Parkinson's with their carer or partner. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month in St Alphege Hall, 2.30pm to 4pm. We start with refreshments and then have great fun singing well known songs for an hour led by an experienced tutor. Contact Gill on 01372 457987 or email Gillconnect1@gmail.com for more information. All welcome from wherever you live.



Tuesday Teas On the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, 2.30pm to 4pm. Held in St Alphege Hall.

Come for friendship, chat as well as tea and cake! For further information and transport if required, phone Gill or Keith on 01372 457987, email tinkersend@gmail.com **Helpers also required!**



Mary's Meals. Give until 31 Jan 2022 and your donation will be doubled. If you would like to donate, please click on the link [Donate | Mary's Meals UK \(marysmeals.org.uk\)](https://marysmeals.org.uk)

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

For online applications for those who do not require any assistance in Lourdes or on the journey, click on lourdes.abdiocese.org.uk or you can [click here](#)

To receive an Assisted Pilgrim Application Form, please phone the pilgrimage office on 01403 740110 with the name of the person and postal address.

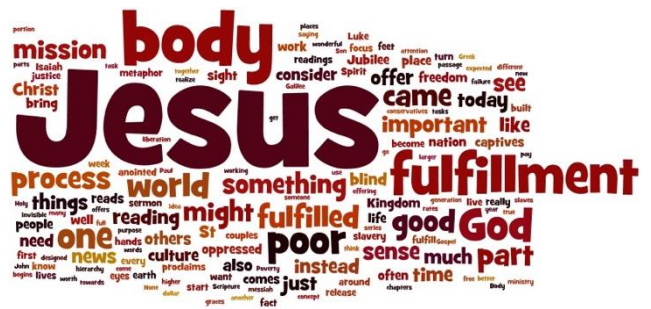
Help Feed People in Need

Food donations for those needing support can be left in the box in the porch of each church, for onward distribution. Many thanks

Emergency Afghanistan Appeal (CAFOD)

An appeal for the people of Afghanistan has been launched by CAFOD in conjunction with the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC). At present, more than half the population of Afghanistan are facing extreme hunger. Please pray for the people of Afghanistan and give to the CAFOD appeal if you can. Donations can be made:

- Online at: [Afghanistan Crisis Appeal | CAFOD](https://www.cafod.org.uk/afghanistan)
- By phone: 0303 303 3030
- By cheque: payable to CAFOD and sent to: CAFOD Head Office, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. Thank you.



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

Marie Bliss	Janet Morgan
Michael Boulvard	Jim Morgan
Pauline Boulvard	Paddy Payne
Sue Brackenbury	Maureen Rennison
Christopher Browne	Piers Ripley-Duggan
Amy Chapman	Allison Roberts
Maggi Cooke	Jean Rowlandson
John Donovan	Karen Silver
Mary Doran	Mary Skilton
Mary Hefford	Jenny Smith
Derek Knott	Margaret Summers
Tessa Knott	Pat Turton
Noreen Landers	Simon Turton
Brian Medlicott	Andrea Vaughan
Joanna Mills	Alf Wiggins

This Week's Masses and Intentions

Saturday	22 Jan	6.00 pm	OLOS	David Farrow - RIP
Sunday	23 Jan	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	23 Jan	11.00 am	HS	Dorothy Dinan (1 st Anniversary) - RIP
Monday	24 Jan	Noon	HS	Martha Sedgwick - RIP
Tuesday	25 Jan	9.15 am	OLOS	Michael Baker - RIP
Wednesday	26 Jan	9.15 am	HS	Fr Gerrit Vervenne - RIP
Thursday	27 Jan	9.15 am	OLOS	Family of Founders - RIP
Friday	28 Jan	6.00 pm	HS	Fr John Slater - RIP
Saturday	29 Jan	10.00 am	OLOS	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday Vigil	29 Jan	6.00 pm	OLOS	Kathleen Kerr - RIP
Sunday	30 Jan	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	30 Jan	11.00 am	HS	Christy Harrison - RIP

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>

Eucharistic Adoration – Thursday mornings, from the end of Mass to 11.00 am.

Confessions

Saturdays

11.00-11.45 am HS, Fetcham

5.00-5.30 pm OLOS, Effingham

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 1:4-5. 17-19 | Psalm 70:1-6.15.17.R.v15 | 1Corinthians 12:31-13:13 | Luke 4:21-30



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

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