



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



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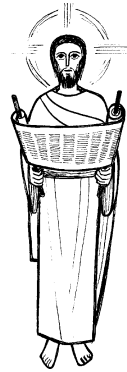
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A Warm Welcome to all Parishioners and Visitors

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays: Cycle C Weekdays: Year I 27 January 2019



Only very rarely do the writers of the Scriptures “break cover”, as it were, and present us with their credentials. But St Luke does at the very beginning of his Gospel, which we read today:

Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things which have been accomplished among us, just as they were delivered to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you. (Luke 1:1-3)

St John does so too—a bit more obliquely—just after Jesus’ side has been pierced on the Cross: “He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth—that you also may believe.” (John 19:35) And St Peter in his second letter, describing the Transfiguration, says: “When ... the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,’ we heard this voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.” (2 Pet 1:17-18)

These moments may be rare, but they are very precious. They enable us to make an act of faith that is reasonable, appropriate for intelligent human beings who have been created by God with brains! We are not taking a leap in the dark, or believing in myths or inspiring legends or old wives’ tales or superstitions or fairies at the bottom of the garden. We are trusting in eyewitnesses—and eyewitnesses who can expect persecution and martyrdom for their efforts. How else could we base our whole life, and our eternal destiny, on our faith?

May God bless you all

Fr Stephen

THIS WEEK

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Jack Oliver RIP** and **James Hill RIP** who died earlier in the week and remember their families as well.



**The Unity Service for Churches Together
in Horsley and Ockham:
THIS Sunday 27 January at 3pm**

It is being organised by our Catholic congregation and hosted at St. Martin's Church, East Horsley. Fr. Stephen will be preaching and we encourage all Catholic parishioners in Horsley and surrounding areas to attend. Please come if you can and stay for refreshments and fellowship afterwards.

Additional Mass: on **Saturday 2 February** at 10.00am at Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham a Mass will be celebrated for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple (Candlemas).

Jam and Cards Sale Result: Many thanks to all who bought jams, marmalade and cards last weekend in aid of the Mtandika Trade School in Tanzania. The sale made nearly £400, equivalent to a million Tanzania shillings.

New Name for DABCEC: The Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Christian Education Centre, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, RH10 6RP, is now known as the **St Philip Howard Centre** for Education, Formation & Mission.

Diocesan Directory 2019: A few copies of these are available to purchase at the back of the churches priced £5. Please put your money in the slot for books.

FORTHCOMING

Taizé Prayer: You are warmly invited to this reflective, quiet, contemplative service of Bible readings, prayer and praise in the style of the Taizé Community. At St Lawrence, Effingham on **Sunday 3 February** at 6.00pm.

Tadworth Parish Secretary Vacancy: St John's Catholic Parish, Tadworth is looking to fill the post of Parish Secretary. The position will be part-time on 4 mornings a week (16 hours in total). The role will include managing the parish office, providing secretarial support to the Parish Priest, taking phone calls, e-mail and other messages, updating the parish data base and website and other tasks associated with the smooth running of the parish. It is hoped to fill the post by February 2019. Applicants should be IT literate and familiar with office routines. Those wishing to apply should contact the parish office on 01737 813102 or by e-mail to sec@stjohnstadworth.org.uk. Candidates will be interviewed by arrangement. The successful candidate will be offered a trial 3-month contract with the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton. Terms of remuneration will be open to discussion at interview.

CAFOD Information Evening: on **Friday 1 February** 7-9pm at St Pius X Church Hall, Laustan Close, Merrow, Guildford GU1 2TS. Jenny Finlayson the Community Participation Coordinator and Lucy Jardine the Programme Officer for Peru will be present. The topics are Lent Family Fast Day, Lucy Jardine's experience of working with CAFOD partners in Peru, and School and Parish Involvement. For more details see poster in porch or contact: Jenny Finlayson 01483 898 866 or jfinlayson@cafod.org.uk

International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking: Thursday 8 February is the Feast Day of St Josephine Bakhita - the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. On this day Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those affected by the crimes of modern slavery and human trafficking, and the people that volunteer and work to eradicate this crime. This year the particular focus is on those who are caught up in forced labour and labour exploitation both

in the UK and beyond. For more information go to www.santamartagroup.com/santa-marta



Day of Reflection for Readers:

Led by Bishop Richard. There are talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary and its use in the Liturgy,

the Liturgy of the Word, preparing to read, using microphones. Lectio Divina. Mass. On **Saturday 9 February 2019**, 11.00am – 4.00pm at St Dunstan’s Church, Woking (Shaftesbury Road, GU22 7DT). Arrivals, tea/coffee from 10.30am. Please bring a packed lunch. Booking is essential as places are limited! To book: email ruth.gerun@dabnet.org or phone: 01293 651164.

National Board of Catholic Women - Day with Bishop Richard: On **Saturday 23 February**, from 10am to 1pm, at the St Philip Howard Centre (formerly DABCEC). Explore ways to engage with ‘The Word who is Life’. To book please contact Sue Petritz, NBCW Diocesan link at nbcw@rcdab.onmicrosoft.com



Cream Tea Charity Fundraiser:

The Inner Wheel Club of Bookham and Horsley are organising a cream tea party on **Friday 1 March** at 2.30pm in the Barn Hall in

Bookham as a fundraiser for Knofacic Facilitators International. We are raising money for their primary school building project which will enable Ugandan children to have an education which otherwise would not be available to them. Tickets need to be ordered by 20 February and cost £8. For more information, please see poster in porch or contact Clare Mahony on 01372 459147 or email mahony.family@hotmail.co.uk

Residential Retreat for Doctors: At Worth Abbey from **1-3 March** led by Fr. Stephen Ortiger. OSB. On the theme: Love your neighbour as yourself. Sessions include: Who and what we are; Personal challenges we face; Drawing strength from prayer; Nurturing our healthcare vocation. There will be opportunity to join the monastic community at

prayer and time for quiet contemplation with access to countryside walks. Cost £150 full board. For all queries and to book a place email jodwyer@doctors.org.uk, putting **Doctors Retreat** in subject line.

flome CYMFED **Flame 2019 – Join 10,000 Catholic Young People** at Wembley Arena

this **March:** Around five hundred people from Arundel & Brighton Diocese went to Wembley Arena for Flame 2017. Flame 2019 will happen on **Saturday 2 March**, once again at Wembley Arena. Tickets are already on sale and unlike last time they can be booked online. Head to cymfed.org.uk/flame2019 for details. Flame 2019 boasts an impressive line-up of speakers. More names will follow nearer the time, but Cardinal Nichols, Robert Madu, Guvna B, and Emma B from ‘Girl Got Faith’ are already on board. Hurry though - there are only ten thousand seats and over 5,000 tickets have already gone!

Please pray for those in our Parish who are sick:

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

MASS TIMES

Saturday	26 Jan	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Family of Founders - RIP
Sunday	27 Jan	09.00am	(OLOS)	People of the Parish
		11.00am	(HS)	Kit Oliver - RIP
Monday	28 Jan	09.15am	(HS)	Tom Burke - RIP
Tuesday	29 Jan	09.15am	(OLOS)	Holy Souls - RIP
Wednesday	30 Jan	09.15am	(HS)	Holy Souls - RIP
Thursday	31 Jan	09.15am	(OLOS)	Charles & Margaret Mould - RIP
Friday	01 Feb	06.00pm	(HS)	Mr & Mrs Beatty - RIP
Saturday	02 Feb	10.00am*	(OLOS)	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday	02 Feb	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Bob & Anne Bowley - RIP
Sunday	03 Feb	09.00am	(OLOS)	Brendan Hearn - RIP
		11.00am	(HS)	People of the Parish

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday	29 Jan	09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)
Thursday	31 Jan	09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)
		02.00pm to 05.00pm	(OLOS)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday	02 Feb	10.30am to 11.15am	(OLOS)	Face to Face
		05.00pm to 05.30pm	(OLOS)	In the Confessional
Sunday	03 Feb	After 11.00am Mass	(HS)	1 st Sunday of every month

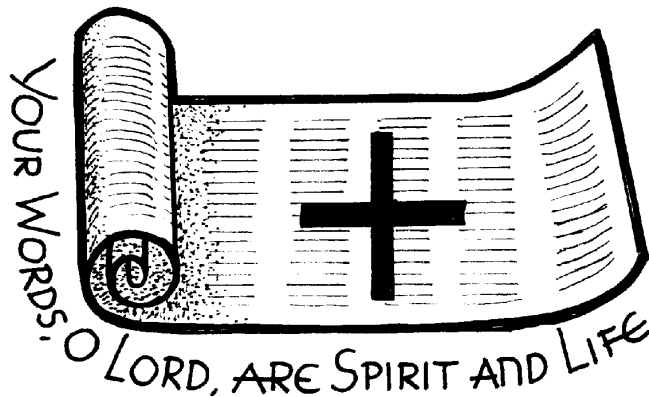
MONTHLY ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

Monday	04 Feb	09.45am	(HS)	1 st Monday of every month
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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



Newsletter items to the Parish office by 10.00am Wednesday