



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*

### **3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sundays: Cycle A    Weekdays: Year II    26 January 2020

#### **This week, a letter from Bishop Richard**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In his recent letter *Aperuit illis* Pope Francis has designated today as **The Sunday of the Word of God**. This day takes on a particular significance for us this year here in England & Wales, as we reflect very particularly on the theme: “The God Who Speaks.”

The Scriptures are, of course, central to our lives. Our reading and reflection on the inspired texts of Old and New Testaments enable us to encounter the God Who is love; Who sustains His people on their pilgrim way; Who is always faithful to us even when we go our own way; Who calls us back to Him and Who sends His Son, the Word made flesh, to dwell amongst us, to suffer and die for us and enable us to find new life through His resurrection. It is in the Scriptures that we read the account of the early Church as those who first responded to Jesus’ call, through their encounter with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, began the Mission that we continue today.

The practice of *Lectio Divina* has been spreading in the Diocese in recent years and renewed copies of the leaflet outlining this way of prayer are available in parishes today. Join me in your encounter with the Word Who is Life through this way of prayer.

During this year, we shall have particular opportunities to join with our brothers and sisters in England & Wales in our celebration of “The God Who Speaks”, notably at the Corpus Christi Celebration at Arundel Cathedral and – most especially for our school communities – at the Good Shepherd Celebration and the Secondary Schools’ Pilgrimage to Arundel.

May we all deepen our experience of God’s love for us as we read the Scriptures and hear them proclaimed in our Liturgy, that we may be formed by the Word for the Mission to which we are called.

With every Blessing,

*+Richard*

## THIS WEEK



**EFFINGHAM & FETCHAM CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUPS**

**Youth Group Meeting:**

The next meeting is **THIS Sunday 26 January** at St Alphege Hall, Effingham. As usual, Years 6-8 meet from 5.00-6.45pm (and will be focussing on the 10 commandments) and years 9+ meet from 6.15-8pm (with a Q&A on Science, Religion & Evolution, following up on the Advent parish talks). Pizza is served from 6.15-6.45pm. Why not just turn up and try it out!

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Youth Sunday events take place every other month at St Alphege Hall, Effingham, KT14 6P  
6pm - 8pm Year 6-8  
6.15pm - 8pm Year 9+  
Confirmed dates in the Parish Newsletter and on [www.effinghamandfetcham.org.uk](http://www.effinghamandfetcham.org.uk)

**Stay Safe Talk:** On **Wednesday 29 January at 2pm** the Effingham Methodist Church will be welcoming Surrey Police to speak to us about the various scams around as well as answering our questions about how we can keep ourselves safe and secure, especially when answering phone calls, doorstep callers and online safety. Come along for a short presentation and a time of Q&A over refreshments. All are welcome.

**Taizé Prayer:** at St Lawrence, Effingham, on **Sunday 2 February at 6.00pm**. You are warmly invited to this reflective, quiet, contemplative service of Bible readings, prayer and praise in the style of the Taizé Community.

## FORTHCOMING

**Catholicism – a Journey to the Heart of Faith:** Fr John Seddon OSB will present the sixth episode 'A Body both suffering and glorious: the mystical union of Christ and the Church' of Bishop Robert Barron's series on **Saturday 8 February**. The day begins with Mass at 9.00 am, followed by coffee. The Day concludes around 4.00pm. Bring a packed lunch and if you can, a friend. Tea and coffee is provided. St Augustine's Abbey, Sample Oak Lane, Chilworth, Near Guildford. GU4 8QR.



**Applications for Lourdes 2020 are live!** The online application form for those applying as a helper, chaplain, member of the medical team or as a pilgrim who needs no

assistance can be found at [www.ablourdes.org](http://www.ablourdes.org). If you would like to come to Lourdes as an Assisted Pilgrim, please contact the Pilgrimage Office who will post a form to you – email - [office@ablourdes.org](mailto:office@ablourdes.org) phone - 01403 740110.



**Week of Guided Prayer Epsom & Redhill Deanery. Sunday 15 - Friday 20 March:** An opportunity to explore different ways of praying in the midst of your daily life. You will be accompanied by a trained prayer guide (from a different parish) who will listen, encourage and help you explore how to deepen your relationship with God. **Leaflets are available at the back of each church with more information and a booking form. The closing date for bookings is Monday 24 February.**

## GENERAL

**Open Church:** You will be aware that CCTV has been installed in Our Lady of Sorrows Church and signs put up in order that our church can be open every day from 9am-5pm. The opening will start very soon, but we are looking for volunteers who are prepared to close the church at the end of the day at 5pm. In particular we are asking for volunteers to do this small task on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. A sacristy and barrier key will be provided for those who do not have them. Please let the Parish Office or Michael Bray know if you are able to help.

**Intercessions Books:** It has been suggested that at both churches there should be an Intercessions book to enable Parishioners to write prayers and thoughts that mean a lot to them and will be available for other Parishioners to read and support those prayers. The Books will be blessed by Fr Stephen at Masses over the weekend 25/26 January and then placed in both churches. Do use them but ensure you only write Christian Names and do not include more personal information as the books will be read by many people.



**Coffee after Sunday Mass:**

We would like to encourage you to stay after the 9.00am or 11.00am Mass on a Sunday to enjoy a cup of coffee (or tea) and have the opportunity to catch up with old friends and

make some new ones!

they are in the Narthex. Our Diocese has committed to tackling our ecological crisis and further details will follow from Bishop Richard. If you would like to be our captain, please let the Parish Office know on [eandfparish@btinternet.com](mailto:eandfparish@btinternet.com) or 01372 458263.

**Christmas Table Decorations:** If you bought a table decoration from Do & Raise before Christmas, they kindly request that you return the green containers that formed the bottom of them – if you still have them. This way they can be recycled and used again. Please just leave them at back of each church ready for collection. Thank you.



**Parish Email Circulation:** Our Parish has an email circulation which goes out every couple of weeks with information on the

many and various events and activities that go on in our Parish. The latest went out on 14 Jan 20. If you did not receive this email and think you are on the address list or you would like to be please let Michael Bray know [michaelpbray@btinternet.com](mailto:michaelpbray@btinternet.com) The emails only include Parish or church related information and are sent bcc so your email address will not be circulated. (If you wish to come off the circulation list, please also just let Michael Bray know.)

**Stress in Your Marriage?:** Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This programme has helped 6,000 couples who were experiencing difficulties in their marriage in the past year. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the programme commencing with a residential weekend on **28 & 29 February and 1 March** call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443 or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)



**Evening Prayer for Divorced, Remarried and Separated:** All those in our parish communities who may be divorced, remarried or simply separated, are warmly invited to come together with

Bishop Richard for afternoon tea, conversation and the celebration of Evening Prayer. On **Sunday 23 February at 3pm**. There is no cost for this event. All are welcome, please let us know if you have any additional needs. Venue: St. John the Evangelist Church, Horsham, RH12 2PJ. *For more information or to book* please contact our Marriage & Family Life Advisor Katherine Bergin; email - [Katherine.Bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Katherine.Bergin@abdiocese.org.uk)

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

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

**Parish Environmental Captain:** The Ecological Conversion Group is looking for a Parish representative to help with distributing their materials after Mass or just ensuring that

### MASS TIMES

Saturday	25 Jan	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Michael Baker - RIP
Sunday	26 Jan	09.00am	(OLOS)	Family of Founders - RIP
		11.00am	(HS)	People of the Parish
Monday	27 Jan	Noon	(HS)	For Victims of the Holocaust
Tuesday	28 Jan	09.15am	(OLOS)	Siobhan O'Sullivan - RIP
Wednesday	29 Jan	09.15am	(HS)	Gerhardt Fraberger - RIP
Thursday	30 Jan	09.15am	(OLOS)	Simey & Lizzie Docherty - RIP & all their family
Friday	31 Jan	06.00pm	(HS)	Charles & Margaret Mould - RIP
Saturday	01 Feb	10.00am	(OLOS)	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday	01 Feb	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Bob & Anne Bowley - RIP
Sunday	02 Feb	09.00am	(OLOS)	People of the Parish
		11.00am	(HS)	Agnes Fraberger - Wellbeing

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday	02 Feb	11.00am	(HS)	During school term time only
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### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday	28 Jan	09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)
Thursday	30 Jan	09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)
		02.00pm to 05.00pm	(OLOS)

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday	01 Feb	10.30 to 11.15am	(OLOS)	Face to Face
		05.00pm to 05.30pm	(OLOS)	In the Confessional
Sunday	02 Feb	After 11.00am Mass	(HS)	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month

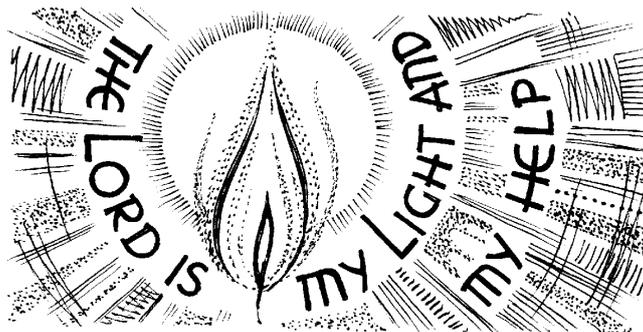
### MONTHLY ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

Monday	03 Feb	11.30am	(HS)	1st Monday of the month
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## **Next Sunday: The Presentation of the Lord**

Malachi 3:1-4 Psalm 23:7-10.R.v8 Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-32



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