

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

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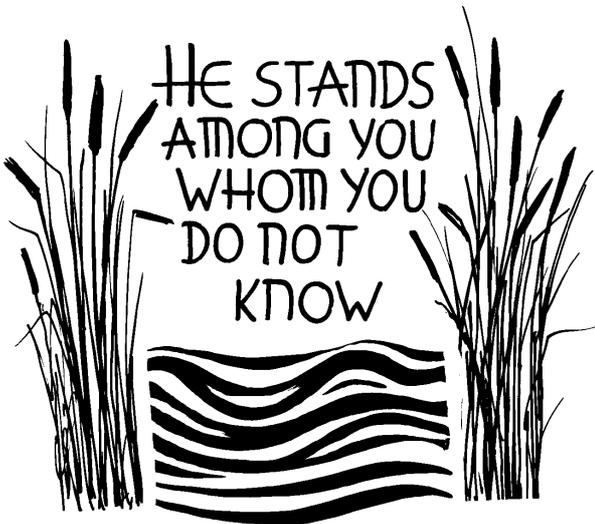
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A Very Warm Welcome to all Parishioners and Visitors

3rd 'Gaudete' Sunday of Advent

Special Collection this week: Altar and Church Flowers (Gift Aid)

Sundays: Cycle B Weekdays: Year I 13 December 2020



Advent is all about coming. That's pretty clear from the word itself, which means coming or arrival. And of course we are thinking about the coming of the Lord Jesus—or, rather, His two comings: the first in humility 2000 years ago in a stable; and His glorious second coming at the end of time.

But Jesus' coming to us implies, I think, another coming—our coming to Jesus. Jesus' coming to us is not just to be here like a sack of potatoes! He comes to enter into relationship with us, to call us into loving communion with Him. And that implies a response from us—our coming to Jesus—because relationships have to be two-way affairs.

It also implies that we come close to our neighbours—Jesus' brothers and sisters, and especially to those in need.

Jesus' presence among us is therefore *in itself* a call to conversion: to come closer to Him by becoming more like Him; to come closer to Him by giving up sin and seeking true holiness; to come close to Him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. After all, what is "reconciliation" except a coming back together of people who have been estranged from each other, a coming together in a renewed peace, harmony and love?

May God bless you all,

Fr Stephen

This Week

The Requiem Mass for Betty Archard RIP is at 11.45 am on Tuesday 15 December at OLOS. Due to limited numbers, the Mass is only for those invited by the family. Please do join via live-stream if you would like. It will be the only Mass in the parish that day.

Second Collection this week - Altar and Church Flowers. Please do Gift Aid your donation if you can, using a purple Gift Aid envelope (if you are signed up to the parish Gift Aid scheme) or a white envelope for a one-off Gift Aid donation.

ADVENT TALKS – CONTINUES THIS MONDAY 14 DECEMBER



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 meetings is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83246342420?pwd=T1psVmoySIZiR2FSRVhuS1NscEFOQT09>

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?

Confessions – next Saturday 19 Dec. No morning confessions but afternoon confessions are extended, now from 4.30-5.30 pm.

Christmas Masses – Booking

We will be having five Christmas Masses to celebrate our Saviour’s birth this year, to allow as many people to attend as possible given the limitations of social distancing.

Christmas Eve

6.00 pm OLOS (the church is full, if you request this Mass there is still limited capacity in the Hall); 9.00 pm HS (a small number of seats); Midnight OLOS (still many seats)

Christmas Day

9.00 am OLOS (still seats); 10.30 am HS (limited seats)

We will operate a booking system to prevent, as far as possible, people having to be turned away because the church is full to its limited capacity.

To book a place, please contact the parish office—by email if possible, otherwise by phone. You need to state:

- How many people are in your group.
- Which Mass times you would consider attending, ***in order of preference.***

A parish email has been sent out with details of how to book. The easiest way to book is by replying to that email. Please note, we will respond to your email **ONLY** when we have allocated your seat(s).

*** FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED ***

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.

Bishop Richard concludes his series of **Advent Talks** at the Cathedral on Friday 18 December, from 7pm with 'Mary – Openness'. It is now possible for people to attend in person. Contact the Cathedral office to book: arundel@abdiocese.org.uk or 01903 882297. The talks will also be streamed via the diocesan website.

Advent Guide for Families. The Celebrate conference has just launched a new Advent resource. Go to the website link below to download the Advent guide and then click through to find the links to the resources and activities suggested in the pack. Includes a link to 'The Donkey's Journey' written by one of our parishioners, Madeleine Carroll. Enjoy!
<https://www.celebrateconference.org/family>

General

Angel Scarecrow Trail. A Churches Together in Effingham and Little Bookham initiative. A fun event for the family where at each stop on the trail, one can hear another instalment of the Christmas Story. The attachment with further details for this has gone out with this week's parish newsletter circulation email.

Wintershall's Nativity Winter Walk

From the 18th to 21st December, experience the Christmas story at Wintershall. **Tickets are £35 per family group of up to six people.** To book: <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/nativity-winter-walk>

MISSIO Red Boxes – Urgent. If your Red Box hasn't been emptied, please would you phone Penny Osborne (01372 453088) as soon as you can to arrange it, as the count needs to be done for Missio in the next few weeks. Thank you.

Sale of Cakes and Christmas Decorations. There will be a sale **THIS Saturday, 19th**

December, between 11.00am and 1.00pm at 98 Woodlands Road, KT23 4HH [Mary and Michael Agius] in aid of the Mtandika Trade School in Tanzania and The Passage.

Do you speak Arabic, Farsi, Tigrinya or Kurdish Sorani? Volunteer Interpreters Needed. If you do, Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group would welcome your help. We support asylum seekers and other migrants held in detention at Gatwick Airport. They come from many different countries but at present in particular from Yemen, Iran and Iraq. If you would be able to help please contact Josie: josie@gdwg.org.uk We will need to take references, carry out an interview and DBS checks as we do with all of the many volunteers who support our work. Thank you.

Food donations for those needing support can be left at the back of the churches, or delivered to **Mary Agius at 98, Woodlands Road, Bookham, KT23 4HH** for onward distribution. Many thanks.

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	12 Dec	6.00 pm	OLOS	Protection of Unborn Children
Sunday	13 Dec	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	13 Dec	11.00 am	HS	Lisa & Wayne Callaghan - loss of their stillborn baby
Monday	14 Dec	Noon	HS	Holy Souls - RIP
Tuesday	15 Dec	11.45 am	OLOS	Betty Archard Requiem Mass (Family only in church)
Wednesday	16 Dec	9.15 am	HS	Deceased Parish Priest
Thursday	17 Dec	9.15 am	OLOS	Ursula Bale - RIP
Friday	18 Dec	6.00 pm	HS	Fr Bernard McGrath - RIP
Saturday	19 Dec	NO MASS	OLOS	No 10.00 am Mass
Saturday	19 Dec	6.00 pm	OLOS	Lino Lovison - RIP
Sunday	20 Dec	9.00 am	OLOS	Maria Fitch - RIP
Sunday	20 Dec	11.00 am	HS	People of the Parish

Our churches are open for Mass. All our OLOS Masses are live-streamed on YouTube at "Effingham and Fetcham Catholic Parish" <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLGeHumF6yae4QGCSVg0UA>

Eucharistic Adoration

Mon 10.50-11.50 am – HS, Fetcham

Confessions

There are no morning confessions on Saturday 19 Dec
Sat 4.30 - 5.30 pm – OLOS, Effingham (NB early start this week)

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

Samuel 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16 | Psalm 88:2-5. 27. 29. R. cf v2 | Romans 16:25-27 | Luke 1:26-38



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