



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

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*A Very Warm Welcome to Parishioners and Visitors*

**3rd Sunday of Lent**

Sundays: Cycle B    Weekdays: Year I    7 March 2021



In today's first reading we hear God giving the Ten Commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai. I wonder how many of those ten you can remember! More seriously, I wonder what our attitude to the Commandments is. Do we think of them as a precious gift from God, or more as an imposition? Do we rejoice that our Lord has shown us the right path to holy and healthy human living, or do we ever slip into secretly thinking He needn't have bothered? Or, for that matter, perhaps we have even largely forgotten about the Commandments altogether and reduced God's call to just "being nice".

But God knows us very well, and loves us beyond all imagining. He knows—and if we're honest, we also know in our heart of hearts—that left to ourselves we can easily go astray, even with the best of intentions. And sometimes our intentions are not the very best. So God gives us commandments to guide us in the right way.

Jesus summarised the Ten Commandments of the Old Testament in His own two commandments: to love God with all our heart, and to love our neighbour as ourself. But He didn't just teach them; He lived them. He washed His disciples' feet, and laid down His life for His friends on the Cross. If we let Him live in us—and love in us—then we will wonderfully fulfil every command of God.

May God bless you all,

*Fr Stephen*

## ***This Week***

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Margaret Fielder** who died last week. Please also remember her husband and their family in their loss.

## ***Lent***

**Stations of the Cross.** Each Monday during Lent, at 11.30 am, Stations of the Cross will be live streamed before Mass at Noon.

**Reconciliation Sunday 21 March, 3.00 – 5.00 pm.** Fr Stephen and a visiting priest will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation – in the garden if it's fine, otherwise in OLOS and St Alphege Hall.



**Diocesan Mission 'Invited':** The weekly Thursday conversation groups are now fully booked but the Monday videos can be viewed via the Diocese website [www.abdiocese.org.uk](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk) Transcripts of Speakers and those giving testimony are also available.

**Lenten Bible Study.** Here's a great opportunity to break-open the six Lenten Sunday Gospels and experience Sunday Mass anew! In-depth teaching and stimulating life-application questions by Roman Catholic speaker Mauro Iannicelli. Group discussion on Zoom at the end of the meetings. Sign up free at <https://comeandsee.org/lent> Wednesday 17th Feb - 24th Mar, 7.00 - 8.30 pm.

**Easter Retreat.** Join the Wellspring Community, Monks of Worth Abbey, and young people from across the country in this interactive **online retreat over the Easter Triduum.** With a

mixture of prayer, small groups and talks there is a great opportunity to journey with others deeper into the mystery of Easter, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We have created the timetable in such a way that you should be able to attend the liturgies in your local church and if this is not possible, we will offer guidance in how to create a prayerful liturgy at home. Should one of the sessions clash with your local liturgy you will have access later so you can catch up.

Plenty of space will be given to allow for deep reflection and personal journeying with God."

<http://www.wellspringbrighton.org.uk/the-virtual-easter-retreat/>

Here is the facebook link for the retreat: <https://www.facebook.com/events/3623733677740460/>

## ***Online Retreats***



**The Open Cloister at Worth Abbey** led by Michael Woodward (member of the Lay Community of St Benedict) **12th-14th March:** Romero and the Salvadorian Martyrs: Along with St Romero, we will

look at his friend Rutilio Grande, the four US Churchwomen, the UCA Jesuits & the hundreds of lesser known Salvadorans who died from 1977-1992.



**26th-28th March** (Palm Sunday weekend). The Holy Shroud: Gospel beyond Words - What the Shroud Tells Us.

Further information for these two retreats available from E: [toc@worth.co.uk](mailto:toc@worth.co.uk) Book your place online at <https://worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats>

## General

**Mary's Meals Appeal.** The crisis in Tigray, Ethiopia is truly desperate. Millions of people



have fled their homes because of continued fighting in the region. They are at imminent risk of starvation if we don't help. We are delivering

relief and emergency aid to internally displaced people. There is so much more still to do. We urgently need your help to reach many more vulnerable people in the coming weeks. Please give if you can. To donate, ctrl and click on this link: [Donate to Ethiopia | Mary's Meals](#)

**MISSIO Red Box Holders in Church of the Holy Spirit.** If your Red Box has not been emptied for a while due to the lockdown, could you please bring it to church during the month of March. If you are not able to go to church, ring Heli Bravery on 01372 452537, and I will come and collect it. Alternatively, you can send your donation directly to Missio in the Free Post envelope which you will find at the back of the Spring 2021 magazine.

**How Live Simply helps Catholic communities to protect our Common Home while living more fully.** We have reached 85 livesimply awarded communities and there are a similar number of livesimply communities actively working on the Award in spite of the pandemic. With Maria Elena Arana, livesimply Award Coordinator at CAFOD, Fr Rob Esdaile, parish priest at livesimply parish Our Lady of Lourdes, Thames Ditton and Ellen Teague, livesimply Award assessor, learn more about how your parish or school could join us. **THIS Tuesday, 9 March 11am-12pm** [Register](#) to join us.

**Food donations** for those needing support can be left at the back of the churches, for onward distribution. Many thanks.

## Prayers

*A Prayer adapted from Pope Francis*

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died.

We entrust to you the sick and ask for your protection on doctors, nurses, health care and frontline workers in this emergency. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Blessed Virgin, Consolation of the afflicted, be with those suffering anxiety and mental illness through this pandemic. Pray for us to God the Father of mercies for them, and also for the elderly and young at this difficult time. Continue to shine as a sign of salvation and hope on the children, students and families of our Parish. Guide and comfort the Bishop, Priests, and Deacons of the Diocese. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to realise that we are all members of one world in our great family and its needs. Make us strong in faith and constant in prayer. Amen.

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

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| Marie Bliss        | Maureen Rennison    |
| Michael Boulvard   | Patrick Rennison    |
| Pauline Boulvard   | Piers Ripley-Duggan |
| Christopher Browne | Allison Roberts     |
| Jeff Care          | Jean Rowlandson     |
| Amy Chapman        | Yolande Sharpe      |
| Maggi Cooke        | 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      |
| Joanna Mills       | Rose Wedlake        |
| Janet Morgan       | Alf Wiggins         |
| Jim Morgan         | Chantal Witchalls   |

## Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

|           |        |          |               |                                  |
|-----------|--------|----------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| Saturday  | 06 Mar | 6.00 pm  | OLOS          | Holy Souls – RIP                 |
| Sunday    | 07 Mar | 9.00 am  | OLOS          | Margaret Fielder - RIP           |
| Sunday    | 07 Mar | 11.00 am | HS            | People of the Parish             |
| Monday    | 08 Mar | Noon     | LIVE-STREAMED | Eileen Warren - RIP              |
| Tuesday   | 09 Mar | 9.15 am  | OLOS          | Francie McCullagh - RIP          |
| Wednesday | 10 Mar | 9.15 am  | HS            | Joaquim Fernandes - Thanksgiving |
| Thursday  | 11 Mar | 9.15 am  | LIVE-STREAMED | Vocations to the Priesthood      |
| Friday    | 12 Mar | 6.00 pm  | LIVE-STREAMED | Teresa Nix - RIP                 |
| Saturday  | 13 Mar | 10.00 am | OLOS          | Celebrant's Intention            |
| Saturday  | 13 Mar | 6.00 pm  | OLOS          | Jerry Toher - RIP                |
| Sunday    | 14 Mar | 9.00 am  | OLOS          | People of the Parish             |
| Sunday    | 14 Mar | 11.00 am | HS            | Dorothy Dinan - RIP              |

**Please Note:** LIVE-STREAMED indicates that Masses are live-streamed ONLY (unless otherwise stated).

All Masses from OLOS are live-streamed on YouTube at "Effingham and Fetcham Catholic Parish" <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLGeHumF6yae4QGCSVg0UA>

### Eucharistic Adoration

Unfortunately there will be NO Adoration at present.

### Confessions

#### Saturdays

11.00-11.45 am HS, Fetcham

5.00-5.30 pm OLOS, Effingham

## Next Sunday: 4th 'Laetare' Sunday of Lent

2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23 | Psalm 136. R. V6 | Ephesians 2:4-10 | John 3:14-21



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