



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

4th 'Laetare' Sunday of Lent

Sundays: Cycle A Weekdays: Year II 15 March 2026

From Canon Jonathan Martin, Administrator of the Diocese



With the escalating conflict in the Middle East, the ongoing war in Ukraine, and the many other seemingly-unresolvable conflicts and tensions throughout the world, we must not lose heart in our vocation as a priestly people to intercede for the world and to pray for peace.

In his foreword to *'Peace be with you! My words to the Church and to the world'* (the recently-published English version of the first book by Pope Leo XIV), the Holy Father encourages us in this vocation:

'We may feel powerless before the many wars being fought around the world. We can respond in various ways to what I called the "globalisation of powerlessness": believers can, first and foremost, give voice to prayer. Prayer is an "unarmed" force that seeks only the common good, without exclusions. ... "O Lord God, grant your peace to us; the peace of rest, the peace of the Sabbath which has

no evening". With these words of Saint Augustine, let us ask the Father to grant to our world, all peoples, especially those who are most forgotten and who suffer the most, the blessing grace of a just and lasting peace.

Prayers for us all,

Fr Charles

This Week

Those Who Have Died Recently

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Margaret Summers RIP** and **Neil Gannon RIP** and remember their families in your prayers too.

Margaret's Requiem Mass will be on **Tuesday 31 March at Noon** at HS

Details of Neil's funeral will be announced soon.

Vocations News and Prayers

I sincerely thank you for your continued prayers and support during this time of my application for formation to the priesthood. Your encouragement and prayers mean a great deal. This time in a discerner's life can be both stressful and exciting, yet deeply fruitful.

I pray that God's will be done, and that the Church may continue to discern the right path for me and my vocation. I am also deeply grateful to the parish for praying for vocations as a whole, and to all who have prayed for me personally.

As Aalrin (fellow applicant) and I enter the final stages of our applications, your prayers would be most appreciated.

Please be assured of my prayers for you all.

Yours in Christ,
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Faith Discussion Evening,
THIS Wed 18 March 6-8pm. At St Teresa's

School, an evening of thought-provoking discussion, fellowship and spiritual insight, led by Fr Toby Lees, Fiorella Nash and the Franciscan Friars of Renewal. Topics being discussed include "how to grow Faith in our modern world, How AI and how social media is making it worse and does St Francis still have anything to teach us?" Why not come along and have an evening of stimulation. There are flyers at the back of the church.

Change to Mass/Adoration this Week. There will be no Mass on Thur 19 March. Adoration will therefore start at 11 am.



Mother's Day

We wish all mothers, grandmothers and those with a mothering role in our parish a very **Happy Mothering Sunday** this weekend.

Next Week



Do & Raise – Sale of Easter Goods

On the weekend of 21st/22nd March, there will be a sale of Easter goods

after each Mass. Easter baskets, Easter chicks, selection of primulas in decorated boxes. All proceeds will go to the local homeless charity LeatherHEAD Start. ***Please bring cash!***

Lent

Sacred Silence in the Liturgy of the Word

This Lent we are introducing Sacred Silence within the Liturgy of the Word. There will be a few pauses for reflection between the readings. Please simply follow the cues given by the reader and Fr Charles. This valuable practice will soon become second nature in our parish.

Service Times During Lent

At CHS

Wednesday Mass at 12 noon
Stations of The Cross at 11.30 am
Divine Mercy Chaplet after Mass

At OLOS

Saturday Mass at 6 pm
Stations of the Cross at 5.15 pm

As usual, we are seeking volunteers to lead the Stations and Divine Mercy. Sign-up sheets will be at the back of the church again this weekend.

Lent Reconciliation Service

On Friday 27th March we will be hosting a joint service with Cobham starting at 7.30 pm. There will be a number of priests available to hear your Confession.

The Life of Jesus in Art

Churches Together are hosting five evenings at St Alphege Hall on Mondays through Lent, **the FOURTH in the series is THIS MONDAY**. The talks will look at the Spiritual and Historical significance of the various events in Jesus' life, from his Baptism to his Resurrection, as recorded through great Christian paintings. Questions will be welcomed throughout. **The evenings will start at 7 pm with refreshments.**

CELEBRATE'S Family Activity Pack for Lent is available to download from <https://www.celebratetrust.org/onlinefamilyactivitypacks>. CELEBRATE has also created a **Lent game 'Journey to Easter Joy'** - which encourages children to focus on prayer, fasting and almsgiving, in fun and interactive ways this Lent. Available to download at <https://www.celebratetrust.org/celebrate-prayer-resources>

What's Happening in the Deanery this Lent?

For a deanery-wide calendar of activities for Lent, please see the deanery website: www.epsomdeanery.com/lent2026

Coming Soon



Parish Walking Group

We are planning to resume our parish walks after the winter break. It will be lovely to get together again and

share a journey. The first walk will be on Saturday 28th March. More details to follow next week.

General



Children's Storybook.

Experience Mary Magdalene's heartache, and then her joy in this beautiful retelling of the Easter story. Written by one of our parishioners, Madeleine Carroll, with striking illustrations, bringing the Easter message vividly to life. Price £4 each.

Where Can I find Help? Posters are located at both OLOS and HS. There are also leaflets at the back of each church to take away.



MISSIO Red Donor Boxes -

Fetcham. Please would HS boxholders bring their boxes to church during the month of March. If you would like your box collected, please ring Heli Bravery 01372 452537.

Gift Aid Donor Envelope Boxes for 2026-27

Gift Aid donors who utilise envelopes will find their boxes of envelopes for the next tax year at the back of each church for collection. These envelopes should be used from the weekend of the 11th/12th April. If anyone has any queries the Gift Aid Organiser for the parish can be contacted by email at: GA.Effingham@ABDiocese.Org.UK

Please pray for all those in our Parish who are sick:	
Derek Barham	Janet Morgan
Marie Bliss	Jim Morgan
Christopher Browne	Brenda Parker
Mary Doran	Maureen Rennison
Mary Hefford	Bernard Shaw
Maddy Hewitt	Jenny Smith
Valeria Kucharsky	Peter Stevenson
Joanna Mills	Maggie Thomas
Ann McEntire	Ian Williamson

This Week's Services and Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil	14 Mar	6.00 pm	OLOS	Martin Grant - RIP
Sunday	15 Mar	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	15 Mar	11.00 am	HS	Jose & Juanita Argame - RIP
Monday	16 Mar	NO MASS		NO MASS
Tuesday	17 Mar	9.15 am	OLOS	John Vincent Murphy - RIP
Wednesday	18 Mar	NOON	HS	Nicholas T - Wellbeing
Thursday	19 Mar	NO MASS	OLOS	NO MASS
Friday	20 Mar	NO MASS		NO MASS
Saturday Vigil	21 Mar	6.00 pm	OLOS	Rosaleen Rogers - RIP
Sunday	22 Mar	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	22 Mar	11.00 am	HS	Terri Aboud - RIP

HS = Holy Spirit, Fetcham OLOS = Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham

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

Confessions	Saturdays 5.00-5.30 pm OLOS, Effingham 1st Sunday of the month after 11.00 am Mass HS, Fetcham
Adoration	Thursdays following OLOS 9.15 am Mass to Noon, then 2-6 pm
Children's Liturgy	1st & 3rd Sundays of the month in term time at HS, Fetcham 11.00 am

Next Week: 5th Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:12-14 | Psalm 130(129): 1-2. 3-4. 5-6b. 6c-8. R.7bc | Romans 8:8-11 | John 11:1-45



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

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