



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

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*Wishing you peace, hope and joy this Christmas*

### **4th Sunday of Advent**

Sundays: Cycle B    Weekdays: Year I    20 December 2020



At last we have a Gospel that's beginning to feel really Christmassy! Over the previous weeks of Advent we have thought about Jesus' second coming at the end of time, and we have heard St John the Baptist announcing the beginning of Jesus' public ministry: "Prepare a way for the Lord!" But today we hear the Angel Gabriel announcing to Mary that she is to be the mother of Jesus. He will be the Son of David, the "Messiah" or "Christ", our awaited Saviour; and—even more wonderfully—He is the Son of God.

The "atmosphere" of the Gospel has also changed. The previous scenes have been in public, but this one is domestic. Up to now we have heard a solemn call to staying awake and conversion of heart (and we all need a bit of that! Have you made your Advent confession yet?). But now there is a sense of excitement at the Good News—especially from Gabriel—and not a little confusion and alarm on the part of Mary, finally transforming to her wonderful and total "Yes" to God.

In this strangest of years—whatever sadnesses, anxieties and confusions we have experienced—let's make sure our homes and our hearts are more than ever full of joyful expectation as we await once more the birth of our Lord Jesus into our world and our lives.

May God bless you all,

*Fr Stephen*

## ***This Week***

### **ADVENT TALKS – FINAL TALK THIS MONDAY 21 DECEMBER at 7.30 pm**



The last of this year's talks: "Why is Jesus? – Why did Jesus come, and what does it mean to be saved?"

As for the previous two weeks, the evening will be via zoom. After the 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** (you don't need to have attended the previous evenings).

The link to the meetings is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83246342420?pwd=T1psVmoySlZiR2FSRVhuS1NscEFOQT09>

The previous two sessions: "Who is Jesus?" and "What is Jesus?" are now available via our parish website on the Resources page:

<https://www.effinghamandfetcham.org.uk/resources.html>

### **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.

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

#### **Christmas Eve**

6.00 pm OLOS (the church is full, there are still six seats suitable for 3 couples or 3 individuals in the Hall);

9.00 pm HS (one family row and three seats);

#### **Christmas Day**

Midnight OLOS (still some seats)

9.00 am OLOS (still seats);

10.30 am HS (seats for four largish families or several couples and individuals)

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

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

### **A Note from Deacon Ian and the Parish Treasurer**

All of the "plate collection" over the Christmas Masses on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December is the parish's gift to Fr Stephen. You may recall we missed the Easter clergy collection due to lockdown, so this is your chance to show your gratitude for the relentless efforts Fr Stephen has made this year to keep us fed with the Holy Spirit.

#### **How to give**

##### **Cash.**

**Cheque.** (All cheques should be made payable to "Parish of Effingham and Fetcham".)

**Online.** Please use the Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/parishofeffortory> and write "Effingham and Fetcham Christmas" in the comments box.

**To Gift Aid:** Regular Envelope users will have a "Christmas Collection" envelope, but any regular Gift Aid envelope is suitable. If you are signed up to the Parish Gift Aid Scheme, please use a purple envelope. Please add your Gift Aid number or your Surname and postcode or else we can't get the tax back!

If you are not in our Parish Gift Aid Scheme but would like to Gift Aid, please use a yellow or white envelope.

Donations sent into the Presbytery should be labelled "Christmas" but remember cheques should be to "Parish of Effingham and Fetcham". Thank you.

**Advent Confessions.** Please note the following times and places for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the run up to Christmas:

**Sat 19 Dec:** No morning confessions, sorry, but an early start in the evening: 4.30–5.30 pm, OLOS.

**Sun 20 Dec:** Following the 11.00 am Mass at HS.

**Mon 21 Dec:** During Adoration, 11.00–11.45 am at HS.

Confessions at Holy Spirit will be in the servers' sacristy behind the sanctuary. Please use the right-hand door at the back of the sanctuary.

**Mass and Confessions – next Saturday 26 Dec.** No 10.00am Mass, and no confessions, but the evening Mass at 6.00 pm will be celebrated as usual (first Mass of the Holy Family).

### ***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.

### ***General***

**Poinsettias for Crib at Holy Spirit.** Would you like to donate a poinsettia in memory of a loved one to decorate the crib? If so, please bring it to the church THIS Sunday 11.00-12.00 am, Monday 10.45-12.45 am, Wednesday 9.00-10.00 am or leave it up on the left-hand side of the church (where the bins are) by the evening of **Wednesday 23 December**. Thank you.

### **CAFOD's Christmas Fun Run – A virtual event on 27 December.**

If you need a bit of exercise and fresh air after Christmas how about combining it with raising some money for CAFOD?

We are asked to 'Take to the streets in your local area on 27<sup>th</sup> December to run, walk or toddle 5km for CAFOD this Christmas.'

You can register to take part on this link:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Volunteer/Events/Christmas-Fun-Run>

Or you can go to the Eventbrite page to sign up: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cafods-christmas-fun-run-tickets-129021764571>

**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	Jim Morgan
Michael Boulvard	Maureen Rennison
Pauline Boulvard	Patrick Rennison
Christopher Browne	Piers Ripley-Duggan
Jeff Care	Allison Roberts
Amy Chapman	Jean Rowlandson
Maggi Cooke	Yolande Sharpe
Dorothy Dinan	Karen Silver
Maureen Donoghue	Mary Skilton
John Donovan	Jenny Smith
Mary Doran	Margaret Summers
Mary Hefford	Pat Turton
Derek Knott	Simon Turton
Tessa Knott	Daphne Tuttle
Noreen Landers	Andrea Vaughan
Daphne McLeod	Rose Wedlake
Joanna Mills	Alf Wiggins
Janet Morgan	

## Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

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
Monday	21 Dec	Noon	HS	Elizabeth Kelly - RIP
Tuesday	22 Dec	9.15 am	OLOS	James Pontifex - RIP
Wednesday	23 Dec	9.15 am	HS	Elisha & Ken Harmer - RIP
<b>Thursday (Christmas Eve)</b>	<b>24 Dec</b>	6.00 pm	OLOS	The Baker Family - Thanksgiving
<b>Thursday (Christmas Eve)</b>	<b>24 Dec</b>	9.00 pm	HS	People of the Parish
<b>Friday (Christmas Day)</b>	<b>25 Dec</b>	Midnight	OLOS	For an end to the Pandemic
<b>Friday (Christmas Day)</b>	<b>25 Dec</b>	9.00 am	OLOS	Fr Michael Gwinnell - RIP
<b>Friday (Christmas Day)</b>	<b>25 Dec</b>	10.30 am	HS	Peace for the world
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>26 Dec</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>OLOS</b>	<b>No 10.00 am Mass</b>
Saturday	26 Dec	6.00 pm	OLOS	Fr Michael Feben - RIP
Sunday	27 Dec	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	27 Dec	11.00 am	HS	John Barber - RIP

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

**Saturday 19 Dec 4.30-5.30 pm OLOS**

**Saturday 26 Dec no confessions**

## Next Sunday: The Holy Family

Genesis 15:1-6. 21:1-3 | Psalm 104:1-6. 8-9. R.vv7.8 | Hebrews 11:8. 11-12. 17-19 | Luke 2:22-40



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