



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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sundays: Cycle C Weekdays: Year I 23rd December



Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to visit Elizabeth. Thus she brings together four of the central people in St Luke's infancy narrative: Mary, Elizabeth, John the Baptist and, of course, Jesus—two women and two unborn babies. It's a real family gathering, full of tenderness and joy, praise and wonder. And it's totally focused on the real meaning of Christmas!—the fact that Jesus our Saviour is coming into the world precisely to heal the wounds of sin and division, and to bring people together in love of one another and of God. As soon as Mary knows her vocation to be the Mother of God she sets out on this journey to bring her Son to others, and to bring them to Him.

Many of us or our loved ones will be setting out on similar journeys very soon, to be united in love of one another and sharing our love of God and our joy at the closeness of Jesus. And we will be journeying to church for the same reason. It's an important time to remember those who cannot make such journeys because of sickness, frailty, poverty or persecution. It's a time for visiting those in need, and for phoning, and for praying—journeying in our hearts to Jesus, in the manger and just as truly in the poor and marginalised.

Wishing you all a very joy-filled and Christ-filled Christmas,

Fr Stephen

THIS WEEK

We welcome into the Christian Community and our Parish Emily Rose Long through the Sacrament of Baptism.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anne Cuffe RIP who died recently.

Tickets for the CAFOD Christmas Hamper Raffle: will be on sale after the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses this **Sunday 23 December**. The winning tickets will be drawn at the end of the 11:00am Mass on Sunday 23 of December. Thank you all for your support in previous years.



Reconciliation Services around the Deanery this Advent

- St Joseph's **Dorking** Sunday 23rd December 3:00pm

Christmas Mass Offerings: Our Christmas Mass Offering is our gift to Father Stephen for all the hard work he does on our behalf. If you wish to donate by cheque, please make it payable to 'Parish of Effingham and Fetcham' not to Father Stephen. The Christmas Mass offerings are eligible for Gift Aid by parishioners who belong to the Parish Gift Aid scheme, please use the purple Gift Aid envelopes available in the church porch with your name or postcode on it, as Gift Offerings without an identifying name/postcode cannot be entered on the Parish GiftWise system. Visitors from other parishes, please use the yellow one-off envelopes with your name and address.

Crib Collection: This year's crib collection will, as last year, be for the Catholic Children's Society. Every single penny donated will go into our Arundel & Brighton Crisis fund and will be given out in emergency grants for disadvantaged families living in the Arundel & Brighton Diocese who are facing a crisis in their lives. If you would like to Gift Aid your donation, please use one of the special envelopes provided. Thank you.



Red Mission Boxes: A big thank you to all those who left their boxes to be counted recently. The total sum collected was £615.98

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day: The Parish donation to this recent collection was £1,315.30. Many thanks for your contributions.

Christmas Week Masses: Please check the Mass Times on the back of this Newsletter as some of the usual times and places have changed. Please also note there will be no Mass on **Friday 28 December** but alternative local places to celebrate Mass on that day are - **Sacred Heart**, 25 Between Streets, Cobham, Surrey, KT11 1AA at 10.00am or **Our Lady and St Peter**, Garlands Road, Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 7EZ at 10.00am.

Eucharistic Adoration: this will be suspended over the Christmas period and will restart on **Thursday 3 January 2019**.

Advance Warning: The Parish Office will be closed from **Monday 24 December** until **Wednesday 2 January**.



The Spiritans

(Holy Ghost Fathers)



On behalf of the Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers), may I offer our sincere thanks and gratitude for your Parish's kind generosity in response to our Mission Appeal that took place recently at your parish. The **£1064.68** we have received will greatly increase our ability to bring Christ to the poorest and most neglected, responding to their cries for help. We continue to be faithful to work among the social and cultural outcasts and victims of war, violence and natural disasters and are grateful for your prayers and support for our missionaries at home and overseas.

THIS MONTH

Used Royal Mail Postage Stamps: Christmas is an excellent time to start collecting stamps with all the cards that are arriving but, of course, they can be collected throughout the year. Just to remind you that there are collection boxes in aid of the RNIB to be found in both church porches. Please keep a small border of paper around each stamp when removing them. All stamps can be deposited in the boxes except the local charity Christmas stamps. Thank you for supporting the RNIB in this way.

FORTHCOMING

Justice & Peace Assembly 2019: 'Slavery on our Doorstep', **Saturday 26 January**, from 10am (coffee from 9.30am). Learn about the slave trade hidden under your nose and how you can help those affected. Speakers from the Santa Marta Group and Sussex Police. To book contact Rosie Read, Formation Secretary at rosie.read@dabnet.org 01293 651161.

Flame 2019 - Join 10,000 Catholic Young People at Wembley Arena next March: Around five hundred people from Arundel & Brighton Diocese went to Wembley Arena last March for Flame 2017. The arena was filled, and it was great to be a part of it. Flame 2019 will happen on **Saturday 2 March**,

once again at Wembley Arena. Tickets are already on sale and unlike last time they can be booked online. Head to cymfed.org.uk/flame2019 for details. Flame 2019 boasts an impressive line-up of speakers. More names will follow nearer the time, but Cardinal Nichols, Robert Madu, Guvna B, and Emma B from 'Girl Got Faith' are already on board. Hurry though - there are only ten thousand seats and over 5,000 tickets have already gone!



Please pray for those in our Parish who are sick:

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| Marie Bliss | Jim Morgan |
| Christopher Brown | Jack Oliver |
| Alan Bryant | Maureen Power |
| Amy Chapman | Maureen Rennison |
| Maggi Cooke | Patrick Rennison |
| Marian Cross | Piers Ripley-Duggan |
| Maureen Donoghue | Allison Roberts |
| John Donovan | Jean Rowlandson |
| Joan Doran | Yolande Sharpe |
| Mary Doran | Mary Skilton |
| Philippa Gibbons | Andrew Smith |
| Ros Kennedy | Eileen Tennant |
| Derek Knott | Michael Tomkins |
| Tessa Knott | Michael Turton |
| Filomena Lionetti | Andrea Vaughan |
| Joanna Mills | Rose Wedlake |
| Janet Morgan | Alf Wiggins |

MASS TIMES

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| Saturday | 22 Dec | 06.00pm | (OLOS) | Jean Tailby - RIP |
| Sunday | 23 Dec | 09.00am | (OLOS) | Elizabeth Kelly - RIP |
| | | 11.00am | (HS) | People of the Parish |



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

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| Monday Christmas Eve | 24 Dec | 06.00pm | Vigil Mass | (OLOS) | Janet Pallant - RIP |
| | | 08.30pm | <i>Carols before Mass</i> | (HS) | |
| | | 09.00pm | Midnight Mass | (HS) | People of the Parish |
| Tuesday Christmas Day | 25 Dec | 09.00am | Dawn Mass | (OLOS) | World Peace |
| | | 10.30am | Family Mass | (HS) | Mark Wood - Thanksgiving |

MASS TIMES

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| Wednesday | 26 Dec | 10.00am* | (HS) | Celebrant's Intention |
| Thursday | 27 Dec | 09.15pm | (OLOS) | Deceased Parish Priest - RIP |
| Friday | 28 Dec | | No Mass | |
| Saturday | 29 Dec | 06.00pm | (OLOS) | Michael McAndrew - RIP |
| Sunday | 30 Dec | 09.00am | (OLOS) | People of the Parish |
| | | 11.00am | (HS) | Ozzie Peck - RIP |

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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| Tuesday | 25 Dec | 09.45am to Noon | (OLOS) | No Adoration | Adoration restarts Thurs 3 Jan |
| Thursday | 27 Dec | 09.45am to Noon | (OLOS) | No Adoration | |
| | | 02.00pm to 05.00pm | (OLOS) | No Adoration | |

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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| Saturday | 29 Dec | 10.30am to 11.15am | (OLOS) | No Confessions |
| | | 05.00pm to 05.30pm | (OLOS) | No Confessions |
| Sunday | | After 11.00am Mass | (HS) | 1 st Sunday of every month |

MONTHLY ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

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| Monday | | 09.45am | (HS) | 1 st Monday of every month |
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HS = Church of the Holy Spirit, Fetcham

OLOS = Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham

Next Sunday: The Holy Family

1Samuel 1:20-22.24-28 Psalm 83:2-3.5-6.9-10.R.v5 1John 3:1-2.21-24 Luke 2:41-52