



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

4th Sunday of Advent

Sundays: Cycle A Weekdays: Year II 22 December 2019



Joseph's life has changed. Yesterday he was just another Jewish man who loved God and kept His commandments, a man who celebrated God's saving acts in the history of Israel. Today he is *part* of those saving acts! Yesterday he saw himself, as it were, on the outside of God's works, looking in; today he knows he is on the inside, looking out. Yesterday his religion was a central part of his life; today his life is a central part of his religion. Yesterday God was part of his life; today God is the whole of his life. Joseph has grown in holiness.

Well, that's all fine and dandy for St Joseph, but hardly very relevant to us humbler mortals ... until we realise that God calls *everyone* to holiness, and indeed to the same *total* holiness as St Joseph.

It won't necessarily mean a radical change in our way of life (although for some it may). It didn't for Joseph: he remained a carpenter, he still got married to Mary and led a family life. But it will mean our lives will be inwardly transformed. Joseph's work and family life were now quite literally all for God—for his divine foster-Son. And every action in our lives should now be a pure act of service of God, to sanctify ourselves, our families, friends, workplaces and the whole world.

May God bless you all

Fr Stephen

THIS WEEK

Changes to Masses and Reconciliation:

On **Friday 27 December** the Mass at Holy Spirit is at **9.15am** (not the usual 6pm). On **Saturday 28 December** there is **NO** morning Mass or reconciliation at Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham. The afternoon confessions and evening Mass are as usual.

Volunteers needed for Christmas Masses:

We are still looking for a few roles to be filled so if you can help in one of them, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

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 and write your name and postcode on them. 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. Thank you.



Crib Collection: This year's crib collection will be, as in the past few years, 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 crisis in their lives. If you would like to Gift Aid your donation, please use one of the special envelopes provided. Thank you.

Eucharistic Adoration: is suspended over Christmas and New Year. It restarts again on **Tuesday 7 January 2020.**



Advance Warning: The Parish Office will be closed from **Monday 23 December** until **Thursday 2 January 2020**. Please bear in mind that for much of that time emails will not be monitored so you may have to wait longer than usual for a response. Thank you for your understanding.

FORTHCOMING

Chilworth Abbey Talk: Fr John Seddon OSB will present the fifth episode of 'Catholicism - a journey to the heart of the faith', by Bishop Robert Barron, on **Saturday 11 January**. The day begins with Mass at 9.00 am, followed by coffee. The fifth film, is entitled 'The Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure.' The Day concludes around 4.00 pm. Bring a packed lunch and if you can, a friend. Tea and coffee is provided. St Augustine's Abbey, Sample Oak Lane, Chilworth, Near Guildford. GU4 8QR.

Scones of Praise: The Effingham and Fetcham Anglicans extend a warm welcome to all with their ecumenical service in the form of Scones of Praise. On **Sunday 19 January 2020, 4pm** start, it will be held in All Saints Little Bookham. As last year they will be looking for three representatives from each of the three

congregations in CTELB, two to choose a hymn (and reasons) and one to lead an intercessory prayer. As the name suggests the service will take the general form of "Songs of Praise" and will be followed by tea and cakes.

The God Who Speaks: Fr Tony Milner is giving a series of talks at St Joseph's Church, Dorking at 8pm on Thursdays. On the **23 January** the topic is 'The Sermon on the Mount'. No need to book.

Justice & Peace Assembly: 'Still No Room at the Inn?' How can we respond to the homelessness crisis today? On **Saturday 25 January**, doors open 9.30 am. At the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley (DABCEC). Free event. Introduced by Bishop Richard, with Speakers from Turning Tides, Homelink, Crawley Open House, Life Housing, Caritas Portsmouth, and more. Stalls and stands. Drinks provided – bring own cup/mug. Limited parking. Bookings at Rosie.Read@abdiocese.org.uk

GENERAL



Greetings from Father John Inglis: Earlier this month Fr John celebrated a special (70th) birthday. Maddy Hewitt contacted him on his birthday and he asked her to let the

whole of Effingham and Fetcham Parish know that he sends his love to all the parishioners.

Christmas Craft Stall: Thank you very much to everyone who bought things from our Christmas craft stall. We made £428 for *Mary's Meals* - enough to feed 30 children for a whole school year!

The Vatican Secretariat of State has requested that the Holy Father's thanks go to all who have contributed to Peter's Pence.

CCTV at Our Lady of Sorrows: You may have already noticed that CCTV has been installed in the church. This is in preparation for daytime opening next year. Further details will follow shortly.

Ecumenical Mental Health Project: Green for Go! Go for Help! Please see the poster on the Church notice board giving details of services available for people in crisis. *This time of year can be difficult for many people, these contacts might help the person sitting next to you in the church or someone you meet in the street.* As you leave the church why not take a photo of the poster to store on your phone? If you are interested in the Mental Health Project do get in touch:

catherine.martindale@abdiocese.org.uk



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.

Parish Supper Raffle: The Raffle raised £190 and a Parish cheque has just been sent to The Medaille Trust to support their work to provide refuge and freedom from modern slavery. Thank you.

Please pray for those in our Parish who are sick:

Marie Bliss	Jim Morgan
Christopher Brown	Jane Neville
Alan Bryant	Maureen Rennison
Jeff Care	Patrick Rennison
Amy Chapman	Piers Ripley-Duggan
Maggi Cooke	Allison Roberts
Marian Cross	Jean Rowlandson
Maureen Donoghue	Yolande Sharpe
John Donovan	Karen Silver
Mary Doran	Mary Skilton
Ros Kennedy	Andrew Smith
Derek Knott	Pat Turton
Tessa Knott	Simon Turton
Noreen Landers	Andrea Vaughan
Filomena Lionetti	Rose Wedlake
Joanna Mills	Alf Wiggins
Janet Morgan	

MASS TIMES

Saturday	21 Dec	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Jean Tailby - RIP
Sunday	22 Dec	09.00am	(OLOS)	Elisha & Ken Harmer - RIP
		11.00am	(HS)	People of the Parish
Monday	23 Dec	Noon	(HS)	Holy Souls - RIP

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Tuesday Christmas Eve	24 Dec	06.00pm	Vigil Mass	(OLOS)	Pat Bray - RIP
		08.30pm	<i>Carols before Mass</i>	(HS)	
		09.00pm	Midnight Mass	(HS)	People of the Parish
Wednesday Christmas Day	25 Dec	09.00am	Dawn Mass	(OLOS)	Elizabeth Kelly - RIP
		10.30am	Family Mass	(HS)	Peace in the World

MASS TIMES

Thursday	26 Dec	09.15am	(OLOS)	Michael Agius - Thanksgiving
Friday	27 Dec	09.15am*	(HS)	Holy Souls - RIP
Saturday	28 Dec	No Morning Mass	(OLOS)	No Morning Mass
Saturday	28 Dec	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Ruth & Robin Neville - RIP
Sunday	29 Dec	09.00am	(OLOS)	People of the Parish
		11.00am	(HS)	Nicola Mary Boyle - RIP

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday	11.00am	(HS)	During school term time only
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday	24 Dec	09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)	No Adoration	Adoration restarts Tuesday 7 January
Thursday	26 Dec	09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)	No Adoration	
		02.00pm to 05.00pm	(OLOS)	No Adoration	

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday	28 Dec	10.30 to 11.15am	(OLOS)	No morning Confessions this week
		05.00pm to 05.30pm	(OLOS)	In the Confessional
Sunday		After 11.00am Mass	(HS)	1 st Sunday of every month

MONTHLY ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

Monday	11.30am	(HS)	1st Monday of the month
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HS = Church of the Holy Spirit, Fetcham OLOS = Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham

Next Sunday: The Holy Family

Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6. 12-14 Psalm 127:1-5. R. Cf.v1 Colossians 3:12-21 Matthew 2:13-15. 19-23

Newsletter items to the Parish office by 10.00am Wednesday