



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 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter
Special Collection this week: Education of Future Priests (Gift Aid)

Sundays: Cycle C Weekdays: Year I 12 May 2019



The fourth Sunday of Eastertide is commonly called "Good Shepherd Sunday", as the Gospel is always from Jesus' teaching about Himself as the Good Shepherd. It is also a day set aside throughout the Church to pray for vocations, especially vocations to the priesthood, since it is Jesus' will to share His shepherding work with His chosen disciples—as we heard Him say to Peter last week: "Feed my lambs ... tend my sheep ... feed my sheep."

We usually think about a vocation as a choice God has made from all eternity—and we are right to do so. For example, when God called the prophet Jeremiah He said, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you." (Jer 1:5) However, this doesn't mean that God's choice is simply random! He only chooses people who will be able to hear His call—anything else would be contrary to His wisdom.

What this means practically is that if we want God to bless His Church with good priests—and surely we do!—then as well as praying for vocations, we need to do all we can to help our young people to have a deep, lively and committed faith. This is a role and a privilege for families, schools and parishes. It is often nourished by movements and events like Youth 2000, World Youth Day, and the diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage. It is a key part of the New Evangelisation, which—by the time you read this—we will have been praying about and discussing together for our special day. As I write this a few days beforehand, I wonder what God will have inspired in us ...!

May God bless you all

Fr Stephen

THIS WEEK

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joan Doran RIP who died recently and also remember her family at this time.

The funeral of Michael Turton RIP will be on **Monday 13 May** at 2:45 pm at Randall's Park Crematorium, Leatherhead.

Second Collection this week: Education of Future Priests. With the need to pray for priestly vocations, there is also the necessity of providing for the training of priests at home and abroad to serve the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton. Your donation can be gift aided.



The Magnificat Publication: This monthly publication has the daily readings and prayers for Mass, with a meditation from the great spiritual writers of

the Church throughout history, and Prayer for Morning and Evening inspired by the Liturgy of the Hours. You will also find lives of the Saints, articles on spiritual topics by contemporary writers, Prayer at Night, hymns, reflections, and an essay on a great example of Christian art in each issue. We are looking at the possibility of stocking these at both churches so they are available to purchase by parishioners each month. If you are not familiar with the Magnificat then you'll find several copies of the April issue at the back of the church – please do look at one and see if it is something you would like to have the opportunity to buy on a regular basis. **We do need people to express their interest so we have a fair idea of how many copies to order initially especially as we cannot return them if they don't sell. Please email the parish office (or send us a note) if you are interested.**

Instructions for my Funeral Mass: There are now copies of this available to purchase for £1 (please put your money in the box marked papers) at the back of each church.



Missio: It is that time again when we ask you to bring in your boxes for counting. Please leave them on the shelf outside the sacristy **by the end of next weekend.** Many thanks.

ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal): You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the Power of Prayer on **Saturday 18 May** 11.00-16.00. At Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. 11.00am *Rosary*; 11.30am *Mass*; 12.15 *Adoration* of the Blessed Sacrament; 1.00pm Shared lunch (please bring finger food to share); 2.00pm *Praise & Worship*; 2.30pm *Talk "Praying for Healing and Deliverance."* – Fr. Nicholas Broadbridge OSB; 3.30pm *Individual healing prayer ministry.* We end about 4pm. There is no need to register in advance, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs). For more information and directions, see poster or website: www.altonrenewal.com Or telephone Alastair Emblem on 01252 714809.

THIS MONTH



Day of Recollection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Led by The Right Reverend Paul Mason, Bishop of the Forces and Bishop responsible for Health Care

Matters to the Bishop's Conference of England & Wales on **Saturday 25 May, 10.00am – 4.00pm.** At St Teresa's Independent School, Beech Avenue, Effingham Hill, RH5 6ST. The day will commence with Mass at 10.00am in the School Chapel at which Bishop Paul will commission and re-commission ministers followed by coffee/tea then a talk by Bishop Paul. Then time for recollection/reflection and lunch. At 2.00pm a further talk by Bishop Paul (the theme of the talks is 'Understanding the Eucharist') followed by a period for recollection/reflection with afternoon coffee/tea. The day will finish with Benediction in the School Chapel. There may also be the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. (PLEASE BRING A PACKED LUNCH). Tea & Coffee provided.

FORTHCOMING

School Chaplains - Taste and See Sessions:

The need for every Secondary School to have a full-time Chaplain and for chaplaincy to be available for every Primary School was identified in the Pastoral Plan. To help this happen Bishop Richard and Father Stephen Ortiger will be holding a series of regional meetings for members of parish communities who would like to find out more. All sessions run from 7.00-8.30 pm and will take place on **Thursday 6 June** at the Sacred Heart, Cobham, **Wednesday 12 June** at the Holy Cross Priory, Heathfield and **Thursday 13 June** at St John The Evangelist, Horsham. Please book at claire.martin@abdiocese.org.uk or ring 01293 511130.



ANNUAL PARISH HOG ROAST DAY

On **Sunday 7 July** we will be holding this annual event in the garden of St Alphege Hall, Effingham starting at Midday. The arrangements are the same as previous years.



Tickets

Adults £5, children (5 to 16) £2.50, children under 5 are free.

If you are able, please offer to provide something savoury, a salad or pudding to share for the lunch and let Joanne Matthews know. We are also asking for raffle prizes.

Tickets will be on sale at all Masses from now onwards. If anybody has any queries please contact Joanne Matthews on 01372 378480.

Please pray for those in our Parish who are sick:

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

MASS TIMES

Saturday	11 May	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Mercy O'Connor - RIP
Sunday	12 May	09.00am	(OLOS)	Vocations to the Priesthood
		11.00am	(HS)	People of the Parish
Monday	13 May	09.15am	(HS)	Family of Founders - RIP
Tuesday	14 May	09.15am	(OLOS)	Ursula Harlowe - RIP
Wednesday	15 May	09.15am	(HS)	Bob & Anne Bowley - RIP
Thursday	16 May	09.15am	(OLOS)	Fr Pat O'Keefe - Wellbeing
Friday	17 May	06.00pm	(HS)	Anna Trebacz - RIP
Saturday	18 May	10.00am*	(OLOS)	Jane Neville - Wellbeing
Saturday	18 May	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Barry McDonald - RIP
Sunday	19 May	09.00am	(OLOS)	People of the Parish
		11.00am	(HS)	Prayers for Sri Lanka

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday	14 May	09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)
Thursday	16 May	09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)
		02.00pm to 05.00pm	(OLOS)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday	18 May	10.30am to 11.15am	(OLOS)
		05.00pm to 05.30pm	(OLOS)
Sunday		After 11.00am Mass	(HS)
			1 st Sunday of every month

MONTHLY ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

Monday		09.45am	(HS)	1 st Monday of the month
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HS = Church of the Holy Spirit, Fetcham OLOS = Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham

Next Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27 Psalm 144:8-13.R.cf.v.1 Apocalypse 21:1-5 John 13:31-35



Newsletter items to the Parish office by 10.00am Wednesday