

**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*

## **Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter**

**Special Collection this week: Education for Future Priests (Gift Aid)**

Sundays: Cycle C    Weekdays: Year II    8 May 2022



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"The Father and I are one." There's a proposition to reckon with! How can Jesus and the Father be one? It's the deepest mystery of our faith, the mystery of the Blessed Trinity. It's also the deepest mystery of existence, the mystery of love.

We all know that love is important and special. But we are continually tempted to underestimate it. The basic reality—we suppose—is individual things, and individual persons. It's wonderful when two people are united in a bond of love. But when the chips are down they are still basically two. The love is lovely, but ultimately secondary. It can pass away, leaving only the two persons in splendid isolation.

But Jesus challenges us to think about this completely differently. "The Father and I are one." The bond of love uniting them is in no way secondary. It is primary and absolute. For God is love. The Father and the Son simply cannot exist without the love which unites them. They are *persons* only because they exist in relation to each other—in love.

Giving in to the temptation to underestimate love is not only a mistake. It is also a sin—the sin of self-centredness, self-reliance. We imagine we can exist without others and without God—and in the ultimate analysis, we need to. But nothing could be further from the truth. If Jesus cannot exist without the Father, how can we? But no one can steal Jesus' sheep from the Father. So we are full of joy.

May God Bless you,

*Fr Stephen*

## **This Week**

**Change to Mass this Week.** On Friday 13 May there will be Requiem Masses for Mary Skilton (OLOS, 12 noon) and Primrose Wetenhall (OLOS, 3 pm). There will be NO 6 pm Mass.

**Second Collection this week – Education of Future Priests** to serve the Diocese of A&B. You can Gift Aid your donation (regular givers = Yellow envelope; one-off = White envelope). Please remember to complete your details on the envelope. Many thanks.



**SYCAMORE**, our New Evangelisation program, **STARTS THIS MONDAY, 9 May at 7.30 pm** in St Alphege Hall. It is an informal course about the Christian faith and its

relevance for life today. It aims to introduce people to God, who reveals Himself to us most of all in Jesus Christ, and to enkindle the flame of faith in their hearts. For those of us who already have faith, it aims to deepen that faith and make us more confident to reach out and share it with others. Each Sycamore session involves a short film and plenty of time for discussion, to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. There will also be a sandwich supper each time—and a hot meal on one or two of the evenings. See <https://www.sycamore.fm> for more information. Everyone is welcome. So do come along - and think who you could invite to come with you.

**We welcome** into our Catholic parish community through the Sacrament of Baptism Jonathan Peter McFarlin.

**Many congratulations** to Alice Hearn and Joseph O’Hanlon who were married here on Friday.

**Invited II: Growing in Faith**, our diocesan online mission, has launched its second season. To continue with it or to catch up with previous sessions, please go to the diocesan website [www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited).



**National Marriage Week 9-15 May.** The theme this year is “Celebrating Commitment”. All married couples are invited to take a moment during the week to focus on the gift of their marriage and to discern some of the things that might make their marriage stronger. Within each of our parishes we have many couples with wonderful experiences to share – Why not meet for a chat to support each other? An alternative might be to consider forming a “Teams of Our Lady” group which will enrich your marital spirituality all year round! If you would like to find out more about ways to enrich Marriage and Family life within your parish, please do contact [katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk). Additional resources can be found at <https://marriage-week.org.uk>

*God of love, Thank you for our marriage; for shared laughter and tears; for strength in our weakness, and enough for life each day. Thank you for the gifts we bring each other, and bless us as we grow together in love, through all that life brings through the years. Amen.*

**May Devotions** – Devotional Prayers will be starting from next Saturday 14 May at OLOS after the 10 am Mass (during Confessions). In May we will be saying the Litany of Loreto and in June the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. All welcome!

## General

**Grandparents' Day** on Wednesday 8 June. A pilgrimage to the shrine at West Grinstead. If you would like to find out more, please contact E: [katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk)



**Supporting the People of Ukraine.** For information from our diocese on offering accommodation to Ukrainian refugees, how to donate, and

some prayers, click on:

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/how-can-our-community-and-parishes-can-help-the-people-of-ukraine>



### Churches Together in Bookham Jubilee – celebrations 2022

#### Wednesday 1st June

Golden Years tea and cake 2:00pm at Bookham Baptist Church

#### Thursday 2nd June

Live streaming Trooping the colour 10:00am onwards, coffee followed by at lunch 1.15pm at Eastwick Road Church. A ticketed event – phone 01372 453473

#### Friday 3rd June

Live Streaming Jubilee Thanksgiving Service at St Paul's Cathedral 10:30am onwards followed by coffee and a mini dessert at St Nicolas Church. (Venue to be confirmed).

#### Sunday 5th June

Church services in Fetcham, Bookham and Effingham

#### Wednesday 8th June

Golden Years lunch 1:15pm at Eastwick Road Church. This will be a ticketed event- phone 01372 453473

**Food donations** for those needing support can always be left in the box in the porch of each church, for onward distribution. Many thanks.

**The Passage**, a Catholic charity working with homeless people, is raising funds through the

“Big Give”, a matched giving scheme running until 12.00 noon on **Monday 9 May**. Every £1 donated online before then makes £2, and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. Please visit: <https://bit.ly/BigGiveAprilMay22> to support the campaign. For questions about the campaign or assistance making a donation please ring 020 7592 1856.

### ‘Joy And Lament’: Worth Abbey Creative Prayer Retreat, 10th-12th June 2022.

A creative and multi-sensory retreat for all ages and abilities, to reflect on our joys (ups) and laments (downs). The weekend will include a variety of creative, reflective and physical ways to pray, share our experiences and process our emotions, while having fun. We can offer support to those who need extra help to attend. The retreat is suitable for all ages and abilities (including people with learning disabilities and / or autism). For more info and to book, contact Emily ([laybenedictines.bookings@gmail.com](mailto:laybenedictines.bookings@gmail.com)), or book at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lcsb-creative-prayer-retreat-joy-and-lament-10-12-june-2022-in-person-registration-313518531367>

Please pray for all those in our Parish who are sick:

Marie Bliss	Janet Morgan
Michael Boulvard	Jim Morgan
Sue Brackenbury	Paddy Payne
Christopher Browne	Maureen Rennison
Amy Chapman	Piers Ripley-Duggan
Maggi Cooke	Allison Roberts
John Donovan	Jean Rowlandson
Mary Doran	Karen Silver
Mary Hefford	Jenny Smith
Derek Knott	Pat Turton
Tessa Knott	Simon Turton
Gillian Lake	Andrea Vaughan
Noreen Landers	Alf Wiggins
Joanna Mills	

## This Week's Masses and Intentions

Saturday Vigil	07 May	6.00 pm	OLOS	Peace in Ukraine
Sunday	08 May	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	08 May	11.00 am	HS	Georgina Aboud – Wellbeing
Monday	09 May	Noon	HS	Holy Souls - RIP
Tuesday	10 May	9.15 am	OLOS	Teresa & Robert Calburn – RIP
Wednesday	11 May	9.15 am	HS	Mercy O'Connor – RIP
Thursday	12 May	9.15 am	OLOS	Mary Patricia Taylor – RIP
<b>Friday</b>	<b>13 May</b>	<b>12.00 noon*</b>	<b>OLOS*</b>	<b>Mary Skilton – Requiem Mass</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>13 May</b>	<b>3.00 pm*</b>	<b>OLOS*</b>	<b>Primrose Wetenhall – Requiem Mass</b>
Saturday (10 am)	14 May	10.00 am	OLOS	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday Vigil	14 May	6.00 pm	OLOS	Family of Founders – RIP
Sunday	15 May	9.00 am	OLOS	Bob & Anne Bowley – RIP
Sunday	15 May	11.00 am	HS	People of the Parish

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

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### Confessions

### Saturdays

10.30-11.15 am OLOS, Effingham

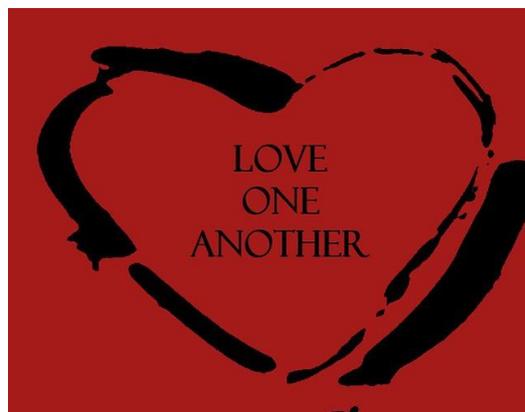
5.00-5.30 pm OLOS, Effingham

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month** after 11.00 am Mass HS, Fetcham

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** – Thursdays after Mass until 11.00 am

## Next Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27 | Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 | Revelation 21:1-5a | John 13:31-33a, 34-35



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

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