

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

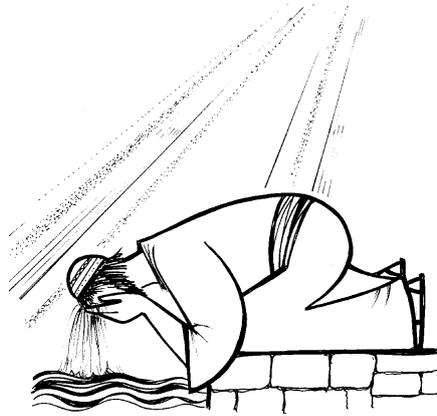
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A Warm Welcome to all Parishioners and Visitors

4th 'Laetare' Sunday of Lent

Sundays: Cycle A Weekdays: Year II 22 March 2020



We are living through very difficult times of crisis in the world due to the coronavirus, and this is having a deep impact on each one of us. We can easily feel fearful. Being isolated from family and friends, and cut off from the Mass, the sacraments and the parish community adds significantly to the burden. What can we say?

First of all, we must remember that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. He is always there for us, always loving us in every situation. And God can bring good out of every situation.

Next, there is an opportunity to reflect on the things that matter most to us—and we realise this because we miss them so much: contact with family and friends; contact with the Lord in the Mass, the sacraments, and in the Christian community. So we should offer prayers of thanksgiving for these gifts, and ask God's blessing on our loved ones and those in special need, and tell the Lord how much we look forward to coming back to Mass as soon as we can.

And we must keep in frequent contact with one another through safe means of communication: phone, email and social media. We must remember especially those who are alone and those with particular needs amongst our families, in our parish family and in the wider community. Do keep an eye on our parish website and circular emails. Above all, we will pray for each other and be united in the Lord.

May God bless you all

Fr Stephen

THIS WEEK

Summary of key coronavirus issues:

- The Bishops of England and Wales have decided that, for the foreseeable future, from this Friday evening, there will be no public liturgies which means that Mass will continue to be celebrated but without a congregation present.
- We will continue to keep Our Lady of Sorrows church open during the day, so anyone can come in for some quiet time with the Lord. Do please keep a safe distance from anyone else who may be present, and make sure you sanitise your hands before and after touching the door handles etc.
- Mass is available online.
- We are working on a system, in collaboration with Churches Together, to identify and support those self-isolating and/or housebound. We really want to know of anybody who is self-isolating and might like a friendly call and volunteers to make the calls.
- Young Families. Opportunities to put on the Parish website ideas and thoughts and some pointers to get inspiration.
- Thoughts and prayers. Use the Parish email system to share your thoughts and prayers. Please encourage people to sign up by contacting the Parish office or Michael Bray.
- Do check into the Parish website regularly - where you will be able to read the weekly Parish newsletter. I hope we can use it as an important way to keep the parish together and supported emotionally and spiritually in these days and months. If you know of a parishioner or friend who does not have email please print the newsletter and pass it on.

Parish circulation email. In this very trying time for everybody the internet (for those who have it) is becoming more and more vital as a means of communication. The Parish does have a system and we will be making more and more use of it to ensure everybody who can is kept in touch, including the weekly parish newsletter that is handed out at Mass. The last email went out on Friday 13 March 2020. If you did not receive it you are probably not on the list. If you would like to be please contact Michael Bray michaelpbray@btinternet.com or the Parish office. The list is only used for Parish and Diocese information and is sent bcc so individual email addresses are not visible.

In the light of the coronavirus situation, sadly a lot of things – actually, pretty much everything – has been cancelled! So no:

- Stations of the Cross
- Lent study evenings
- Reconciliation services in the parish or deanery
- Grandparents' Group
- Second collection for Easter flowers

Following the Mass Online

If you are able, it will be really good to follow the Mass online through live-streaming. A large number of churches offer this. A useful place you could start is www.churchservices.tv It's easy to navigate, and you can find a number of churches in our own diocese which offer this service.

Another option is daily Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert Barron - www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/ As Bishop Barron says – "If you cannot attend Mass or join us online, I encourage you to read the Gospels, pray with your families, and join yourself to the Eucharist—the source and summit of our Catholic faith—by making an act of spiritual communion like the one recommended by Archbishop Gomez: "I wish, my Lord, to receive you with the purity, humility, and devotion with which your most holy Mother received you, with the spirit and fervour of the saints."

GENERAL



Fundraiser: They are raising funds through the Big

Give from **12 noon on Tuesday 17 March to 12 noon on Tuesday 24 March** to support its work Helping Homeless People to move away from the street to a new home and to return to work. **Double your Donation, Double your impact.** This is a matched giving scheme for online donations. If someone gave £10 online matched giving of £10 would bring the Gift up to £20. For more information ring Andrew Hollingsworth 020 75921886 andrew.h@passage.org.uk Donate at <https://bit.ly/334RmGH>

Applications for Lourdes 2020: * Just in case this is still going ahead! ***** The online application form for those applying as a helper, chaplain, member of the medical team or as a pilgrim who needs no assistance can be found at www.ablourdes.org. If you would like to come to Lourdes as an Assisted Pilgrim, please contact the Pilgrimage Office who will post a form to you – email - office@ablourdes.org phone - 01403 740110.

Please pray for those in our Parish who are sick:

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

GIFT AID DONORS - IMPORTANT

If you cease paying tax or have ceased paying tax during the current tax year, please notify your Gift Aid Organiser - Suzanne Fisher by email: effandfetch@gmail.com or tel: 01372 375284. The Diocese will not reclaim tax after the date at which tax ceased.

GIFT AID Envelope Users

Envelope boxes for the new tax year will be left at the church entrance with your name on the following dates:

Our Lady of Sorrows: 21st March (6pm), 22nd (9am), 28th (6.00pm), 29th (9.00am), 4th April (6pm), 5th (9.00am)

Church of the Holy Spirit: 22nd March, 29th March & 5th April at 11.00am

It would be really helpful if you could collect yours before the start of the new tax year. Thank you.

BIDDING PRAYERS

Since we can't have bidding prayers together in church at Mass, please can you pray for:

1. Pope Francis and all our bishops, to guide us wisely through this time.
2. A deepening sense of faith and trust in the Lord and His powerful presence.
3. All those suffering from the coronavirus situation: the sick, those who are anxious, those who are especially vulnerable, medical professionals.
4. The whole of our parish community, especially the sick and housebound.
5. Those who have been hurt by abuse by clergy and in other situations (special day of prayer coming up on 3 April).
6. Those who have died recently, especially Viera Psotova, and all whose anniversaries occur about now.

Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

Sat	21 Mar	9.15am	Marion Williams - Private Intention
Sun	22 Mar	9.15am	People of the Parish
Mon	23 Mar	9.15am	Alan Bryant - RIP
Tue	24 Mar	9.15am	Alan Hammond - RIP
		OLOS	Adoration 09.45 am – 12.00 noon
Wed	25 Mar	9.15am	Archbishop Peter Smith - RIP
Thu	26 Mar	9.15am	John Donovan - Wellbeing
		OLOS	Adoration 09.45am – 12.00, 2.00 – 5.00pm
Fri	27 Mar	9.15am	Mabel Stratton - RIP
Sat	28 Mar	9.15am	Mimi Rizzo - RIP
Sun	29 Mar	9.15am	People of the Parish

Owing to the coronavirus, all Masses have to be celebrated without a congregation. I will say Mass at 9.15 every day, and will continue to offer them for your intentions. A few that have been provisionally scheduled will need to be moved to another day: please accept my apologies for this – but I promise that no intention will be forgotten.

Confessions are available on request. Please contact Fr Stephen if you would like this.

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

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

Special Collection next week: Church & Altar Flowers (Gift Aid)

Ezekiel 37:12-14 Psalm 129. R.v7 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:3-7.17.20-27.33-45



Newsletter items to the Parish office by 10.00am Wednesday