



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 C Weekdays: Year I 31 March 2019



"My son, ***you are with me always***, and all I have is yours." These are the loving father's words to his elder—non-prodigo—son in Jesus' parable. The son shares everything that is the father's, and most especially his presence. There is no more wonderful expression of love than to be with the beloved.

This is really important to Jesus and to His heavenly Father, for the idea crops up again and again in the Scriptures. It is the answer in the book of Job. After all his sufferings (losing all his possessions, children and health) the righteous Job encounters God, and all his complaints give way to reverential silence as he says, "I knew you then only by hearsay; but now I have seen you ***with my own eyes***." Psalm 73 gives the same answer when the righteous man complains about how well the wicked do. He finally reflects, "Even so ***I stayed in your presence***; you held my right hand; my joy lies in being close to God."

It is the heart of the message of Christmas: Jesus is Emmanuel, which means '***God is with us***'. It is Jesus' deep desire at the Last Supper: "I have longed to eat this Passover ***with you*** before I suffer." It is His earnest plea to His disciples in Gethsemane: "Could you not keep awake ***with me*** one hour?" It is His reassuring response to the repentant thief from the Cross: "I promise you, today you will be ***with me*** in paradise." It is His solemn promise at His Ascension: "I am ***with you*** always; yes, to the end of time." It is the meaning of the whole Christian life. It is heaven.

May God bless you all

Fr Stephen

THIS WEEK

The Passage: is raising funds through the Big Give – you have till **Noon THIS Mon 1 April** to support its work with homeless people moving from street to home. **Double your Donation, Double your impact.** This is a matched giving scheme for online donations. If someone (can be company, individual or trust) gave £10 online matched giving of £10 would bring the Gift up to £20 For more information ring Andrew Hollingsworth 020 75921856 andrew.h@passage.org.uk Donate at www.thebiggive.org.uk/theassage2019

CAFOD Emergency Cyclone Idai Appeal:

Next weekend please support our parish retiring collection for this appeal. Your donation will give food, clean water and healthcare to people in desperate need. Gabriel, CAFOD'S expert working with the Church in Mozambique at this time, tells us: 'We know that Idai has wiped out crops and livestock, damaged water supplies and wrecked sanitation facilities, leaving vulnerable families even more exposed. With the support and generosity of the Catholic community, we can reach the people who really need urgent emergency aid'.

A Note from the Treasurer: The 'End of Year Financial Statements 2018' for the parish is available to view on the porch notice board in each church.

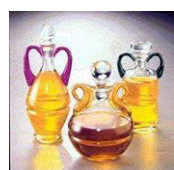
Gift Aid Envelope Boxes for Envelope Donors: Boxes of Gift Aid envelopes for the new tax year commencing 6 April 2019 are available for collection by Gift Aid Envelope Donors. ***Please ensure you collect yours before the start of the new financial year.***

THIS MONTH

Taizé Prayer: You are warmly invited to this reflective, quiet, contemplative service of Bible readings, prayer and praise in the style of the Taizé Community at St Lawrence, Effingham on **Sunday 7 April at 6.00pm**

Volunteer Trustee: Fetcham United Charities runs the Morley Court almshouses and the 'Reading Room' in Fetcham. The almshouses provide social housing for single retired people

with a connection to the area. The trustees comprise seven volunteers and three local councillors. They are seeking a new trustee who is willing to be part of the team and take on the occasional duties of secretary to the charity. The volunteers look after the properties, appoint the residents and keep an eye on their welfare including providing a six-monthly residents' get-together in the Reading Room. The secretary role involves responding to any enquiries and supporting four meetings a year. If you feel you can help and might enjoy being part of a local team, please contact Nigel Turner on 01372 360867 who will be happy to tell you more about the role. Thank you.



Diocesan Chrism Mass: at Arundel Cathedral on **Wednesday 17 April** at 6 pm. (Please note, it is advisable to arrive in good time as parking can be difficult in Arundel and the Cathedral tends to fill up early.)

Easter Triduum Retreat for Young Adults (18-35s): At Worth Abbey Benedictine Monastery, celebrating the Passion and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The monastic community at Worth Abbey and the members of The Wellspring Community invite you to join us for this great Feast! To Book, please contact The Open Cloister at Worth Abbey (TOC@worthabbey.net) for a booking form. We look forward to seeing you there!

Wintershall Estate's The Passion of Jesus: Free performances on Good Friday (**19 April**) 12 Noon and 3.15pm at Trafalgar Square (with live streaming on their website if you cannot be there) or Easter Saturday (**20 April**) 12 Noon and 2.30pm on Guildford High Street. For more details see www.wintershall.org.uk

St Peter's School Car Boot Sale: The school are hosting a car boot sale on **Saturday 27 April**. Please book your pitch by emailing fosp2019@gmail.com Costs are - Family car £8, SUV/MPV £10, Van £15. Set up from 9am. Buyers welcome from 10-1pm (£1 entry). Burger Van on Site for a tasty mid-morning snack! *Closing date for booking a pitch is Friday 5th April.*

LENT



Lent Study and Discussion Evenings:

We will be concluding with the last of our four sessions from Bishop

Robert Barron's highly acclaimed video series, *Catholicism* **THIS Monday 1 April** from 7.30-9.00pm in St Alphege Hall. **This week's topic is 'Mary the Mother of God'**. The evenings will include refreshments and plenty of time for discussion and questions as well as informal social interaction with the parish community. All are welcome even if you have not been to the previous evenings, do bring a friend and just turn up.

Stations of the Cross: On Mondays at 11.30am at Church of the Holy Spirit, Fetcham and Fridays at 8pm at Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham. See back page.

Mass changes during Lent: There is an additional **Saturday** morning Mass at **10.00am**, Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham and **Monday** Mass at Holy Spirit, Fetcham is at **Noon**. See back page.

Lent Reconciliation Services around our Deanery

- Our Lady & St Peter, Leatherhead Thur 4 April 7.30pm
- **Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham Sun 7 April 3.00pm**
- St Michael's, Ashted Mon 8 April 7.30pm
- St Ann's, Banstead Wed 10 April 7.30pm
- St Clement's, Ewell Thur 11 April 7.30pm
- St Joseph's, Dorking Sun 14 April 3.00pm



Churches Together in Horsley and Ockham are holding an ecumenical LENT course, based on the film 'BROKEN' (about

a Catholic Priest facing today's social dilemmas among his congregation). The last session is this coming week (**1 or 4 April**) The same sessions will be shown on Mondays at 2.30pm or Thursday evenings at 7.30pm. All are welcome. For further details, see notice in porch or ask Stephanie Henderson (01483 283844).



Praying Through Lent with St Ignatius Loyola:

Sacred Heart Church, Cobham are running a series of workshops during Lent, until Tuesday 9 April. They will take place between 7.30-8.30pm each time and are in the St

Francis Room in the Parish Centre, Downside Bridge Road, Cobham KT11 3EP. For more details see the poster in the porch. Please book with their parish office on 01932 860244 or pp@shpcobham.com

Please pray for those in our Parish who are sick:

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

MASS TIMES

Saturday	30 Mar	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Holy Souls - RIP
Sunday	31 Mar	09.00am	(OLOS)	People of the Parish
		11.00am	(HS)	Jack & Kit Oliver - RIP
Monday	01 Apr	11.30am	(HS)	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
		Noon*	(HS)	Phaedra Dyke - RIP
Tuesday	02 Apr	09.15am	(OLOS)	Bob & Anne Bowley - RIP
Wednesday	03 Apr	09.15am	(HS)	Holy Souls - RIP
Thursday	04 Apr	09.15am	(OLOS)	James Pontifex - RIP
Friday	05 Apr	06.00pm	(HS)	Holy Souls - RIP
		08.00pm	(OLOS)	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Saturday	06 Apr	10.00am*	(OLOS)	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday	06 Apr	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Olga & Bill Byrom - RIP
Sunday	07 Apr	09.00am	(OLOS)	People of the Parish
		11.00am	(HS)	Mamie Murray - RIP

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday	02 Apr	09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)
Thursday	04 Apr	09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)
		02.00pm to 05.00pm	(OLOS)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday	06 Apr	10.30am to 11.15am	(OLOS)	Face to Face
		05.00pm to 05.30pm	(OLOS)	In the Confessional
Sunday	07 Apr	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 (NOT IN APRIL)
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HS = Church of the Holy Spirit, Fetcham OLOS = Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

Special Collection next week: CAFOD Emergency Cyclone Idai Appeal

(Please use special envelopes)

Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 125.R.v3 Philippians 3:8-14 John 8:1-11

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MASSES

Maundy Thursday	18 Apr	08.00pm	(HS)	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday	19 Apr	10.00am	(OLOS)	Family Stations of the Cross
		03.00pm	(HS)	Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday	20 Apr	08.45pm	(HS)	Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	21 Apr	09.00am	(OLOS)	Mass
		11.00am	(HS)	Mass

Newsletter items to the Parish office by 10.00am Wednesday