

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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays: Cycle B Weekdays: Year I 7 February 2021



Our world is full of suffering and pain, many people are in agony and distress, not only from the pandemic but as victims of exploitation and injustice. We feel powerless in the face of all this. The scene is therefore set for this weekend's Gospel when we are reminded that we are not alone: God does not want us to suffer. In his Son, Jesus, he showed us that he commits himself against death and misery.

The problem of suffering became an opportunity for Jesus – an opportunity to show what God is like. By the way he gave himself to the sick, he reveals to us the compassion of God in the face of human suffering. The suffering of others is an opportunity for us too. We may not be able to cure, but it is always within our power to care. And to care is a very healing thing. Just to be with the sufferer, by whatever means we are allowed, is in itself a very worthwhile thing. But it's not easy, because it means that instead of relieving someone's pain, we have to be prepared to share it. As regards our own suffering it is an unavoidable element of a human condition. Nevertheless, the road of suffering is a narrow and hard one.

It's a great comfort to us to know that Jesus went down this road, and went down it to the end. It is not the same since he travelled it. A bright light illuminates it. He shows us that though it leads to Calvary, it doesn't end there. It ends at Easter. Thus, for each of us, suffering becomes an opportunity to share Christ's Passion in the hope of sharing his Easter victory. *Alleluia!*

May God bless you all,

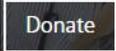
Deacon Ian

Special Collection Next Week:

Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund

This collection is eligible for Gift Aid. For parishioners who are registered for Gift Aid donations you may use the purple Gift Aid envelopes filling in the details as normal. Alternatively, if you are not registered and would like to Gift Aid your donation, please use one of the special Lourdes Pilgrimage envelopes, available at the back of each church.

For those who wish to donate on-line:

1. Go to the Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage website using this link: [A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage Website](#)
2. Click on the  button on the right-hand side of the screen.
3. Please then click on the  button in the middle of the page and follow the instructions.

If you have any questions, please contact the A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, either by email on lourdes.office@abdiocese.org.uk or call 01403 740110

This Week

As always, please remember:



- Please avoid social mixing outside your household/bubble before and after Mass.
- Please take special care of distancing as you enter and leave, and when you come forward for Holy Communion.
- Although our churches remain open for public Masses, each of us must make a

responsible and prayer-guided decision as to whether it is right for us to attend, or whether it would be better to remain at home and follow Mass on the live-stream.

- Sunday Mass obligation is still suspended.

Coming soon



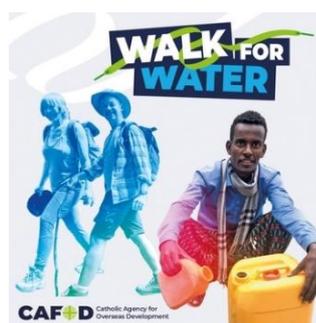
The theme of the CAFOD Lent Appeal is the hardship of people who have to walk many hours to collect water every

day to survive. **The Lent Family Fast Day** will be on Friday 26th February. *Details about the various ways you can donate will be given soon.*



The Big Walk for Water: On Saturday 20 February join CAFOD's virtual walk and get sponsorship

to help end water poverty for people who need to walk to collect clean water every day. You will find further details on this link: <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Organise-an-event/Big-Walk-for-Water>



Walk for Water: If you want a bigger challenge you can carry on walking through Lent as part of CAFOD's 40-day challenge! Walk 10,000 steps every day and get sponsorship to help

end water poverty. You can share the 10,000 steps with someone, or several people, if this is too much for you alone. All steps count – even walking around the house doing the housework!

Go the distance this Lent and help to end water poverty. Sign up now, raise money and do something different to fight poverty. <https://walk.cafod.org.uk>

During the Pandemic

A Prayer adapted from Pope Francis's Prayers for the Pandemic.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died.

We entrust to you the sick and ask for your protection on doctors, nurses, health care and frontline workers in this emergency. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Blessed Virgin, Consolation of the afflicted, be with those suffering anxiety and mental illness through this pandemic. Pray for us to God the Father of mercies for them, and also for the elderly and young at this difficult time. Continue to shine as a sign of salvation and hope on the children, students and families of our Parish. Guide and comfort the Bishop, Priests, and Deacons of the Diocese. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to realise that we are all members of one world in our great family and its needs. Make us strong in faith and constant in prayer. Amen.

If there is any way that we can help you – practically, spiritually or emotionally – do please contact Fr Stephen.



Invited. Lent 2021 – The Mission Begins.

The Diocesan Formation Team is hosting a mission for you this Lent. It will be the first of five seasons of mission, helping you to explore God's *Invitation* to live your life with him.

What is a mission? An opportunity for everyone in the parish to sit back and reflect on the content provided. Season one is a series of programmes that help us to understand exactly how much we are loved by God, and features guest speakers such as David Wells, Eleanor Oliver and David Beresford. You will then be able to join a virtual conversation to meet like-minded people and discuss what you have learnt. Visit www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited to find out more. You are Invited.

General

Sale of Marmalade. Mary Agius has a new batch of marmalade for sale in aid of the Mtandika Trade School in Tanzania. If you want some, please contact her on maryagius@gmail.com or phone 01372 456545.

Food donations for those needing support can be left at the back of the churches, for onward distribution. Many thanks.

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

Marie Bliss	Maureen Rennison
Michael Boulvard	Patrick Rennison
Pauline Boulvard	Piers Ripley-Duggan
Christopher Browne	Allison Roberts
Jeff Care	Jean Rowlandson
Amy Chapman	Yolande Sharpe
Maggi Cooke	Karen Silver
John Donovan	Mary Skilton
Mary Doran	Jenny Smith
Mary Hefford	Margaret Summers
Derek Knott	Pat Turton
Tessa Knott	Simon Turton
Noreen Landers	Andrea Vaughan
Joanna Mills	Rose Wedlake
Janet Morgan	Alf Wiggins
Jim Morgan	Chantal Witchalls

Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

Saturday	06 Feb	6.00 pm	OLOS	Holy Souls – RIP
Sunday	07 Feb	9.00 am	OLOS	Holy Souls - RIP
Sunday	07 Feb	11.00 am	HS	People of the Parish
Monday	08 Feb	Noon	LIVE-STREAMED	Anna Copelin - RIP
Tuesday	09 Feb	9.15 am	OLOS	Chantal Witchalls - Wellbeing
Wednesday	10 Feb	9.15 am	HS	George Pauling Founder - RIP
Thursday	11 Feb	9.15 am	LIVE-STREAMED	Emily Elizabeth Newell - RIP
Friday	12 Feb	6.00 pm	LIVE-STREAMED	Nina Segrove - RIP
Saturday	13 Feb	10.00 am	OLOS	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday	13 Feb	6.00 pm	OLOS	Fr Martin Jakubas - RIP
Sunday	14 Feb	9.00 am	OLOS	Alexander O'Connor - RIP
Sunday	14 Feb	11.00 am	HS	People of the Parish

Please Note: LIVE-STREAMED indicates on Mon, Thur and Fri that Masses are live-streamed **ONLY (unless otherwise stated).**

All Masses from OLOS are live-streamed on YouTube at "Effingham and Fetcham Catholic Parish" <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLGeHumF6yae4QGCSVg0UA>

Eucharistic Adoration

Unfortunately there will be NO Adoration at present.

Confessions

Saturdays

11.00-11.45 am HS, Fetcham

5.00-5.30 pm OLOS, Effingham

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Second Collection next week: Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund (Gift Aid)

Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46 | Psalm 31:1-2.5.11.R.v7 | 1Corinthians 10:31-11:1 | Mark 1:40-45



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