



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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Special Collection this Week: Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund (Gift Aid)

Sundays: Cycle C Weekdays: Year I 10 February 2019



This week's first reading gives an account of the vocation experience of the prophet Isaiah. Last week we heard the call of Jeremiah. Vocations are obviously in fashion! They are worth reflecting on, as they help us see ways God often invites his people to undertake some task—and not only in whole-life vocations, but in smaller things as well.

Isaiah and Jeremiah illustrate two typical patterns. Isaiah has a powerful experience of God's holiness and power, and his own utter unworthiness. But God takes away his sin, and in this experience of liberation from sin he also experiences a call from God, which he now feels able to respond to because of God's powerful presence within him. St Peter has a very similar experience in today's Gospel. We might find a similar pattern in our spiritual lives through some experience of conversion and a deep sense of wanting to do something for God in response to his mercy towards us.

When Jeremiah felt God's call, it wasn't sinfulness that made him reluctant so much as inadequacy: "I do not know how to speak; I am a child." And God reassures him, "Do not say 'I am a child' ... I am putting my words into your mouth." Moses had a similar experience, only worse: he put up five excuses to God why he couldn't respond—and made God rather angry in the process! But in both cases God empowered weak human beings to do extraordinary things. That sense of personal inadequacy is very common in us, I think. Surely there's someone who can do God's work better than me. ... But then that nagging feeling that God wants me to do something just won't go away!

May God bless you all

Fr Stephen

THIS WEEK

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Tomkins RIP who died recently and remember his family at this time too.

Special Collection this Week - Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund: The Fund helps to contribute towards the cost of any sick or disabled pilgrim, and those helpers who care for them, who lack the necessary funds to go to Lourdes. It also allows carers, parents and family the opportunity of a rest at home while their family members enjoy a week in Lourdes. This is often the only break they get throughout the year. ***There are special envelopes available for your donation.***

Monday 11 February is **World Day of the Sick**, an observation introduced by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes and is an important opportunity for those who serve in Catholic health ministry to reflect on caring for those who are sick as well as those who provide care to them.

George Pauling, Benefactor of Our Lady of Sorrows - this Sunday, 10th February, is the centenary of the death of George Pauling, who built Our Lady of Sorrows (OLOS) at his own expense. He was a victim of the post WW1 influenza outbreak. Up until OLOS was opened in October 1913, the small Catholic community in Effingham used to meet for Mass in the chapel in his home, The Lodge, in what is now Effingham Place. At the opening of Our Lady of Sorrows, Pauling humorously referred to his work of building the new Church as 'fire insurance'. Photos of Pauling, his family and the early church will be on display in St Alphege Hall after the 9.00am Mass.

Sister Barberina Mhagala RIP: Over the last few years many of you have supported the Mtandika Trade School in Tanzania, started by Sister Barberina Mhagala, and the education of poor children, either through attending fund raising functions or directly sponsoring children. It is with great sadness that we have to inform you of Sister Barberina's tragic death in a road

accident on Saturday evening. She was truly a most wonderful and inspirational person, whose one aim in life was the care and education of poor children, many of whom were orphans. We are truly blessed to have known her for nearly 30 years, particularly over the last 15 years since she founded the Mtandika Trade School and thank you for your support for her work during that time. We will do everything we can to continue to put her vision into effect and support the education of the poor in Mtandika. May God rest her soul.

Kit and Jack Oliver: The family has asked that the book of Remembrance for Kit and Jack Oliver be kept at Holy Spirit church for a few weeks to give people a chance to make an entry in it. It can be found on top of the organ. Please do take the time to write in it if you can as it would mean much to the family to be able to share in your memories of their loved ones.

Grandparents' Group: The next meeting is this **Wednesday 13 February** 2.30 till 4pm at St Alphege Hall, Effingham. All welcome.

THIS MONTH

Do and Raise Group: Started by our dear departed friend Kit Oliver this group meets every other Tuesday in the Annex at Church of the Holy Spirit between 10am to Midday to DO – making items (Advent Wreaths, Cards, quilts etc) which are sold at church to RAISE money for good causes. Anybody is welcome to join. We welcome our new recruit, Michelle. Thank you for joining us at our session last Tuesday. Our next meeting is **Tuesday 19 February**. Come and see what we are up to and be part of a group that enjoys banter, laugh a lot, care and share.

Chilworth Study Day: You are warmly invited to a presentation of the sixth episode of 'Catholicism - a journey to the heart of the faith', by the acclaimed author and speaker Bishop Robert Barron, on **Saturday 23 February**. Given by Fr John Seddon OSB, who will contextualise the episode and then teach and lead discussion about its subject matter. The day begins with Mass at 9.00am, followed by coffee. The sixth film investigates 'A Body both Suffering and Glorious: the Mystical Union of Christ and the Church', which will be shown,

chapter by chapter followed by teaching and discussion. Midday prayer and lunch will divide the day and concludes at 4.00pm. Come to part, or all of the day, as it suits you. Bring a packed lunch and if you can, a friend. Tea and coffee is provided. St Augustine's Abbey, Sample Oak Lane, Chilworth, Near Guildford. GU4 8QR. See www.chilworthbenedictines.com for more information.

National Board of Catholic Women - Day with Bishop Richard: On **Saturday 23 February**, from 10am to 1pm, at the St Philip Howard Centre (formerly DABCEC). Explore ways to engage with 'The Word who is Life'. To book please contact Sue Petritz, NBCW Diocesan link at nbcw@rcdab.onmicrosoft.com

FORTHCOMING



Cream Tea Charity Fundraiser: The Inner Wheel Club of Bookham and Horsley are organising a cream tea party on **Friday 1 March** at 2.30pm in the Barn Hall in

Bookham as a fundraiser for Knofacic Facilitators International. We are raising money for their primary school building project which will enable Ugandan children to have an education which otherwise would not be available to them. Tickets need to be ordered by 20 February and cost £8. For more information, please see poster in porch or contact Clare Mahony on 01372 459147 or email mahony.family@hotmail.co.uk

Residential Retreat for Doctors: At Worth Abbey from **1-3 March** led by Fr. Stephen Ortiger. OSB. On the theme: Love your neighbour as yourself. Sessions include: Who and what we are; Personal challenges we face; Drawing strength from prayer; Nurturing our healthcare vocation. There will be opportunity to join the monastic community at prayer and time for quiet contemplation with access to countryside walks. Cost £150 full board. For all queries and to book a place email jodwyer@doctors.org.uk, putting **Doctors Retreat** in subject line.

Flame 2019 – Join 10,000 Catholic Young People at Wembley Arena this March: Around five hundred people from Arundel & Brighton Diocese went to Wembley Arena for Flame 2017. Flame 2019 will happen on **Saturday 2 March**, once again at Wembley Arena. Tickets

are already on sale and unlike last time they can be booked online. Head to cymfed.org.uk/flame2019 for details. Flame 2019 boasts an impressive line-up of speakers. More names will follow nearer the time, but Cardinal Nichols, Robert Madu, Guvna B, and Emma B from 'Girl Got Faith' are already on board.



A Day to Explore the Golden Years: Members of churches in Effingham, Bookham and Fetcham are warmly welcomed to this ecumenical event at Bookham Baptist Church on

Wednesday 6 March from 10am to 3.30pm. Come and hear the first 'Anna' Chaplain in the UK tell the story of how this pioneering approach is helping support and accompany people in their later years. More information is on the website or see the poster in the porch. We hope this day will stimulate thinking about how we work together for the elderly in our communities. To book www.bookhambaptist.churchsuite.co.uk/events/pp2vaxex or alternatively email reception@bookhambaptist.org, or by telephone on 01372 811313 and a registration form will be sent to you. There is a Registration fee of £5.00. The day will include a sandwich lunch. *Please book by 19 February if possible, to help with catering arrangements.*

Please pray for those in our Parish who are sick:

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

MASS TIMES

Saturday	09 Feb	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Intention for the Sick
Sunday	10 Feb	09.00am	(OLOS)	George Pauling Founder RIP (100 th Anniversary)
		11.00am	(HS)	People of the Parish
Monday	11 Feb	09.15am	(HS)	Kit Oliver - RIP
Tuesday	12 Feb	09.15am	(OLOS)	Margaret Summers - Thanksgiving
Wednesday	13 Feb	09.15am	(HS)	Sheelagh Foley - Wellbeing
Thursday	14 Feb	09.15am	(OLOS)	Holy Souls - RIP
Friday	15 Feb	06.00pm	(HS)	Michael Wells – (70 th Birthday)
Saturday	16 Feb	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Peacock Family - Thanksgiving
Sunday	17 Feb	09.00am	(OLOS)	David Summers - RIP
		11.00am	(HS)	People of the Parish

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday	12 Feb	09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)
Thursday	14 Feb	09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)
		02.00pm to 05.00pm	(OLOS)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday	16 Feb	10.30am to 11.15am	(OLOS)	Face to Face
		05.00pm to 05.30pm	(OLOS)	In the Confessional
Sunday		After 11.00am Mass	(HS)	1 st Sunday of every month

MONTHLY ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

Monday	11 Feb*	09.45am	(HS)	Deferred to 2nd Monday of the month
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HS = Church of the Holy Spirit, Fetcham OLOS = Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 17:5-8 Psalm 1:1-4,6. 39:5 1Corinthians 5:12,16-20 Luke 6:17,20-26



Newsletter items to the Parish office by 10.00am Wednesday