

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

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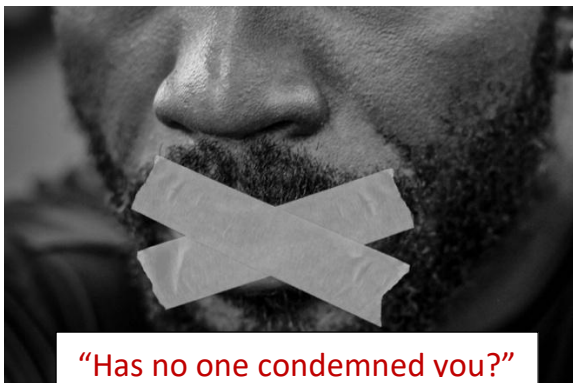
Live-stream on YouTube "Effingham and Fetcham Catholic Parish":

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A Very Warm Welcome to Parishioners and Visitors

5th Sunday of Lent

Sundays: Cycle C Weekdays: Year I 6 April 2025



"Has no one condemned you?"

Dear brothers and sisters, that woman (in today's Gospel, John 8:1-11) represents all of us. We are sinners, meaning adulterers before God, betrayers of his fidelity. Her experience represents God's will for each of us: not our condemnation but our salvation through Jesus. He is the grace which saves from sin and from death. On the ground, in the dust of which every human being is made (Gen 2:7), he wrote God's sentence: "I want not that you die but that you live". God does not nail us to our sin, he does not identify us by the evil we have committed. We have a name,

and God does not identify this name with the sin we have committed. He wants to free us, and wants that we too want it together with him. He wants us to be free to convert from evil to good, and this is possible — it is possible! — with his grace.

Pope Francis, extract from his homily on Fifth Sunday of Lent (C), 13th March 2016

Prayers for us all,

Fr Charles

For the "Assist Us to Live, Not to Die" postcards (available at the back of the church) our MPs' names are: Zoe Franklin for those living in the Guildford constituency or Chris Coghlan for those living in the Dorking and Horley (formerly Mole Valley) constituency.

This Week

The funeral service for **Richard Lake RIP** will be THIS Tues 8th April at 11.00 am at OLOS with a reception in the hall afterwards.

Taizé Prayer at St Lawrence's, Effingham on Sunday 6th April at 6.00 pm. You are warmly invited to this reflective, quiet, contemplative service in the style of the Taizé Community.

Do & Raise will be selling some little chicks with chocolate eggs and some Easter flower boxes after all the Masses THIS weekend. Cash sales only. Money raised will be donated to LeatherHEAD START.

Volunteers needed: Adults and children needed for Foot Washing on Maundy Thursday ! Please use the sign-up sheets at the back of church. Thank you.

Please pray for **Michael Hogg** and **Graham Smith** who are preparing for the Easter Sacraments. At the Easter Vigil this year Michael will be Baptised and Graham will be received into full Communion with the Catholic Church. Both will then be Confirmed and receive First Eucharist.



Lent

SERVICE TIMES DURING LENT

Wednesdays at HS

Stations of the Cross - 11.30 am

Mass - Noon

Divine Mercy Chaplet follows Mass

Saturdays at OLOS

Stations of The Cross - 5.15 pm

Vigil Mass – 6 pm

LENT TALKS. Fr John Seddon's fifth (and last) talk is on 'Objective Truth' **THIS Wednesday 9th April from 7.30-9.00 pm.** Tea and Coffee will be

available from 7.00 pm in St Alphege Hall. Please let us know (chris@tailby.net) if you are coming.

CELEBRATE'S LENT PACK FOR FAMILIES.

Designed to support family faith life. Get your free CELEBRATE Lent online family pack [here](#).

'MY GOOD DEEDS - A LENTEN CHALLENGE'. A few hard copies are still available in church. See how many good fruits you can grow this Lent. Then bring to church and pin it onto the display board during Holy Week.

Next Week

Churches Together in Horsley and Ockham - Good Friday Service of Witness. The annual inter-denominational Good Friday Service of Witness will take place in Station Parade, East Horsley at 10.00am. The Service consists of readings and hymns compiled this year by St Martin's Church. Hot Cross Buns are distributed afterwards.

Forthcoming

Easter Triduum One liturgy – three days



The times are as follows (all at HS):

Maundy Thursday - 8pm

Good Friday - 3pm

Holy Saturday - 8.30pm

While the Triduum is not of obligation, it is without doubt the most important liturgy of the entire year. Be there if at all possible. It is the celebration that leads us to understand the heart of our faith, who we are, and why we do what we do.

The Divine Mercy

The Divine Mercy Novena starting on Good Friday (<https://www.divinemercuryconference.com/divine-mercy-novena>) is a preparation for the Feast of The Divine Mercy - you may pray individually or by joining our Parish WhatsApp prayer group. Contact Kamila Smith on 0754 072 5233 to join (you must be 18+ years old or your parent must join and share with you).



The Divine Mercy Sunday on 27th April. As we conclude the Easter Octave we celebrate and give thanks to God for His mercy that was bestowed on us through the death and Resurrection of Jesus. In the year 2000 Pope St John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter to be the Feast of the Divine Mercy of God. It includes a plenary indulgence for those who go to Reconciliation and the Eucharist on that day. The Holy Hour will begin at 3pm at HS on Sun 27th April and will include Adoration, Confessions, praying the Chaplet and Benediction. Refreshments will follow in the Annexe. You are warmly invited to come along.

SAVE THE DATES!

Carpet of Flowers/Corpus Christi Mass

Following the success of last year's parish visit to Arundel Cathedral we propose repeating it this year. The date is **Thursday 19 June**. As last year, we will hire a coach and allow time for you to see the Carpet of Flowers and attend the Corpus Christi Mass celebrated by the Bishop. We will then join the Procession to the Castle and end the day with Benediction. We plan to leave OLOS at 2 pm and return by 9 pm. If interested in joining us, please reserve the date and we will gather names nearer the time. We will be limited to 50 people, the coach capacity.

Fr Charles's Silver Jubilee

On **Sunday 29th June** the parish will be celebrating with Fr Charles the 25th anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. We plan as

a parish to mark this occasion with a Mass at 11 am at HS, followed by a reception at Oakfield School.

General



Can You Help? Volunteers are needed to help Elizabeth serve tea and coffee after the 9 am Mass on Sunday mornings. If you'd like to lend a hand, please have a word either with her or email the parish office: effingham@abdiocese.org.uk. Thank you.



Easter Cards for Sale. We now have some lovely Easter cards for sale at very reasonable prices at both churches. Please just put your money in the slot.

A Word of Thanks

I would like to thank Father Charles for the beautiful Blessing I received in February. It was a very special Mass for me. Many Parishioners came and spoke to me afterwards. Your prayers and kind words helped me through my operation and recovery. Thanks to everyone in the Mass, especially the young Confirmation candidates.

Wishing you all a very happy Easter,
Maggie Thomas

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

Derek Barham	Janet Morgan
Marie Bliss	Jim Morgan
Christopher Browne	James Nicholls
John Donovan	Sue O'Connor
Mary Doran	Brenda Parker
Sandra Flynn	Maureen Rennison
Mary Hefford	Bernard Shaw
Maddy Hewitt	Jenny Smith
Joanna Mills	Maggie Thomas

This Week's Services and Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil	05 Apr	6.00 pm	OLOS	Bob & Anne Bowley - RIP
Sunday	06 Apr	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	06 Apr	11.00 am	HS	Sharon Patefield - RIP
Monday	07 Apr	NO MASS		NO MASS
Tuesday	08 Apr	9.15 am	OLOS	Marcelle Copus - RIP
Tuesday	08 Apr	11.00 am	OLOS	Funeral Service for Richard Lake - RIP
Wednesday	09 Apr	11.30 am	HS	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Wednesday	09 Apr	NOON	HS	Helmut Kaltenbrunner - RIP
Thursday	10 Apr	9.15 am	OLOS	Sean Murtagh - RIP
Friday	11 Apr	NO MASS	HS	NO MASS
Saturday	12 Apr	5.15 pm	OLOS	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Saturday Vigil	12 Apr	6.00 pm	OLOS	Stella Cooke - RIP
Sunday	13 Apr	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	13 Apr	11.00 am	HS	Terry Aboud - RIP

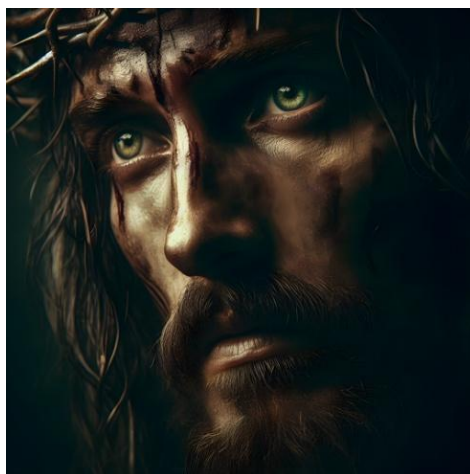
HS = Holy Spirit, Fetcham OLOS = Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham

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

Confessions	Saturdays 5.00-5.30 pm OLOS, Effingham 1st Sunday of the month after 11.00 am Mass HS, Fetcham
Adoration	Thursdays following OLOS 9.15 am Mass to Noon, then 2-6 pm
Chaplet of the Divine Mercy	Wednesdays in Lent at HS following Noon Mass
Children's Liturgy	1st & 3rd Sundays of the month in term time at HS, Fetcham 11.00 am

Next Week: Psalm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Isaiah 50:4-7 | Psalm 22(21):8-9. 17-18a. 19-20. 23-24. R.2a | Philippians 2:6-11 | Luke 22:14-23:56



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

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