

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 of Lent

Sundays: Cycle A Weekdays: Year II 22 March 2026

The Raising of Lazarus



The gospel of the raising of Lazarus is rich in meaning, in symbols, in pointing forward to the Resurrection, and in the questions it leaves unanswered.

We complete and re-balance the Martha-Mary relationship. Contemplative Mary may well have chosen the better part when, on another occasion, the sisters had Jesus sitting in the house. But now it's active and busy Martha who, true to her nature, gets up and goes out to confront Jesus while Mary remains seated in the house. As a result, it is Martha who receives Jesus' self-defining declaration: "I am the resurrection and the life."

Lazarus is raised back to normal human life, albeit with a certain celebrity status. But he will eventually die. This last and greatest of Jesus' signs points forward to the true Resurrection in which, through the death of Baptism, we already share. And the command "Unbind him" points to our being released from the death-dealing sin that binds us.

And don't forget Jesus' own emotional journey and the mystery of the interplay between his human and divine natures. At the start, and at the end, He is self-assured and in command. But between these two bookends He is 'deeply moved in spirit and greatly troubled.' He weeps. Jesus' divinity does not make him immune to the pain of the human condition. Truly, He bears our grief and carries our sorrows.

Prayers for us all,

Fr Charles

This Week

Forthcoming Funerals

Margaret Summers RIP. Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 31 March at Noon at HS.

Neil Gannon RIP. His funeral details to follow.

Change to Mass/Adoration this Week. The Mass on Thur 26 March will be at St Teresa's School at 9 am. Parishioners welcome. Adoration will therefore start at 11 am.



Do & Raise – Sale of Easter Goods

THIS weekend there will be a sale of Easter goods after each

Mass. Easter baskets, Easter chicks, selection of primulas in decorated boxes. All proceeds will go to the local homeless charity LeatherHEAD Start. ***Please pay by cash!***



Parish Walking Group - Sat 28 March. We have decided to walk at Denbies –and we can have a coffee there if there is

time. We recommend walking poles if you have them – Annette will have spares if needed. Meet in CHS car park at 9.30 am and car share as usual. If you would like to join our WhatsApp group, please text Annette on 07561 305767. This is the way we keep in touch, request lifts and make any last-minute changes due to the weather, *Annette and Kathy*

Signed Mass at OLOS



The Diocesan Deaf Community are celebrating their signed **Palm Sunday Mass** at OLOS on **Sat: 28th March at 1pm** with refreshments in the Hall after the Mass. Everyone is most welcome to join us, and it is a wonderful opportunity to experience how we are able to celebrate the Mass with our deaf friends.

Lent

Service Times During Lent

At CHS

Wednesday Mass at 12 noon
Stations of The Cross at 11.30 am
Divine Mercy Chaplet after Mass

At OLOS

Saturday Mass at 6 pm
Stations of the Cross at 5.15 pm

As usual, we are seeking volunteers to lead the Stations and Divine Mercy. Sign-up sheets will be at the back of the church again this weekend.

Lent Reconciliation Service

On Friday 27th March we will be hosting a joint service with Cobham starting at 7.30 pm. There will be a number of priests available to hear your Confession.

The Life of Jesus in Art

Churches Together are hosting five evenings at St Alphege Hall on Mondays through Lent, **the FIFTH (and last) in the series is THIS MONDAY**. The talks will look at the Spiritual and Historical significance of the various events in Jesus' life, from his Baptism to his Resurrection, as recorded through great Christian paintings. Questions will be welcomed throughout. **The evenings will start at 7 pm with refreshments.**

CELEBRATE'S Family Activity Pack for Lent <https://www.celebratetrust.org/onlinefamilyactivitypacks>. CELEBRATE's Lent game 'Journey to Easter Joy' <https://www.celebratetrust.org/celebrate-prayer-resources>

What's Happening in the Deanery this Lent?

For a deanery-wide calendar of activities for Lent, please see the deanery website: www.epsomdeanery.com/lent2026

Deanery Newsletter - Lent 2026

The latest Deanery Newsletter is now available. It was attached to the weekly email and hard copies are available at the back of the church. Lots of info on what is going on in our deanery.

Coming Soon



Grandparents' Formation Day – Thursday 23 April, 10am – 4pm. At St John Evangelist Parish Hall, Horsham. The day includes inspirational speaker: David Wells. If you would like to attend, please phone Ian and

Jean Wells to arrange booking and car share on 01372 456347. More details on poster in porch or take a copy from back of the church.



The Promise of the Father – Grow your Life in the Holy Spirit (14th April to 2nd June) at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Redhill. Seven life-changing weekly seminars on Tuesdays at 7.30pm. Attend in person or

online, booking essential. For more details, see the poster in the porch or take a copy of a poster at the back of church or go to: <https://www.abcharismatic.org/the-promise-of-the-father-2026> .

A Day with Mary – St Joseph's Church, Epsom on Sat 11 April. A day of instruction, devotion and intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. See poster in porch for further details or [Epsom-Poster-2026.pdf](#)



Save the Date – Divine Mercy Sunday. On the 12 April, at HS Fetcham. Holy Hour starts at 3 pm and includes Adoration, Confessions, Praying the Chaplet and Benediction. Refreshments follow in the Annex. All warmly invited.

Easter Triduum One liturgy – three days



The times are as follows (all at HS):

Maundy Thursday - 8pm
(Followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose until night prayer at 10.45pm)
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.

General

MISSIO Red Donor Boxes - Fetcham. Please would HS boxholders bring their boxes to church during the month of March. To have your box collected, ring Heli Bravery 01372 452537.



Easter Cards

We now have a lovely selection of Easter cards at both our churches.

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

Derek Barham	Janet Morgan
Marie Bliss	Jim Morgan
Christopher Browne	Brenda Parker
Mary Doran	Maureen Rennison
Mary Hefford	Bernard Shaw
Maddy Hewitt	Jenny Smith
Valeria Kucharsky	Peter Stevenson
Joanna Mills	Maggie Thomas
Ann McEntire	Ian Williamson

This Week's Services and Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil	21 Mar	6.00 pm	OLOS	Rosaleen Rogers - RIP
Sunday	22 Mar	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	22 Mar	11.00 am	HS	Terri Aboud - RIP
Monday	23 Mar	NO MASS		NO MASS
Tuesday	24 Mar	9.15 am	OLOS	Karen Fernandez - Wellbeing
Wednesday	25 Mar	NOON	HS	Margaret Summers - RIP
Thursday	26 Mar	9.00 am**	St Teresa's School**	St Teresa's Lenten Mass
Friday	27 Mar	NO MASS		NO MASS
Saturday Vigil	28 Mar	6.00 pm	OLOS	Mitch - RIP
Sunday	29 Mar	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	29 Mar	11.00 am	HS	Clive Ward - RIP

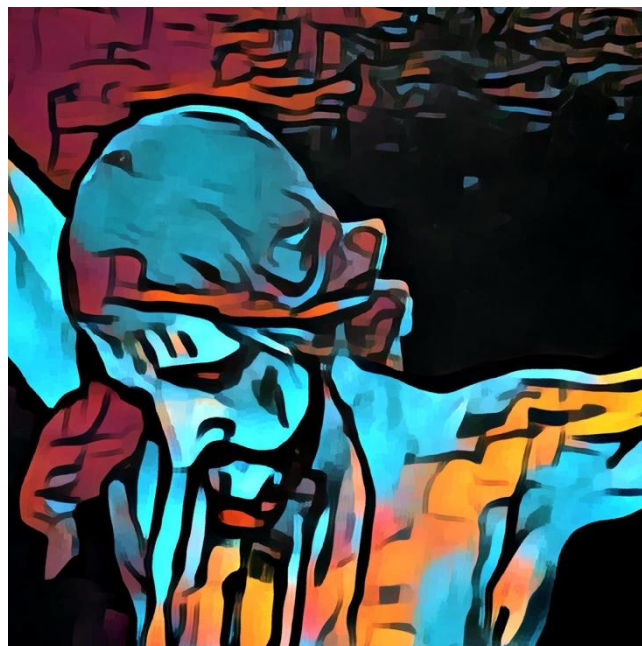
HS = Holy Spirit, Fetcham OLOS = Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham

Most Masses from both our churches 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
Children's Liturgy	1st & 3rd Sundays of the month in term time at HS, Fetcham 11.00 am

Next Week: Palm 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 | Matthew 26:14-27:66



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

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