



**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

## 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Special Collection this week: Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund (Gift Aid)

Sundays: Cycle A Weekdays: Year II 16 February 2020



*You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors, "You shall not kill." ...  
But I say this to you ...*

That's pretty amazing. "You shall not kill" is one of the ten commandments of God, given to Moses on Mount Sinai. It's one of the most important sentences in the whole Bible. How can anyone say after that, "But I say this to you"? How can anyone have a better idea than one of the commandments?

Of course, Jesus isn't trying to change the commandment, nor to add to it. What He is doing is bringing out its full meaning. Even to be angry with someone or to insult them is to be hateful towards them. It implies that we don't value their existence as a beloved son or daughter of God as much as we should. So, if we think with the mind of God, we can see that these things too must be ruled out by that 5th commandment.

And that's precisely what Jesus *is* claiming: to think with the mind of God. And He is claiming to teach as the Word of God *in person*. He doesn't say, "But now *God* says to you"; He says, "But *I* say to you". It's exciting stuff. Here's our Lord and God, Jesus Christ, opening the depths of His divine mind to His disciples—to us. What a gift! What a challenge! What a privilege! What a joy!

May God bless you all

*Fr Stephen*

## THIS WEEK

### **Second Collection this Week - Lourdes**

**Pilgrimage Fund:** This fund provides significant financial help to diocesan sick and disabled pilgrims, nurses and helpers - assisting them with their travelling costs and expenses in Lourdes. 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. Thank you.

**ROAD WORKS IN BELL LANE, FETCHAM:** The Safety Improvement Road Works in Fetcham continue this week **17-21 February** with road closures that will affect Bell Lane, School Lane and The Street. Because of the likely disruptions and delays all the weekday Masses at Holy Spirit have again moved to Our Lady of Sorrows **from Monday 17 to Friday 21 February**. Sunday Masses will remain at Effingham and Fetcham as usual. Please see the Mass Times on the back sheet for details.

### **Evening Prayer for Divorced, Remarried & Separated - Sunday 23 February, at 3 pm:**

All those in our parish communities who may be divorced, remarried or simply separated, are warmly invited to come together with Bishop Richard at St. John the Evangelist Church in Horsham for afternoon tea, conversation and the celebration of Evening Prayer, which will conclude the afternoon. It would be useful to know approximate numbers simply to allow us to cater appropriately. If you be kind enough to send through the name(s) of those who are coming along, that would be useful. You can send the information to [Katherine.Bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Katherine.Bergin@abdiocese.org.uk) Thank you.

**Corona Virus:** The bishops of England and Wales have issued guidelines regarding the corona virus (which will be updated if and when the need arises). Their key points at present are:

1. Use good hygiene for flu-type diseases: always carry tissues and use them for coughs and sneezes to **“catch it, bin it, kill it”**, then wash your hands with soap and water before touching your face.
2. If you have any cold/flu-type symptoms, please refrain from receiving Holy Communion on the tongue or from the chalice, and from shaking hands at the sign of peace.
3. Everyone administering Holy Communion should sanitise their hands immediately before and after.

As yet, there is no need to withdraw the chalice or the sign of peace for those without symptoms. However, no one will mind if you choose to refrain from these.

Three more things from me, please!

1. Please take special care of your children's hygiene.
2. If you have significant cold/flu symptoms, it's best not to come to church at all—this will not count as a sin of missing Sunday Mass!
3. It seems sensible to remove the holy water at the church doors, to avoid another possible source of infection.

Many thanks for your understanding and cooperation, *Fr Stephen.*

## FORTHCOMING

**Parish Youth Group:** The next meeting is on **Sunday 1 March** at St Alphege Hall. Starting at 5pm with games and food. Youth Mass at 6.15pm at Our Lady of Sorrows. Finishes about 7.15pm. Family members (only) of the youth group are welcome to attend the Mass.

**SAVE THE DATE:** There will be a series of four Lent Study Evenings on Mondays from **2 to 23 March**, starting at 7.30pm, St Alphege Hall, Effingham. Continuing Bishop Robert Barron's "Catholicism" videos.

**Churches Together Lent Lunches:** start on **Ash Wednesday (26 February)** in St Lawrence Church Hall at 12.30pm. The second lunch is on 11 March and the third one is 25 March, all at the same time.

## GENERAL

**Lent Extra:** This full colour publication is now available, with 47 daily reflections and prayers, to accompany you through Lent. Priced at £2 each, please put your money in the slot marked 'Books'.

**Mission Trip to Uganda:** Please pray for Joshua, Joseph, Lily and Raphi as they join two other young people from the diocese and their youth group leaders on a mission trip to Uganda from **14 to 23 February**. Whilst they are there, they will be distributing children's clothes that they have taken over from the UK, helping at an orphanage, visiting families in the slums and doing everything they can to help. Together they have raised enough to travel over to Uganda—and give the charity an amazing £2,050. Thank you for all your support!

**Rededication of England to Our Lady:** On 29 March 2020 our bishops will solemnly rededicate England to Our Lady. Devotion to Mary has been particularly strong in this country since medieval times. This rededication is a great opportunity for us to recommit ourselves to following the example of Mary, who dedicated herself to God as "the handmaid of the Lord." (Luke 1:38) We also ask her to pray for all those who live in this land, and especially for the re-evangelisation of our country. Here there is an opportunity for personal dedication too. "33 Days to Morning Glory" is available free in the church. This "DIY Retreat" can be done any time but to coincide with England's dedication, it would need to start on 25th February. See how Our Lady can transform you spiritually and pick up a copy of "33 Days to Morning Glory!"

**Fundraising Concert:** on **Saturday 14 March at 7pm** at St Lawrence Church Hall, Browns Lane in aid of Effingham Methodist Church with "VocalEase" six guys in cabaret style close harmony (like the King's Singers) - drinks available and raffle. Tickets £12 each from Gill Walker 01372 457987 or email Gill: [GillianMWalker@gmail.com](mailto:GillianMWalker@gmail.com)

**Applications for Lourdes 2020:** The online application form for those applying as a helper, chaplain, member of the medical team or as a pilgrim who needs no assistance can be found at [www.ablourdes.org](http://www.ablourdes.org). If you would like to come to Lourdes as an Assisted Pilgrim, please contact the Pilgrimage Office who will post a form to you – email - [office@ablourdes.org](mailto:office@ablourdes.org) phone - 01403 740110.

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

Marie Bliss	Joanna Mills
Michael Boulvard	Janet Morgan
Pauline Boulvard	Jim Morgan
Christopher Brown	Jane Neville
Alan Bryant	Maureen Rennison
Jeff Care	Patrick Rennison
Amy Chapman	Piers Ripley-Duggan
Maggi Cooke	Jean Rowlandson
Marian Cross	Yolande Sharpe
Maureen Donoghue	Karen Silver
John Donovan	Mary Skilton
Mary Doran	Jenny Smith
Mary Hefford	Pat Turton
Ros Kennedy	Simon Turton
Derek Knott	Andrea Vaughan
Tessa Knott	Rose Wedlake
Noreen Landers	Alf Wiggins
Filomena Lionetti	

## Times of Mass and Other Services

### SUNDAY MASSES

Sat	15 Feb	6.00pm	OLOS	Barry MacGowan - RIP	
Sun	16 Feb	9.00am	OLOS	People of the Parish.....	<i>followed by Coffee in the Hall</i>
		11.00am	HS	Anna Maria Conway - RIP .....	<i>with Children's Liturgy (in term time), followed by Coffee in the Annex</i>

### Daily Masses

<b>Mon</b>	<b>17 Feb</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>OLOS</b>	Chris Kane - RIP
Tue	18 Feb	9.15am	OLOS	Holy Souls - RIP
<b>Wed</b>	<b>19 Feb</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>OLOS</b>	Holy Souls - RIP
Thu	20 Feb	9.15am	OLOS	Stephen Lowry - RIP
<b>Fri</b>	<b>21 Feb</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>OLOS</b>	Holy Souls - RIP
Sat	22 Feb	10.00am	OLOS	Celebrant's Intention

### Next Sunday's Mass Intentions

Sat	22 Feb	6.00pm	OLOS	Remo & Marina - Wellbeing
Sun	23 Feb	9.00am	OLOS	Ziska & Oscar Lawless - RIP
		11.00am	HS	People of the Parish

### Eucharistic Adoration (OLOS)

Tue	09.45 to 12.00 noon
Thu	09.45 to 12.00 noon and 2.00 to 5.00 pm

### Confessions (OLOS)

Sat	10.30 to 11.15 am (Face to face)
Sat	5.00 to 5.30 pm (In the confessional)

### Confessions (HS)

After 11 am Mass, first Sunday of every month

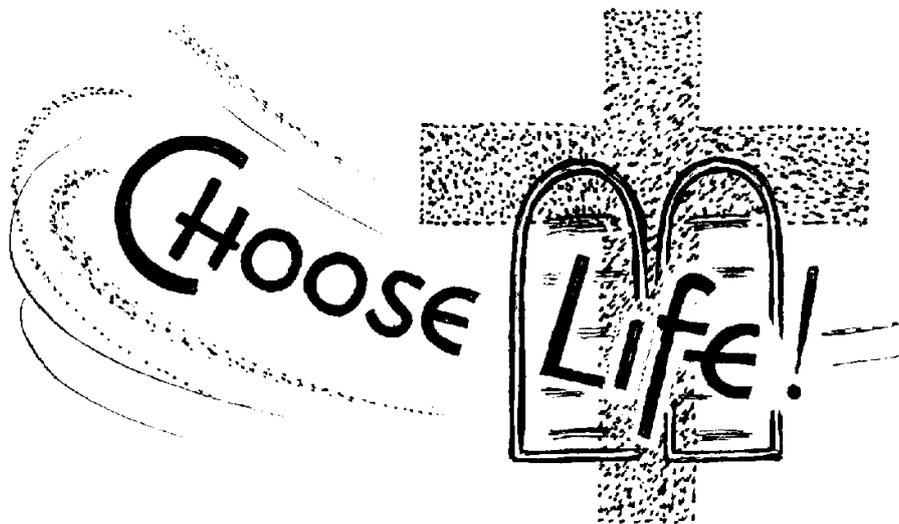
## Monthly Rosary for Vocations

Monday	11.30am	(HS)	1st Monday of the month
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HS = Church of the Holy Spirit, Fetcham OLOS = Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham

## Next Sunday: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leviticus 19:1-2. 17-18 Psalm 102:1-4.8.10.12-13. R.v8 1Corinthians 3:16-23 Matthew 5:38-48



**Newsletter items to the Parish office by 10.00am Wednesday**