



**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*

## **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Special Collection this week: Fund for the Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese (Gift Aid)**

Sundays: Cycle C    Weekdays: Year II    22 May 2022



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Today Jesus says to his disciples—and to us through them—“If anyone loves me, he will keep my word.” Yes, of course! If Jesus is our Lord and our God, and if we love Him, we will want to keep His word. But what is His word? How can we know it? How can we be sure it hasn't got muddled up in the intervening 2000 years between Jesus and us? So thank the Lord for the gift not only of His word, but also of His Holy Spirit: “I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.”

It is the Holy Spirit, given by Jesus to the Apostles at Pentecost, who made sure that they correctly remembered everything Jesus said; inspired them to preach it initially by word of mouth; then inspired the evangelists to write it down exactly as it should be written; and inspired the early popes and bishops to make the right decisions about which books to include in the “New Testament”, and which to reject as inauthentic or even heretical. It is the same Holy Spirit who has guided the Church to safeguard and teach the truth about faith and morals throughout the centuries, and still today guides Jesus' Church to teach the truth through the successors of St Peter and the Apostles. And the same Holy Spirit gives us the grace to listen to Jesus' words and keep them. Jesus has not abandoned His Church—and never will.

May God Bless you,

*Fr Stephen*

## ***This Week***

We welcome into our Catholic parish community through the Sacrament of Baptism **Cian Daniel James McGrath**.

**Second Collection this week – Fund for the Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese.** You can Gift Aid your donation (regular givers = Yellow envelope; one-off = White envelope). Please remember to complete your details on the envelope. Many thanks.



**SYCAMORE**, our New Evangelisation program, **continues this Monday, 23 May at 7.30 pm** in St Alphege Hall. It is an informal course about the Christian faith and its

relevance for life today. It aims to introduce people to God, who reveals Himself to us most of all in Jesus Christ, and to enkindle the flame of faith in their hearts. For those of us who already have faith, it aims to deepen that faith and make us more confident to reach out and share it with others. Each Sycamore session involves a short film and plenty of time for discussion, to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. There will also be a sandwich supper each time—and a hot meal on one or two of the evenings. See <https://www.sycamore.fm> for more information. Everyone is welcome. So do come along - and think who you could invite to come with you. To catch up with previous sessions go to <https://www.sycamore.fm/videos/>

**Invited II: Growing in Faith**, our diocesan online mission, has launched its second season. To continue with it or to catch up with previous sessions, please go to the diocesan website [www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited).



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**Ascension (Holy Day of Obligation) is THIS Thursday 26 May.**

There will be a combined Mass with St Teresa's School at the school at 9.00 am. This will replace the 9.15 am Mass at OLOS. We will have the 8 pm Mass at HS as normal.

**Sunday Mass Obligation from Pentecost Sunday.** As I am sure you know, during the covid pandemic our bishops suspended the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, in order that people could keep themselves and one another safe. Now that the threat from covid has significantly reduced, they have decided that the time is right to reinstate that obligation—which is also our great privilege and joy—to celebrate the Eucharist together every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation. For more details, see <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/the-sunday-obligation-returning-to-mass-at-pentecost>. (NB the bishops recognise that there may still be some people who need to stay away from Mass for their own or someone else's safety, and they state that to do so for genuine reasons is not a breach of the obligation.)

**Devotions** – Devotional Prayers will be held on Saturdays at OLOS after the 10 am Mass (during Confessions). In May we will be saying the Litany of Loreto and in June the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. All welcome!

## ***Next Week***

**Special Collection next week – Catholic Communications Network (not eligible for Gift Aid).**

## ***General***

**Food donations** for those needing support can always be left in the box in the porch of each church, for onward distribution. Many thanks.

**Grandparents: a Day with Bishop Richard for Parish Grandparents and 'Honorary' Grandparents.** On Wednesday 8 June at West Grinstead, Sussex. To include Mass and a picnic. Car sharing and lifts for those who are less mobile. For more details and booking, please contact Jean or Deacon Ian on 01372 456347 or [ianjeanwells@hotmail.com](mailto:ianjeanwells@hotmail.com).



**Churches Together in Bookham  
Jubilee – celebrations 2022**

**Wednesday 1st June**

Golden Years tea and cake 2:00pm at Bookham Baptist Church

**Thursday 2nd June**

Live streaming Trooping the colour 10:00am onwards, coffee followed by at lunch 1.15pm at Eastwick Road Church. A ticketed event – phone 01372 453473

**Friday 3rd June**

Live Streaming Jubilee Thanksgiving Service at St Paul's Cathedral 10:30am onwards followed by coffee and a mini dessert at St Nicolas Church. (Venue to be confirmed).

**Sunday 5th June**

Church services in Fetcham, Bookham and Effingham

**Wednesday 8th June**

Golden Years lunch 1:15pm at Eastwick Road Church. This will be a ticketed event- phone 01372 453473

**St Anthony Communications Conference, Sat 4 June, 9.45 am - 5.00 pm. St Mary's, West Croydon.**

Guest speakers, five talks. Cost £22.00. For more information see the poster in the porch or to book 01834 812645 or [www.saintant.com](http://www.saintant.com)

**Wintershall's Life of Christ.** Set in the grounds of the Wintershall estate, Bramley, Surrey GU5 0LR. From 21-25 June, 10 am to 3 pm. For more information or to book: [www.wintershall.org.uk](http://www.wintershall.org.uk) or 01483 892167.



**Supporting the People of Ukraine.** For information from our diocese on offering accommodation to Ukrainian refugees, how to donate, and some prayers,

click on:

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/how-can-our-community-and-parishes-can-help-the-people-of-ukraine>



**Sunday 26 June – Parish Picnic & 10th World Meeting of Families**

Save the date **26th June** for our Parish Picnic. This

year we combine our annual parish event with the World Meeting of Families. WMOF, which happens every three years, was created by Pope St John Paul II to celebrate all the wonder of family life. To learn more visit: [Programme-#WMOF22\(romefamily2022.com\)](http://Programme-#WMOF22(romefamily2022.com))

Our celebration will be held at St Alphege Hall and garden from around 1pm, with some great activities for children, prayer stations, music, picnic, and hopefully joining Pope Francis on the live-stream for a joint prayer. The day will be preceded by prayers for our parish families and intercessory prayer cards will be available for collection a few weeks before the event. As a family in Christ let us all gather to celebrate the joy, love, and glory that is the vocation of family life. For more information, please contact Kamila Smith on 075407 25233.

Please pray for all those in our Parish who are sick:	
Marie Bliss	Janet Morgan
Michael Boulvard	Jim Morgan
Sue Brackenbury	Paddy Payne
Christopher Browne	Maureen Rennison
Amy Chapman	Piers Ripley-Duggan
Maggi Cooke	Allison Roberts
John Donovan	Jean Rowlandson
Mary Doran	Karen Silver
Mary Hefford	Jenny Smith
Derek Knott	Pat Turton
Tessa Knott	Simon Turton
Gillian Lake	Andrea Vaughan
Noreen Landers	Alf Wiggins
Joanna Mills	

## This Week's Masses and Intentions

Saturday Vigil	21 May	6.00 pm	OLOS	Celebrant's Intention
Sunday	22 May	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	22 May	11.00 am	HS	Fr Stephen – in thanksgiving & for his wellbeing
Monday	23 May	Noon	HS	Connors Family - Wellbeing
Tuesday	24 May	9.15 am	OLOS	Mary Skilton - RIP
Wednesday	25 May	9.15 am	HS	Kathleen O'Halloram - RIP
<b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION</b>				
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>26 May</b>	<b>9.00* am</b>	<b>St Teresa's*</b>	James Dyson - RIP
		<b>8.00 pm</b>	<b>HS</b>	People of the Parish
Friday	27 May	6.00 pm	HS	Andrew Strachan - RIP
Saturday	28 May	10.00 am	OLOS	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday Vigil	28 May	6.00 pm	OLOS	Vivian Coltart - RIP
Sunday	29 May	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	29 May	11.00 am	HS	Deacon Ian – in thanksgiving & for his wellbeing

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

10.30-11.15 am OLOS, Effingham

5.00-5.30 pm OLOS, Effingham

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month** after 11.00 am Mass HS, Fetcham

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** – Thursdays after Mass until 11.00 am

## Next Sunday: Seventh Sunday of Easter

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Acts 7:55-60 | Psalm 96:1-2.6-7.9.R.vv.1.9 | Apocalypse 22:12-14. 16-17. 20 | John 17:20-26



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

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