



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

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays: Cycle C Weekdays: Year I 24 February 2019



Lent is nearly upon us: just 10 days to go. So it's high time to be pondering and praying about our Lenten resolutions. Jesus preaches three famous "spiritual exercises" to his disciples (in other words, us!)—prayer, fasting and almsgiving (see Matt 6:1-18). So it's not for nothing that the Church recommends these to us in Lent.

The parish will be offering a number of **prayer** opportunities: Saturday morning Masses, and Stations of the Cross on Monday lunchtimes and Friday evenings. There will also be a chance to feed your mind spiritually via the Monday evening study and discussion sessions. I guess **fasting** is up to you. As well as giving up some food or drink, you might choose some other pleasure or entertainment. The point is not to deny the goodness of these things, but to recognise God as our highest value and priority—He comes first, and all the good things He has created can wait just a bit to make sure we really do put God in the centre of our lives. As for **almsgiving**, you might choose to give a bit of your time or energy to serve the poor and needy as well as giving money.

It's always good to make a small, humble and realistic resolution, bearing in mind the realities of your life. You can always up the stakes if it turns out to be too little! And never be discouraged if you slip up. Jesus is always there to lift us up and give us a fresh start—which is really what Lent is all about.

May God bless you all

Fr Stephen

THIS WEEK

Change to Mass Next Week: There is no Mass on **Wednesday 27 February**. Alternative local places to celebrate Mass on that day are Our Lady & St Peter's, Leatherhead (01372 372278) and Sacred Heart, Cobham (01932 862518) usually at 9.30am.

Fairtrade Fortnight: is from **25 February to 10 March**. This year they are highlighting the poor wages of West African cocoa growers. There will be a sale of Fairtrade goods, including Fairtrade Easter eggs after the 9.00am and 11.00am Masses on **Sunday 3 March**.

World Day of Prayer: is on **Friday 1 March**. This year's service entitled 'Come, Everything is Ready!' was prepared by the Christian women of Slovenia. The churches of Fetcham, Bookham and Effingham are organising two services, at The Church of the Holy Spirit, Fetcham at 10.30am and at All Saints Church, Little Bookham at 7.30pm. The Churches Together in Horsley and Ockham will be holding their Service at the Methodist Church, The Street, West Horsley at 10.00am.



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 iodwyer@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.

FORTHCOMING

Taizé Prayer: at St Lawrence's Effingham **Sunday 3 March** at 6.00pm. You are warmly invited to this reflective, quiet, contemplative service of Bible readings, prayer and praise in the style of the Taizé Community.



Churches Together in Horsley and Ockham are holding an ecumenical LENT course, based on the film 'BROKEN'

(about a Catholic Priest facing today's social dilemmas among his congregation) for five weeks starting on **4 March**. The same sessions will be shown on Mondays at 2.30pm or Thursday evenings at 7.30pm. All are welcome. For further details, see notice in porch or ask Stephanie Henderson (01483 283844).



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.*



Lent Study and Discussion Evenings: starting on **Monday 11 March** and continuing each Monday to **1 April**. Following on

from Fr Stephen's Advent Sessions on the Kingdom of God and the New Evangelisation, for Lent we have arranged four Sessions that will explore our Faith further. The format will include presentation, prayer, discussion and snacks. They will be taking place on Monday evenings at 7.30-9pm starting on Monday 11 March in St Alphege Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity for us all to engage with our Faith amongst friends and to grow in understanding of what God wants from us all. All are welcome, do bring a friend and just turn up. However to help with organising and catering it would be helpful if you could sign the sheet at the back of the church please, or let Michael Bray know michaelpbray@btinternet.com We are also looking for volunteers to help organise the tea and coffee at each session and bring along snacks to share please.

Wintershall Estate's The Passion of Jesus: Free performances on Good Friday (**19 April**) 12 Noon and 3.15pm at Trafalgar Square (with live streaming on their website if you cannot be there) or Easter Saturday (**20 April**) 12 Noon and 2.30pm on Guildford High Street. For more details see www.wintershall.org.uk



Prayer and Discussion Day: on **Saturday 11 May**. The Advent Sessions on 'the Kingdom of God and New Evangelisation' led

by Fr Stephen attracted some 75 parishioners and stimulated many thoughts and ideas. Additionally, the Bishop's plan for the Diocese 'the Word who is Life' is pointing us parishioners to move from maintenance to mission. We are organising a day on **Saturday 11 May** at Our Lady of Sorrows of prayer, blue skies thinking and discussion for all parishioners to come together and bring their prayers and minds onto how we can together give a boost to our spiritual lives and open our doors to all. Why not come along, join with friends and help each other as we embark on an exciting journey. More details will emerge but for now **SAVE THE DATE** and do come along.



Please pray for those in our Parish who are sick:

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

MASS TIMES

Saturday	23 Feb	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Michael Baker - RIP
Sunday	24 Feb	09.00am	(OLOS)	Mary Sumption - RIP
		11.00am	(HS)	People of the Parish
Monday	25 Feb	09.15am	(HS)	Karen Silver – Wellbeing
Tuesday	26 Feb	09.15am	(OLOS)	Sr Barberina - RIP
Wednesday	27 Feb	No Mass	No Mass	
Thursday	28 Feb	09.15am	(OLOS)	Michael Tomkins - RIP
Friday	01 Mar	06.00pm	(HS)	Jack Oliver - RIP
Saturday	02 Mar	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Rie Breed - RIP
Sunday	03 Mar	09.00am	(OLOS)	Eileen Warren - RIP
		11.00am	(HS)	People of the Parish

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday	26 Feb	09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)
Thursday	28 Feb	09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)
		02.00pm to 05.00pm	(OLOS)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday	02 Mar	10.30am to 11.15am	(OLOS)	Face to Face
		05.00pm to 05.30pm	(OLOS)	In the Confessional
Sunday	03 Mar	After 11.00am Mass	(HS)	1 st Sunday of every month

MONTHLY ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

Monday	04 Mar	09.45am	(HS)	1 st Monday of the month
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HS = Church of the Holy Spirit, Fetcham OLOS = Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham

Next Sunday: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7 Psalm 91:2-3,13-16. R. cf.v2 1Corinthians 15:54-58 Luke 6:39-45



Newsletter items to the Parish office by 10.00am Wednesday