

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

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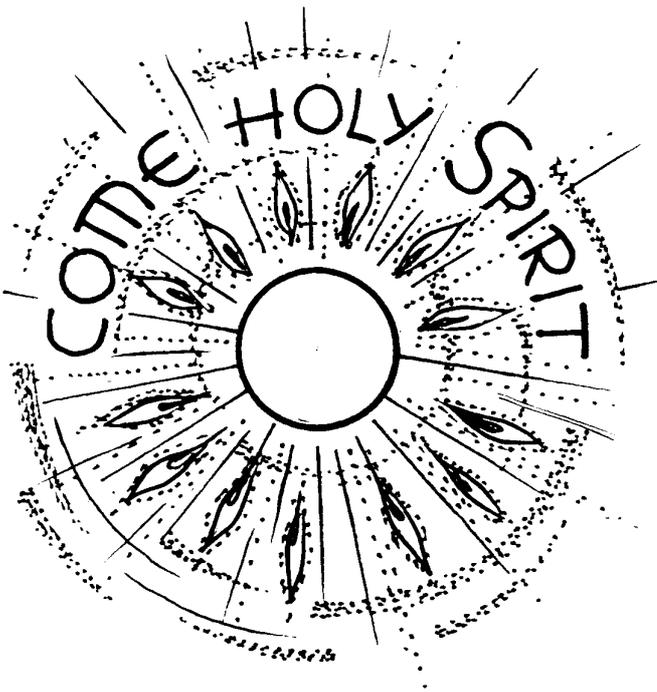
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A Very Warm Welcome to all Parishioners and Visitors

7th Sunday of Easter

Sundays: Cycle A Weekdays: Year II 24 May 2020



After the Ascension of Jesus, the apostles went back to Jerusalem and 'joined in continuous prayer' as they awaited the coming of the Holy Spirit. When Christ died the apostles were like sheep without a shepherd. Worse, during the passion they learned some uncomfortable things about themselves. But Christ had foreseen all this. He knew well they needed strengthening. He told them to do nothing until they received 'power from on high'.

We all have experiences which make us painfully aware of our own weakness. A sudden illness, or perhaps a brush with death, and we are face to face with our own powerlessness and mortality. We find we are not capable of the simplest prayer. All the saints knew such moments. Far from being moments of damnation, these can become moments of enlightenment and salvation. They convince us of our need of the Spirit.

During the nine days between the Ascension and Pentecost the apostles, with Mary in their midst, assembled in the upper room to prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Their preparation for receiving the Spirit was prayer. This is the oldest and most important novena in the Church. We must try to make these days, days of prayer. Jesus prayed for those left behind to carry on his work – the Gospel. He prays for us too. Each Pentecost renews the gift of the Holy Spirit in the Church. So, as we prepare for the feast of Pentecost, we might make our own prayer: *'Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.'*

May God bless you all,

Deacon Ian

Prayers Please

Please pray for **Maureen Murphy** and **Ros Kennedy**, who are sick at this time.

Prayer Requests: If you would like to request prayers for anyone to be included in the bidding prayers at our live-streamed Masses and in the parish newsletter, please let us know via phone or the parish email address. Praying for one another and for the whole world is such a precious and important thing for us all to be doing just now.

National Rosary Rally

Pope Francis is encouraging us all to pray the Rosary especially in May and during the pandemic. In response, the dioceses of England, Wales and Scotland have organised a National Rosary Rally on **Pentecost Sunday** (i.e. next Sunday) from 9.00 am to 9.00 pm. Each diocese has been allotted an hour to focus on, and ours is **9.00-10.00 am**. You can simply pray the Rosary at home, but you can also join others as we live-stream the Rosary on Sunday morning at **9.30 am**.

More details of the day are available at <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/2020/05/20/pentecost-sunday-national-rosary-rally/>.

Parish Zoom Chat

The parish zoom chat last week was a great success. Those who attended enjoyed the sense of community and visual chat as well as joining in or just listening. No huge decisions were made but it proved to be a good sounding board for ideas, thoughts and togetherness. We plan to have another one on **Sunday 31 May 2020** at **12 noon** after Mass. If you would like to be part of it, please contact Fr Stephen (eandfparish@btinternet.com) or Michael Bray (michaelbray@btinternet.com).

Parish Zoom Quiz Night

We are organising a **Parish Quiz Night** via **Zoom** on the evening of **Saturday 6 June**. It is open to individuals, family groups, and group of friends working remotely together (e.g. via Whatsapp).

Please contact Graham Paulson at grahampaulson@gmail.com if you would like to take part. If you would like to be linked up with a few other people to form a Whatsapp team, do just let him know and we'll take it from there.

Keeping in Touch

Do please **encourage** anyone you may be talking with, to join our live-streamed Masses on Sundays (and weekdays). It's a simple and important way we can support each other, and also reach out to those who may be thinking of coming back to their faith at this time.

Who is missing out on our communications?

Do you know of any people, especially those who do not use the internet, who might be being forgotten? Maybe you could phone them, and see how they are, and keep them connected to this community.

Need Support? Do you need help or support at this time? If you need any sort of practical help, or would just like a chat with someone, please do call 01372 458263 or email eandfparish@btinternet.com.

Parish Circulation Email: In this very trying time for everybody the internet is becoming more vital as a means of communication. If you would like to receive emails from the Parish keeping you in touch, including receiving the weekly parish newsletter that is handed out at Mass, then please contact Michael Bray michaelbray@btinternet.com or the Parish office. The list is only used for Parish and Diocese information and is sent bcc so individual email addresses are not visible.

Masses and Other Services

Live-streaming of Mass from our parish is available at our YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLGeHumF6yae4QGCSVg0UA>. Alternatively, search for “YouTube Effingham Fetcham” and you should find it easily. Regular Mass times are: Sun 10.30 am, Mon to Thur 9.15 am, Fri 6.00 pm, and Sat 10.00 am. You can continue to request **Mass Intentions** via the parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation is possible on request.

Other Sacraments can only be celebrated in emergency. Do please contact Fr Stephen in the normal way in emergency situations.

General

CAFOD Coronavirus Emergency Appeal. The effects of coronavirus on developing countries are likely to be devastating. Families without enough to eat and without access to clean water and healthcare are particularly vulnerable to coronavirus. The poorest and most marginalised communities will be pushed further into poverty. Your prayers and gifts are needed now more than ever to help protect the lives of those in poor communities. While we are not able to hold physical collections in our church, you can donate as individuals at <https://cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal>.

Foodbank Collection Points for Cobham foodbank are the Bakery in Effingham and Tinkers End, Orestan Lane.

Effingham Community Village Shop. Following the fire behind the village shops, a group of volunteers, coordinated by Effingham with Little Bookham Anglican Parish, have opened a temporary Community Store in Layla’s Café. The store will be run by local volunteers and will be open 10am–2pm, Monday–Saturday.

Bogus website and scams. Sad to say, in this present situation there are a number of scams and bogus websites imitating the real thing. Please do take extra care, especially if you are thinking of donating money to them. It’s safer to find a website by searching for it directly rather than following a link in an email.

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

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

Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

Saturday	23 May	10.00 am	Pauline Farino RIP
Sunday	24 May	10.30 am	People of the Parish
Monday	25 May	9.15 am	About Family (Wellbeing)
Tuesday	26 May	9.15 am	de Freitas Family
Wednesday	27 May	9.15 am	Shanks Family
Thursday	28 May	9.15 am	Boultard Family
Friday	29 May	6.00 pm	Norma Southwick RIP
Saturday	30 May	10.00 am	Jane Neville RIP
Sunday	31 May	10.30 am	People of the Parish

Owing to the coronavirus, all Masses currently have to be celebrated without a congregation.

Confessions are available on request. Please contact Fr Stephen if you would like this.

Next Sunday: Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11 — Psalm 103:1,24,29-31,34 R.v30 — 1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13 — John 20:19-23



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