



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

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Special Collection this week: Catholic Communications Network (NOT Gift Aid)

Sundays: Cycle C Weekdays: Year II 29 May 2022



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This week Jesus prays that we may all be one. We often think of unity between the different Christian churches when we hear this passage. But it would be a mistake to limit Jesus' prayer to just that. Jesus wants perfect unity with all His followers, and perfect unity among us.

At the smallest scale, that implies unity within ourselves as individuals. It's all too easy for us to be "fragmented": to allow Jesus into some areas of our lives, but to partition off others. But to be a real disciple of Jesus means we welcome Him into every part of our lives.

Jesus' prayer for unity also applies at the level of the family, the "domestic Church". We should strive to maintain peace and unity within our families, especially through difficulties and challenges. We need to be swift to forgive.

It applies within parishes and between parishes. So when parishes need to merge (and, in our rampantly secular culture, this is almost inevitable sooner or later), although there will be sadness and pain, we need to rise joyfully to the challenge of Jesus' prayer that we be one.

Finally, Jesus' prayer is not limited to the present only, but embraces the past and future too. "I pray ... for all those who through their words will believe in me." It implies what we call the communion of saints. All the followers of Jesus—those on earth and those already in heaven—are bound in a powerful, living union of prayer and love for one another.

May God Bless you,

Fr Stephen

This Week

Change to Mass/Confessions on Saturday. Owing to the Jubilee Service of Thanksgiving (see below), there will be NO 10.00 am Mass or morning confessions this Sat 4 June.



Jubilee Celebrations in Effingham

There will be an ecumenical **Service of Thanksgiving** in St Lawrence's Church on Sat 4 June at 11.00 am, and a **Jubilee Garden Party** in the Jubilee Gardens (opposite St Lawrence's Church), also on Sat 4 June, starting at 2.30 pm. Do come along if you can - everyone welcome!

Cakes! Thank you to all those that have offered to bake cakes for the **Jubilee Garden Party**. Can anyone else help? I will be in the OLOS car park on 4 June between 10-11 am to collect the cakes. Please phone 01372 456809 if you need to contact me. Many thanks, Teresa Penegar.

Special Collection this week – Catholic Communications Network (not eligible for Gift Aid). This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network, providing facilities and training for those working in the apostolate of the mass media.



SYCAMORE, our New Evangelisation program, is taking a half-term break this week, so **NO meeting this Mon 30 May**. But we are looking forward to seeing everyone at the **next meeting on Mon 6 June**. To catch up with previous sessions go to <https://www.sycamore.fm/videos/>

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!



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 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

Next Week

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.)

General

Church Cleaning at Our Lady of Sorrows. we could do with a few more parishioners to join the cleaning rota. Please email Mary Agius at maryagius@gmail.com or phone 01372 456545 if you are prepared to give an hour or so every once in a while.

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.



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: [Programme#wmof22\(romefamily2022.com\)](https://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.

Cake Sale Result. Thanks to everyone who made or bought cakes in aid of the Mtandika Trade School in Tanzania last weekend. We made a wonderful £532.



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>

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 or 01483 892167.

Taizé Prayer. At St Lawrence's, Effingham on Sunday 5 June at 6.00 pm. You are warmly invited to this reflective, quiet, contemplative service of Bible readings, prayer and praise in the style of the Taizé Community.

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

Recent 2nd Collections raised:

- * Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund £ 660.05
- * DEC – Ukraine (CAFOD) £1690.84

Thank you for your generosity.

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	

