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

All Saints

Special Collection this weekend: CAFOD Harvest Fast – ONLY Use CAFOD envelopes to Gift Aid

Sundays: Cycle A Weekdays: Year II 01-11-2026

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of All Saints. We also celebrate in a way our own feast: namely what we have been called to be and what we hope to become. The Saints didn't become saints by putting on a false or artificial self. The role of spirituality is not to cover up. Its purpose is to bring out what is inside us. Grace builds on nature. It doesn't destroy nature, but brings it to its fullest development. Even the little saints cause the vision of a higher and a purer life to rise up before us. They inspire us to try to win back our finer, kinder and healthier selves. They expand the possibilities of human love and courage. Piety is no substitute for goodness. Perhaps there can be goodness without holiness. But I'm quite sure that there is no holiness without goodness. Since we are made in God's image, all of us have the capacity for goodness. The Saints show us how to express this goodness. Our real goal is not to strive for happiness but for goodness. If we strive for goodness, happiness will follow. There are good people who ache with loneliness and a feeling of sadness for having left undone what they ought to have done. This is the sadness we all feel at times – the sadness of not being saints.

God bless,
Deacon Ian

This Week

We welcome to the parish this weekend…
Fr Gary Carter (from Epsom) for Confessions and Saturday 6 pm Vigil Mass at OLOS and
Fr John Inglis (former parish priest) for Sunday Masses – 9 am OLOS, 11 am HS and Confessions.

Special Collection this Weekend: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. Supporting the work of CAFOD. PLEASE ONLY use an envelope if you want to Gift Aid your donation.

Parish Sacramental Programmes

STRICT DEADLINE

*****Applications need to be handed to Deacon Ian with a copy of the baptismal certificate by the end of Mass at HS on Sunday 8th November at the latest*****

First Holy Communion 2027 (YELLOW) application forms are at the back of church.
If you have a child in year 3 or above then, provided that you and your child are in regular attendance at Mass you and they will be able to join the programme.
Confirmation Programme (RED) application forms are at the back of church.
All ages school Yr 10 and upwards.

MASS AND ADORATION NEWS

Changes to Masses and Adoration this Week
Monday 9.30 am Mass at OLOS – Fr Chris
Thursday 9.30 am Mass at OLOS – Fr Ian
Adoration follows the Thurs 9.30 am Mass till Noon, then 2-6 pm.
Weekend Masses will be as usual.

Forthcoming Weekday Masses
Starting on the 9 December, Fr Daryl from Cobham, has very kindly agreed to celebrate Mass on Wednesdays at HS at 9.30 am.

NOVEMBER

Sun 1 Nov – All Saints' Day
Holy Day of Obligation
At all weekend Masses
and
Mon 2 Nov – All Souls' Day
Mass at 9.30 am at OLOS
Sun 8 Nov, after 11 am Mass *at HS, Blessing of the Garden of Remembrance.*
Sun 22 Nov, 2 pm *– Blessing of the graves at Our Lady of Sorrows Cemetery* followed by refreshments in the hall
Tue 10 Nov, 11 am – *Deanery Mass at Ashtead*
For the deceased clergy of the Deanery
at St Michael's Church

November is the month for Holy Souls (Lists of your Deceased Loved Ones)
If you would like, please take an envelope from the back of the church, fill in the enclosed sheet with names of those for whom you would like prayers, then return the envelope and place in the special box provided at the foot of the altar. Any money you enclose will go towards Holy Souls Masses throughout the year. Thank you.

Coffee and Cake - THIS Sunday, after the 9 am Mass, will be our last Coffee and Cake session. Please come and join us. There are plans to set up a similar monthly Tea and Cake session at 5 pm in the Hall on a Saturday. Volunteers are sought to lead and run these sessions.

Shoebox Collection. This year's Shoebox collection in aid of Children in Distress will be on 11th November. Boxes will need to be brought to Our Lady of Sorrows and Holy Spirit by the weekend of 7th/8th November, or to 98

Woodlands Road KT23 4HH by 10th November latest.

The Pastoral Team

Below is the new Team to assist me in administering the Parish. I am delighted to let you know that the following have kindly agreed to take on this task:

Dave Evans – sits on the new Deanery Parish Finance Team
Pierre Fernandes – sits on the new Deanery Parish Team
Alan Miller – sits on our Parish Finance Team covering Maintenance & Repair
Melissa Longmire – new to the Parish, Teacher and a Diocesan Lourdes Hotel Leader
Kamila Smith – Children's Liturgy & Choir
Jean Wells – Lead Catechist for RCIA/Confirmation
Mary Sherrington – Parish Catechist and Retired Lawyer.
Tamsyn Barham – Received into the church at Easter 2026 and Chair of St Peter's PTA
Amanda Killingback – Parish Secretary

With this wealth of expertise, I am sure we will care for the wellbeing of our Parish. We will be displaying photos of each person at each church in case you don't know them and want to talk to them.
We will meet every 4/6 weeks and publish to everyone minutes of our meeting.
I will have weekly meetings with Fr Chris Bergin, our Dean, for pastoral guidance.

God Bless, keep us in your prayers.

Deacon Ian

General

Who to Contact if you Need a Priest Urgently

Fr Ian Vane (Dorking) 01306 882433
Fr Daryl George (Cobham) 01932 862518

Leaflets of the above notice are also available at the back of church to take away.

MISSIO Red Box Holders

Please would all Red Box holders in Effingham bring their boxes into OLOS from now until the end of November so the contents can be counted. If you need your box collecting, please contact Penny Osborne on 01372 453088.

Please pray for all those in our Parish who are sick:	
Emile Aboud	Jim Morgan
Marie Bliss	Brenda Parker
Christopher Browne	Maureen Rennison
Mary Doran	Bernard Shaw
Brede Hassard	Jenny Smith
Mary Hefford	Peter Stevenson
Maddy Hewitt	Maggie Thomas
Valeria Kucharsky	Theo West
Joanna Mills	Ian Williamson
Ann McEntire	

This Week's Services and Mass intentions

ALL SAINTS				
Saturday Vigil	31 Oct	6.00 pm	OLOS	Fr John Sheehy - RIP
Sunday	01 Nov	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	01 Nov	11.00 am	HS	Paula & Daphne Randal - RIP
Monday (ALL SOULS DAY)	**02 Nov**	**9.30 am**	**OLOS**	Holy Souls - RIP
Tuesday	03 Nov	NO MASS	OLOS	NO MASS
Wednesday	04 Nov	NO MASS	HS	NO MASS
Thursday	**05 Nov**	****9.30 am****	**OLOS**	David Farrow - RIP
Friday	06 Nov	NO MASS	OLOS	NO MASS
Saturday Vigil	07 Nov	6.00 pm	OLOS	Bertha Wetherall - RIP
Sunday	08 Nov	9.00 am	OLOS	Kingsley Wenaden - RIP
Sunday	08 Nov	11.00 am	HS	People of the Parish

HS = Holy Spirit, Fetcham OLOS = Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham

Most Masses from both our churches are live-streamed on YouTube at "Effingham and Fetcham Catholic Parish" https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLGeHumF6yae4QGCSVg0UA

Confessions	**Saturdays** 5.00-5.30 pm OLOS, Effingham **1st Sunday of the month** after 11.00 am Mass HS, Fetcham
Adoration	****Thursdays** at OLOS after the 9.30 am Mass to Noon, then 2-6 pm**
Children's Liturgy	**1st & 3rd Sundays of the month** in term time at HS, Fetcham 11.00 am

Next Week: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 6:12-16 | Psalm 63(62):2.3-4. 5-6. 7-8. R.2b |1Thessalonians 4:13-18 | Matthew 25:1-13

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

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