

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

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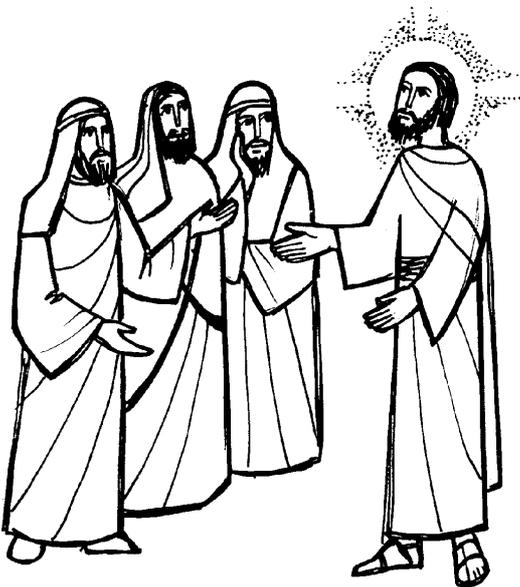
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*A Very Warm Welcome to Parishioners and Visitors*

## All Saints

Sundays: Cycle B    Weekdays: Year I    31 October 2021



Why do we celebrate All Saints? For many reasons. First of all, to give glory to God. He created the Saints, He called them to holiness, and filled them with His grace to support and transform them. The Saints are shining examples to us, reflecting the glory of God.

Next, we venerate the Saints in order to obtain their help. Just as we ask one another here on earth to pray for us, so we also love to ask the Saints for their prayers. After all, they are closer to God than any of our friends on earth, and it's impossible for them to forget to pray for us!

We recall the lives of the Saints to stop ourselves being naïve about the Christian life. There are real struggles at times for all of us as we try to follow Christ: challenges in our life in society and spiritual battles in our interior lives. All three of our readings this weekend speak plainly about this (have a look!).

But finally, we celebrate the Saints to grow in hope and inspiration. They remind us of why God created us: to know Him, love Him and serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him for ever in the next (as the old Penny Catechism said). And they reassure us that it's possible. They were real human beings—as human as you and me—and they were victorious in the battle. They now reign with Christ in heaven. And so can we!

May God bless you all,

*Fr Stephen*

## ***This Week***



**Night of Light.** **THIS Sunday evening (31 October)** we are having a “Night of Light” — a family celebration of the Saints

who show us the light of Christ. It is “Hallowe’en”, in other words, the Eve of All Hallows’ Day or All Saints Day.

The evening will run from **5.30 to 7.30 pm** and involve Saint-themed party food and games. Children can come dressed up as a Saint. The evening will finish with a candle-light procession from the hall into the church ... “When the Saints go marching in”. Do come along—and do encourage other families to come with you—it’s a great fun way to share the Good News!

### **Covid Update**

It’s probably time for a reminder and update on our measures to minimise the spread of Covid in church.

Please continue to wear face coverings (unless you are exempt) and use the hand sanitiser at the church and hall entrances. And, of course, please don’t come if you have any covid symptoms or if you are required to self-isolate. These seem to be the most effective things we can do to keep ourselves and each other safe.

For Test and Trace we will keep the QR codes displayed and the sign-in books available. However, rather than the stewards logging you all, please sign yourselves in if you wish to do so. We have now returned to near normal seating availability. Please remember to leave some space between families. Early birds might like to sit nearer the front, to allow later arrivals easier access to the back benches without too much squashing together! Remember that the hall is open for 6pm and 9am Masses at Effingham for overflow seating if you prefer some extra space. Thanks as always for your cooperation, common sense and charity to one another.

*Fr Stephen Dingley*

### **The Blessing of Graves**

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November there will be the blessing of graves at 3pm at OLOS cemetery followed by tea and cake in the hall. Everyone welcome, especially those who have loved ones laid to rest in the cemetery.

### **November – The Month for Holy Souls**

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. Any money you enclose will go towards Holy Souls Masses throughout the year. Thank you.



### **First Holy Communion**

Our new programme will be starting in January 2022. If you would like to enrol your child, please pick up a yellow form from the back of the church (or click on the link [https://www.effinghamandfetcham.org.uk/uploads/4/0/8/9/40894629/fhc\\_applicationform\\_v2022.pdf](https://www.effinghamandfetcham.org.uk/uploads/4/0/8/9/40894629/fhc_applicationform_v2022.pdf) to print off a copy). Please complete it and return it with your child’s baptismal certificate to either Fr Stephen or Deacon Ian after Mass by Sunday 5th December. Thank you.

### **Next Week**

#### **Special Collection next week – Retired Priests’ Fund.**

This Fund is to assist with the accommodation, welfare and support of diocesan priests in retirement. Please Gift Aid your donation if you are able, using the appropriate Gift Aid envelope. If you are signed up to the Parish Gift Aid Scheme, please use the purple coloured envelopes - or if not, use the white coloured ones for a one-off donation. Please remember to fill out your details on the envelope. Thank you.

## **General**

### **Station Mass For those who have Died**

This last year has been a very challenging time for everyone, especially when our thoughts and prayers turn to those we have lost, whether through the time of the pandemic or before. Many of us have found it difficult to get to Church through lockdowns, to sit with the Lord and to share our thoughts or find comfort in His embrace. The limited numbers permitted at funerals may have meant that we were unable to be with friends and family at that special moment. With these challenges in mind, you are warmly invited to join your Deanery Station Mass this November for the intention of those lost. Join Bishop Richard as he offers Mass for your intentions, for your friends and loved ones. In our deanery of Epsom and Redhill the Mass will be on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7.30pm, Sacred Heart Caterham.

**Parenting for Faith.** Want to help the children you love find God in everyday life? CELEBRATE is running the Parenting for Faith course on Zoom. **Starts THIS Tuesday 2 November between 8-9.15pm.** Details and free booking: <https://www.celebratetrust.org/>



**Christmas Shoebox Appeal.** Just two weeks to go! Please return your shoeboxes for the annual Children in Distress

Christmas Appeal to the churches by the weekend of 13th/14th November, or to Mary Agius at 98 Woodlands Road by the 15th November.



**Accommodation Needed this Christmas.** Some international students attending local boarding schools (Epsom College and Whitgift School)

cannot fly home to their families for the school Christmas holidays because of Covid quarantine

restrictions. If you have a spare room available at Christmas and would like to know more, then please contact 07831 865530 for full details.



**Do & Raise group** are going to be raffling their handmade Advent Nativity calendar in aid of The Passage charity, <https://passage.org.uk>. They will be selling tickets the weekends of 6/7<sup>th</sup> and 13/14<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Wintershall's The Nativity Journey**

"The Nativity Journey is an unforgettable experience, bringing the true meaning of Christmas to life for the whole family". Runs from 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. For more information or to book tickets [www.wintershall.org.uk](http://www.wintershall.org.uk) or call 01483 892167.



**Help Feed People in Need**

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

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

Marie Bliss	Jim Morgan
Michael Boulvard	Paddy Payne
Pauline Boulvard	Maureen Rennison
Sue Brackenbury	Piers Ripley-Duggan
Christopher Browne	Allison Roberts
Amy Chapman	Jean Rowlandson
Maggi Cooke	Yolande Sharpe
John Donovan	Karen Silver
Mary Doran	Mary Skilton
Mary Hefford	Jenny Smith
Derek Knott	Margaret Summers
Tessa Knott	Pat Turton
Noreen Landers	Simon Turton
Joanna Mills	Andrea Vaughan
Janet Morgan	Alf Wiggins

## This Week's Masses and Intentions

### ALL SAINTS

Saturday Vigil	30 Oct	6.00 pm	OLOS	Fr John Sheehy - RIP
Sunday	31 Oct	9.00 am	OLOS	Fr Stephen Dingley – Thanksgiving for his Priesthood
Sunday	31 Oct	11.00 am	HS	People of the Parish
Monday	01 Nov	Noon	HS	Terry & Bill McManus - RIP
Tuesday	02 Nov	9.15 am	OLOS	Holy Souls - RIP
Wednesday	03 Nov	9.15 am	HS	Alfred Pommer - RIP
Thursday	04 Nov	9.15 am	OLOS	Vocations to the Priesthood
Friday	05 Nov	6.00 pm	HS	Holy Souls - RIP
Saturday	06 Nov	10.00 am	OLOS	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday Vigil	06 Nov	6.00 pm	OLOS	David Farrow - RIP
Sunday	07 Nov	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	07 Nov	11.00 am	HS	FHC 2020 Children & their Families - Thanksgiving

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>

**Eucharistic Adoration** – Thursday mornings, from the end of Mass to 11.00 am.

#### Confessions

#### Saturdays

11.00-11.45 am HS, Fetcham

5.00-5.30 pm OLOS, Effingham

**Next Sunday: 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Special Collection next week: Retired Priests' Fund (Gift Aid)**

1Kings 17:10-16 | Psalm 145:7-10. R.v2 | Hebrews 9:24-28 | Mark 12:38-44



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

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