



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

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A Very Warm Welcome to all Parishioners and Visitors

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sundays: Cycle A Weekdays: Year II 16 August 2020



Have you ever noticed how the feasts of Our Lady seem to pair up with those of Jesus—like a big liturgical game of snap? Jesus' conception at the Annunciation and Mary's Immaculate Conception; Jesus' birth and Mary's birth; the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate heart of Mary; Christ the King and Mary Queen and Mother. And today's feast of Mary's Assumption certainly matches Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension. What's the significance of it all?

Firstly it shows us how close Mary is to Jesus. She is the first and greatest of His disciples. Hers was the most wonderful vocation, and she cooperated amazingly with God's grace to carry it out. She has a unique share in her Son's saving work—obviously in the Incarnation by being mother of God; but also in Jesus' Passion, standing resolutely and compassionately beside His Cross; and interceding for us with God our Father. And she has the privilege of sharing already in Jesus' risen glory by being assumed body and soul into heaven.

But we must also remember how close Mary is to us. She is the first and greatest member of the Church. Her vocation and privileges point to our own vocation and hope. Her Immaculate Conception points to the mystery of our Baptism, washing original sin away. As she brings Christ into the world, we too must bring Christ to others. We must stand in solidarity and compassion with our suffering brothers and sisters, and pray for them to God. And our great hope—at the end of time—is that we will all rise from the dead to share the glory of the Risen Lord Jesus.

May God bless you all,

Fr Stephen

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Lilian Bowles RIP** who died recently and keep her family in your prayers too.

This Week

Fr Stephen will be away from Friday 14th to Friday 28th August inclusive. There will be Sunday Masses (6 pm vigil, 9 am and 11 am) as usual, but no weekday Masses. There will be Saturday evening confessions, but not Saturday mornings.

Unfortunately there will be NO live-streaming of Mass from the parish during this time, but of course there are plenty of other options for live-streaming. The diocesan website has links at <https://www.dabnet.org/News/View/308>.

Public Masses

Do come along if you can (as long as you won't be endangering your health or someone else's). You can, of course, also attend weekday Masses.

- **Reminder:** from Saturday 8 August face coverings are **required** inside places of worship. (Readers should remove their masks before reading, then replace them afterwards.)
- At OLOS, if you are sitting in the side aisles, please come to Communion via the back of the church and up the whole of the centre aisle, rather than walking through the benches where someone else is sitting. That way you won't accidentally touch their benches. It all helps to keep the risk of infection down to a minimum.
- **Children** must remain in the family pew. If a child is too young to follow social distancing, families are asked not to attend but to continue to live-stream

Mass at home. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

For more details please see the document on our website at: https://www.effinghamandfetcham.org.uk/uploads/4/0/8/9/40894629/200630_mass_email_1.pdf

Stewards at Mass

The role of the stewards is to welcome people, gently encourage us to remember social distancing and to use the hand sanitiser, and to sanitise the church after Mass.

It would still be good to have **a few more** - many hands make light work! If you are under 70 and not in the vulnerable categories, do please think about offering your services. **Occasional helpers** are particularly welcome, so we have a list of people to call on when one of the regulars needs to be away. Please contact Fr Stephen by phone or email.

And, of course, a continuing big thank-you to all our stewards.

Confessions

Over the coming two weekends Confessions will be available on Saturday evenings only:

Sat 5.00 - 5.30 pm – OLOS, Effingham

We need special care for this to ensure social distancing, sanitisation and confidentiality. What we will do is ask people to wait outside the church (pray for fine weather or wait in your car!) and come one by one into the church. That way we can stay socially distanced but no one will overhear your confession. (Parents can come into the porch during their children's confessions to ensure proper safeguarding.)

General

Parish Facebook Page. Since the Pandemic started we have been running a Parish Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/524032195188387/> The page is managed and only open to parishioners and others accepted so that we can be open in our views. Some 35 parishioners are signed on, but the flow of posts, views and comments has been limited. As people seem to be gradually returning to the new normal we are considering closing the page, but if you would like us to continue please let Michael Bray know michaelpbray@btinternet.com and we encourage you to have a look at the page.

Resources for Families. The Children, Youth & Family Co-ordinator at Guildford Parish are providing on-line resources to help keep families' faith alive at home. There will be a weekly reflection & video linked to the Sunday's Gospel and page of resources for families: <https://www.cpg.church/family.html>

There are also Summer Packs for children:

for school years 3-6 (7-11 year olds) at:
https://www.cpg.church/uploads/3/0/7/1/30716689/fearless_summer_activity_pack.pdf

and for school years 7-11 (11-14 year olds) at:
https://www.cpg.church/uploads/3/0/7/1/30716689/fusion_summer_activity_pack.pdf

Coronavirus Appeal. CAFOD has joined with the UK Disasters Emergencies Committee (DEC) to help millions of people whose lives are at risk as coronavirus spreads across refugee camps and countries suffering conflict. You can donate at <https://cafod.org.uk/coronavirus> to help CAFOD scale up its coronavirus response through our global Church family. Or use CAFOD's Summer of Hope fundraising ideas with your family and friends to transform

lockdown and raise money for the appeal: <https://cafod.org.uk/summerofhope>.

Parish Food Collections: As the churches have reopened, please could you once more leave your food donations in the boxes at the back of the two churches and these will be distributed on a weekly basis to the families in need.

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



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

Marie Bliss	Joanna Mills
Michael Boulvard	Janet Morgan
Pauline Boulvard	Jim Morgan
Christopher Browne	Maureen Rennison
Jeff Care	Patrick Rennison
Amy Chapman	Piers Ripley-Duggan
Maggi Cooke	Jean Rowlandson
Marian Cross	Yolande Sharpe
Dorothy Dinan	Karen Silver
Maureen Donoghue	Mary Skilton
John Donovan	Jenny Smith
Mary Doran	Margaret Summers
Mary Hefford	Pat Turton
Derek Knott	Simon Turton
Tessa Knott	Andrea Vaughan
Noreen Landers	Rose Wedlake
Daphne McLeod	Alf Wiggins

Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

Saturday	15 Aug	6.00 pm	OLOS	Mikey Connors RIP & Connors Family
Sunday	16 Aug	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	16 Aug	11.00 am	HS	Fr Stephen - Thanksgiving
Monday	17 Aug	NO MASS		NO MASS
Tuesday	18 Aug	NO MASS		NO MASS
Wednesday	19 Aug	NO MASS		NO MASS
Thursday	20 Aug	NO MASS		NO MASS
Friday	21 Aug	NO MASS		NO MASS
Saturday	22 Aug	NO MASS		NO MORNING (10am) MASS
Saturday	22 Aug	6.00 pm	OLOS	Joyce Downer - RIP
Sunday	23 Aug	9.00 am	OLOS	Holy Souls – RIP
Sunday	23 Aug	11.00 am	HS	People of the Parish
HS = Holy Spirit church, Fetcham OLOS = Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham				

Confessions. For the coming two weekends, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is now available at:

Sat 5.00 - 5.30 pm – OLOS, Effingham

Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 22:19-23 Psalm 137:1-3.6.8. R. v8 Romans 11:33-36 Matthew 16:13-20



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