



**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*

**Christ the King**

Sundays: Cycle A    Weekdays: Year II    22 November 2020



Today we conclude the Church Year with the celebration of Christ, our Shepherd King. He came as our Good Shepherd and entrusted us to one another. When he will come to evaluate our life and how much it is worth in his eyes and in ours, he will ask: Have you cared for one another, have you served, especially the poor and weak? This is not only a matter of serving people: it is also serving God, for the neighbour in need is no other than Christ himself. It is therefore an act of deep faith. In Mother Teresa's memorable words: 'The worst disease in the world today is the feeling of being unwanted, the greatest evil is lack of love. What the poor need even more than food, clothes, and shelter, is to be wanted.' Hence, the words of Christ are as relevant today as ever. Here are some examples of response to Appeals for help for people in need in what is a very challenging and difficult year. Jean will be writing to the

Parish thanking them for the overwhelming response last Saturday to the appeal for clothing and goods to send to the refugees in the Greek Islands. Churches Together in our villages are preparing 500 Christmas Boxes to be given to those whose lives may be difficult. We have the annual shoebox appeal for Romania as another example. Children in Need raised a record £37m and Captain Tom raised £33m for the NHS. Let us pray that we may be found worthy to be counted as true followers of Christ.

May God bless you all,

*Deacon Ian*

## ***This Week***

### **Church Opening for Private Prayer**

Our churches are open on the following times:

Sun: CHS 4.00-5.00 pm  
Tues: OLOS 11.00-12.00 am and 7.00-8.00 pm  
Wed: CHS 11.00-12.00 am  
Fri: OLOS 11.00-12.00 am

### **Confessions**

Confessions are available at **OLOS** on Saturdays: 11.00-11.45 am and 5.00-5.30 pm. As throughout the pandemic, please wait—socially distanced—in the porch or outside the church. That way we can use the whole church as a large confessional, maintaining both social distancing and confidentiality.

You can also phone Fr Stephen for an appointment for Confession.

### **Holy Souls Lists**

You can still submit a list of names of your departed loved ones for us to place in the basket at the foot of the altar, and to be remembered at all Masses in November. Any sheet of paper with your list of names is fine. You can drop it through the presbytery letterbox, or put it in the collection box at the back of the churches when they are open for private prayer. If you wish, you can also include a donation, which will go towards the Holy Souls Masses celebrated throughout the year.

### ***First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation***

Now is the time to apply for preparation for First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation. Children aged seven or over on 1 September 2020 (school year 3 or above) are welcome to apply. The application form is available on our website under the “Younger Members” tab. Please return the completed forms along with your child’s baptismal certificate to Fr Stephen or Deacon Ian.

## ***Coming Soon – Advent Talks***



Fr Stephen will be giving a series of Advent talks this year at 7.30 on Monday evenings. Since we cannot meet in the hall this year, the talks will be given via zoom. After each talk there will be some time to chat and discuss in small “breakout rooms”, followed by an opportunity for questions and answers. **Everybody is welcome.** The link

to the zoom meeting will be circulated nearer the time.

- 7 Dec **Who is Jesus?** – How does Jesus reveal His personal identity?
- 14 Dec **What is Jesus?** – Can Jesus really be divine and human?
- 21 Dec **Why is Jesus?** – Why did Jesus come, and what does it mean to be saved?

### ***General***

**Advent Extra.** This year’s edition is available at the back of each church. In full colour, with 27 daily reflections and prayers for your journey to Christmas. There are articles too that offer hope and support as the writers reflect on the impact of coronavirus. Priced at £2 each - why not buy a copy when you drop in for private prayer? Or perhaps see if someone you know who is unable to come to church would like one?

### Join Bishop Richard in Arundel Cathedral for Advent Talks

Bishop Richard will be offering talks at the Cathedral on the Fridays preceding the Sundays of Advent. These will begin at 7 pm. The first will be live-streamed only, but it will be possible for people to attend the other three and bookings can be made through the Cathedral office: email: [arundel@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:arundel@abdiocese.org.uk) or 01903 882297.

27 November: Advent – Waiting

04 December: John the Baptist – Witness

11 December: Gaudete – Rejoice

18 December: Mary - Openness

Dear Parishioners

### The Grandparents Group and Do and Raise - THANK YOU

The response was overwhelming last Saturday for items to support and help the Chios Refugees and other Camps on the Greek Islands. A van and two car loads with 69 boxes have been sent. All loads will arrive in Greece before Christmas.

Karen Goldsmith our Diocesan Representative has now received the money you sent. Thank you for your kindness. "I say to you, as long as you did it to one of these my least brethren, you did it to me." Matt. 25: 40 (Jerusalem Bible)

With grateful thanks once again to you all, to Fr Stephen for his support and use of the Hall, and Amanda for her labels ... and pritt-stick!

*Jean, Deacon Ian, Rosann, Alan, Christine and Frances*

**CHURCHES TOGETHER in Effingham and Little Bookham** will be placing the usual Christmas tree with lights at the Effingham village shops. You are invited to place a Christmas star on the tree containing your personal prayer or reflective thought. Stars will be available to

collect and return to **Barry at Parker's** from Monday 23rd November onwards. The stars will then be laminated and hung on the tree.

### Wintershall's Nativity Winter Walk

From the 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> December, experience the Christmas story at Wintershall. Join Mary and Joseph travelling to Bethlehem, meet the Shepherds watching their sheep, spot the Angel as you climb the hill and help the Wise Men find the star. The mile-long walk should take about 1½ hours. With pre-booked timeslots, and following Covid 19 guidelines, immerse yourselves in the Nativity, while staying safe. There is free parking and hot drinks and refreshments will be available. **Tickets are £35 per family group of up to six people.** To book: <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/nativity-winter-walk>

**Food donations.** With the closure of our churches, food donations normally left at the back of the churches can be left with **Mary Agius at 98, Woodlands Road, Bookham, KT23 4HH** for onward distribution.

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

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

## Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

Saturday	21 Nov	10.00 am	OLOS	Mgr Barry Wymes - RIP
Sunday	22 Nov	10.30 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Monday	23 Nov	9.15 am	OLOS	In reparation for the sins of abuse in the Church
Tuesday	24 Nov	9.15 am	OLOS	Deceased Members of 'Legion of Mary'
Wednesday	25 Nov	9.15 am	OLOS	Ellen Delaney – RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary)
Thursday	26 Nov	9.15 am	OLOS	Marcelle Copus - RIP
Friday	27 Nov	9.15 am	OLOS	For Donor to the Parish
Saturday	28 Nov	10.00 am	OLOS	Bertha Wetherall - RIP
Sunday	29 Nov	10.30 am	OLOS	People of the Parish

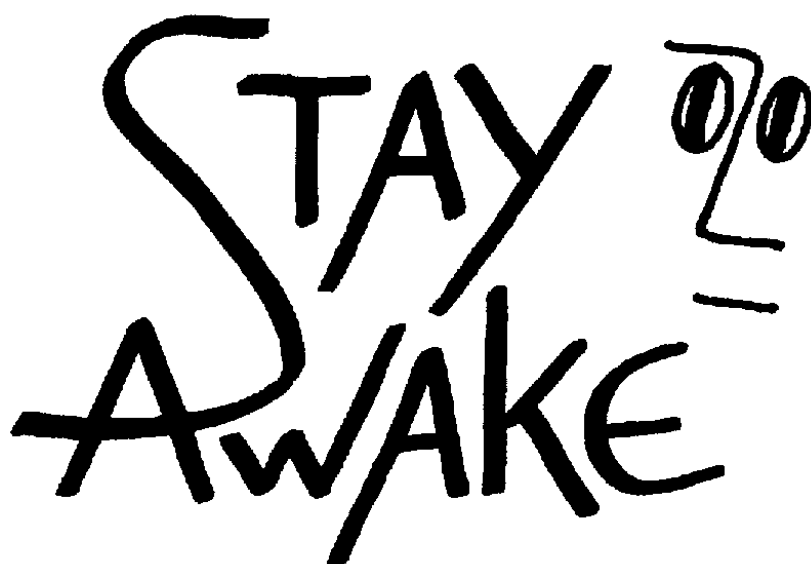
Owing to the coronavirus, all Masses have to be celebrated without a congregation. During lockdown all our Masses are live-streamed on YouTube at "Effingham and Fetcham Catholic Parish" <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLGeHumF6yae4QGCSVg0UA>

### Confessions

Sat 11.00 – 11.45 am – OLOS, Effingham  
Sat 5.00 - 5.30 pm – OLOS, Effingham

### Next Sunday: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8 | Psalm 79:2-3.15-16.18-19. R. v4 | 1Corinthians 1:3-9 | Mark 13:33-37



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