

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

Special Collection this week: Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund (Gift Aid)

Sundays: Cycle B Weekdays: Year II 24 November 2024



This weekend we reach a triumphant end to our journey through the liturgical year from the first Advent Sunday to this Feast of Christ the King, the end of the Church's Liturgical Year. In relative terms, this is a fairly modern Feast, instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 (99 years ago) to fight growing secularism and atheism in Europe. Does this sound familiar! When Nelson Mandela was in prison one of his torturers said to him '*Don't you know I have the power to kill you?*' – Pilate once asked Jesus more or less the same question. Mandela replied '*Don't you know I have the power to go to my death freely?*' That too was the response of Jesus to the power of this world. This Feast is an invitation to all those who have power or authority of any kind to compare their power and

authority with Jesus. This King came not to establish a political sovereignty, but to bear witness to the truth of God's reign in the Kingdom of Heaven which is not of this world. When we tell him the story or journey of our lives, we will find ourselves loved, accepted and healed. From there we'll be able to look back and see that all the paths were always leading to this place even though there were times when it didn't seem like that. Until then we can know that God's love, acceptance and healing is among us now. Christ the King has been with us through our journey this year... Christ the King will go with us on our journey through the next year.

God bless

Deacon Ian

This Week

Second Collection this week: Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund. To Gift Aid your donation, please use either a yellow (regular giver) envelope or a white (one-off) envelope. Thank you.

A very warm welcome again to Fr John Inglis who will be celebrating the Masses with us this weekend.

Change to Masses and Adoration this Week

There will be no weekday Masses in the parish and Adoration on Thursday will start at the slightly later time of 11.00 am. **For a special Holy Hour, see the notice below.** Weekend Masses as usual.

Assisted Dying Bill

Last week the Bishop spoke to us all regarding the urgent need to contact our MPs and object to this Bill. (Please contact your MP by visiting www.livesworthliving.org.uk)

He also asked each Parish to **gather for a Holy Hour on Friday, 29 November** and pray that the Bill does not get the support it needs in Parliament to go to the next stage. Currently, the Parliamentary Timetable does not give a precise timing for next Friday, except it will be between 9.30 am and 3 pm. **Therefore, we plan to gather at Our Lady of Sorrows on Friday at 9.15 am for a Eucharistic Service, immediately followed by Adoration and concluding with the Divine Mercy at 10:30.** I hope that as many of you that can will join us. God Bless, Deacon Ian

Parish Phone Line. Our landline is still not working at the moment. If you need to contact the parish office, please communicate by email: effingham@abdiocese.org.uk or if urgent, contact Deacon Ian directly on his email: ian.wells@abdiocese.org.uk

Parish Project South Sudan

There follows a letter from Fr Morris expressing his grateful thanks for our ongoing generosity and prayers. The Project Boards in each church have been updated to include pictures of the Women's Refuge Centre.

'Dear Parishioners,

Cordial greetings to you from South Sudan in the name of Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The work on the Women Refuge Centre is now complete, except for the construction of a Sanitation Block. The ladies are all so delighted with the facility that you so generously paid for, and it is now in full use.

The schoolchildren are also benefiting from your ongoing generosity to their schooling.

We keep you in Tombura, South Sudan in our thoughts and prayers.

God bless,

Father Morris

Parish & School of Christ the King'

NEW ADVENT & CHRISTMAS PUBLICATIONS

Advent Extra 2024. The theme of this year's booklet is Pilgrimage of Hope. In full colour with 25 daily reflections and prayers and beautiful illustrations in a handy A5 size. £3 per copy.

Advent Celebrate 2024. An A4 size, with Advent facts, activities, quizzes, advent calendar and so much more. Perfect for kids 7-12 years old £2.50 per copy.

She Pondered the Starlight. A new book by one of our parishioners, Madeleine Carroll. It tells the story of Mary's first Christmas with beautiful illustrations. £5.00 per copy.

Get ready for Advent with the new online family pack from CELEBRATE trust. It's packed full of things to do, pray, read and watch with your families as you prepare for the Feast of the Nativity. Access it for free here www.celebratetrust.org/onlinefamilyactivitiespacks

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Sun 1 Dec – New Lectionary starts to be used.



Carol Service – Wed 4 Dec, ERC, 10.15 am refreshments followed by 11 am Carol Service. All welcome. This

carol service will be suitable for those on a dementia journey and their carers.

Advent Carol Service – Sun 8 Dec at 3.30 pm, St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth.

This contemplative service will feature traditional Advent carols, the singing of ancient Gregorian Chant, Scripture readings and reflections led by Chilworth's Benedictine monks. For more details, click the link:

<http://www.chilworthbenedictines.com>

Parish Reconciliation Service with Cobham

On **Thurs 12 Dec, 7.30 pm at OLOS.** There will be several priests available to hear your confessions.

Christmas carols around the tree – Sun 22 Dec at 4 pm at OLOS with refreshments afterwards



Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve

8 pm for 8.30 pm carols followed by Mass at HS

Christmas Day

9.00 am at OLOS and 10.30 am at HS

Next Week

The next **Taizé Prayer** is to be held at St Lawrence's, Effingham on Sunday 1 December.

The Taizé Prayer service is an ecumenical contemplative space - all are welcome.

CAFOD Christmas Hamper Raffle. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses on the weekends of 30 Nov-1/Dec and 7-8 Dec. As usual, the hamper contents will be high quality. For a chance to win, please bring cash to purchase your tickets. Draw takes place after 11 am Mass on Sunday 15th December.

General

Coffee Rota at Holy Spirit. Two vacancies have occurred to prepare and serve coffee after the 11 am Mass on Sundays. There is a rota and you will only be required one week in seven and there is always two people on duty. It is also a great opportunity to meet with people of the Parish and enjoy the 'buzz'! If you can help, then please either email the Parish Office or jeanmwells@hotmail.com

Recent Second Collection Result

Retired Priests' Fund £767.90

Thank you for your generosity

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

Derek Barham	Joanna Mills
Marie Bliss	Janet Morgan
Christopher Browne	Jim Morgan
Amy Chapman	James Nicholls
John Donovan	Maureen Rennison
Mary Doran	Jean Rowlandson
Sandra Flynn	Bernard Shaw
Mary Hefford	Jenny Smith
Maddy Hewitt	Maggie Thomas
Hanna Jaszczyk	

This Week's Services and Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil	23 Nov	6.00 pm	OLOS	Ellen & Frank Wilks - RIP
Sunday	24 Nov	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	24 Nov	11.00 am	HS	Deceased Parents of Ian & Jean
Monday	25 Nov	NO MASS		NO MASS
Tuesday	26 Nov	NO MASS	OLOS	NO MASS
Wednesday	27 Nov	NO MASS	HS	NO MASS
Thursday	28 Nov	NO MASS	OLOS	NO MASS
SPECIAL EUCHARISTIC SERVICE, ADORATION AND DIVINE MERCY				
Friday	29 Nov	*9.15 am*	*OLOS*	
Saturday Vigil	30 Nov	6.00 pm	OLOS	Holy Souls - RIP
Sunday (1 st Sunday of ADVENT)	01 Dec	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	01 Dec	11.00 am	HS	Terry Aboud - RIP

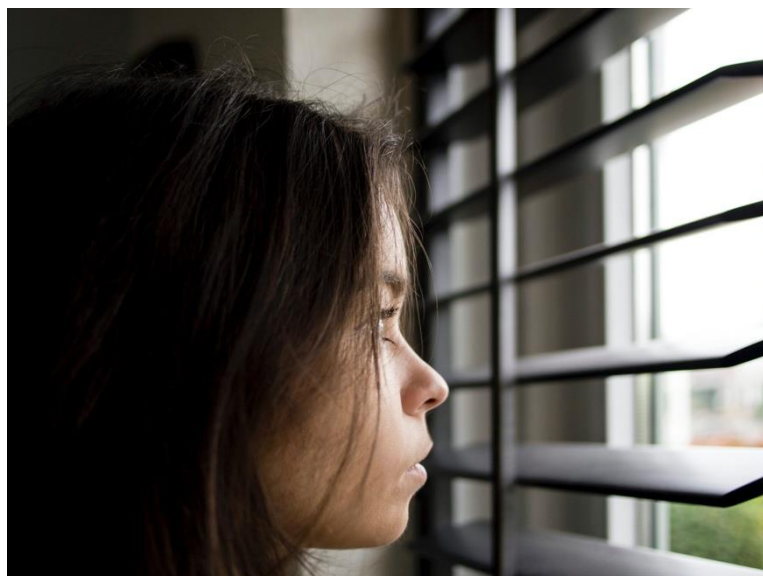
HS = Holy Spirit, Fetcham OLOS = Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham

All Masses from OLOS are live-streamed on YouTube at "Effingham and Fetcham Catholic Parish" <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLGeHumF6yae4QGCSVg0UA>

Confessions	Saturdays 5.00-5.30 pm OLOS, Effingham 1st Sunday of the month after 11.00 am Mass HS, Fetcham
Adoration	Thursdays following OLOS 9.15 am Mass to Noon, then 2-6 pm
Chaplet of the Divine Mercy	Fridays following HS Noon Mass
Children's Liturgy	1st & 3rd Sundays of the month in term time at HS, Fetcham 11.00 am

Next Sunday: First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16 | Psalm 25(24):4-5b.8-9.10.14.R.1b | 1Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 | Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



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

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