



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



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A Warm Welcome to all Parishioners and Visitors

Christ the King

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

Sundays: Cycle B

Weekdays: Year II

25th November



What do we mean when we call Jesus our King, and King of the universe? A king is someone who gives the law. And Jesus has certainly given us a law: "This is my commandment, love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12)

But the command of Christ is more than just a moral law for us. Our very existence, and the existence of the whole universe, is founded on his command from the beginning: "God said, 'Let there be light', and there was light ... God said, 'Let us make man in our own image and likeness'". (Gen 1:3, 26) At the beginning of his Gospel St John shows us that this creative word of God is indeed Christ the Word: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God ... All things were made through him". (John 1:1-3)

And St John teaches us more: "All that came to be had life in him, and that life was the light of men ... And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." (John 1:4,14) Jesus is our life and our light, our joy and our salvation, because in him we have union and communion with God, who has made us for himself.

In Christ the Word, God has given himself to us, "spoken" himself to us. If Christ is our King, let us rejoice to hear that Word, to receive him into our heart and our mind. His word, his "law", has called us into existence, called us to love one another, called each of us to our own personal vocation, called us to find our true and only happiness in him.

May God bless you all

Fr Stephen

THIS WEEK

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Slamin who died recently. Her Memorial Mass in at Our Lady of Sorrows on **Thursday 29 November** at 2.30pm.

CHANGES TO MASS THIS WEEK

On **Monday 26 November** at Holy Spirit the Mass time changes from 9.15am to Noon. On **Tuesday 27 November** at Our Lady of Sorrows there is no Mass.

CHANGES TO ADORATION THIS WEEK

Please note, due to a Memorial Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows on **Thursday 29 November** at 2.30pm there is no adoration that afternoon.

Special Collection this week – Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund: Arundel Cathedral is the mother church of the Diocese and the church of its chief pastor, Bishop Richard. The heavy expenses for its upkeep have to be shared by the parishes of the Diocese.



CAFOD World Gifts – the true spirit of Christmas Giving: Give a gift that will change a life. There are gifts for every budget from Happy Queen Bee at £4 to Help a Refugee child at £46. Each CAFOD World gift has been chosen for the real and lasting difference it makes to families living in developing countries. Catalogues are available at church or you can buy online at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts

Church of the Holy Spirit Cleaning: Can you spare half an hour after the 9.15am Mass at Fetcham on **Wednesday 28 November**, to help sweep and dust the church? To quote a monastic motto 'Laborare est orare' and what better way to work and pray than to help keep God's house clean and tidy.

St Peter's Catholic Primary School Christmas Fair: on **Saturday 1 December 12.30-2pm**. Attractions include slime making, festive pony rides, delicious winter BBQ,

fabulous raffle prizes to be won. All welcome for some family fun.



Christmas Charity Post (CCP): The 30p stamps (half the price of the normal post) are now on sale at 14 locations around the villages of Effingham, Bookham and Fetcham. Details of the locations are given on the notice in the church porch. *Please support your local charity and save yourself some money at the same time.*

Eucharistic Adoration: with Advent starting next week, this is an ideal time to start the Ecclesiastical Year with a commitment to attend one hour's weekly Eucharistic Adoration. When we started the extended period of Adoration some 18 months ago, we had 35 parishioners on our Tuesday and Thursday rotas. Unfortunately, several of the 35 have died, moved away from the Parish or feel unable to continue and we are now down to about 25 committed Parishioners. *If you can commit to coming to Adoration for just one hour out of the 168 hours that God gives you in each week and join the rotas on either Tuesday morning or Thursday morning or afternoon, please have a word with Michael or Mary Agius, email maryagius@gmail.com, telephone 01372 456545. Of course, you can drop in any time the Blessed Sacrament is exposed without joining the rotas, but it would be wonderful if you could make that powerful commitment.*

Parish Circulation email: Our Parish has an email system for sharing information amongst us all. The emails only go to parishioners who have agreed for their email address to be held and only parish and Church information is sent. Email addresses are not shared without permission. The last email went out on 7 Nov 18 – if you did not get it you are not on the list. If you would like to join please contact Michaelpbray@btinternet.com

November – The Month for Holy Souls: If you would like to 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.

FORTHCOMING

Fairtrade: There will be a sale of Fairtrade goods including some Christmas cards and advent calendars after the 9.00am and 11.00am Masses on Sunday 2 December.

Parish Advent Talks: Fr Stephen will be talking about The Kingdom of God and New Evangelisation over the course of three weeks running from **Monday 3 December**, St Alphege Hall, Effingham, 7.30-9.00pm with a mid-way break for refreshments. (Offers of snacks, mince pies, cheese scones, etc will be most welcome).

The Word Who is Life – Diocesan Pastoral Plan: Bishop Richard will unveil the Pastoral Plan to members of the Epsom Deanery at St Joseph's Church, Epsom at 7.00pm on **4 December**. Everybody is welcome to attend their local deanery meeting to hear the exciting vision for the future of the Diocese.

Horsley Choral Christmas Concert: Mozart Vesperae solennes de Confessore with Christmas music and carols. **Sunday 9 December at 7.30pm** at St Andrew's Church in Cobham, Downside KT11 3EJ. Tickets £13 or £6 under 18s. To book 07768 573987 or 01372 457987. In aid of Medical Detection Dogs.

Wintershall Nativity Play: (12-16 December) at Wintershall near Bramley in Surrey. A 50-volunteer cast in biblical costumes, assisted by sheep, donkeys, horses and a sheepdog take the audience on foot from the chill open air into the atmospheric, candle-lit barn, as the story of how Jesus changed the world unfolds with songs and music and joyful carolling. See their website for details including opportunities to volunteer: www.wintershall-estate.com.

Justice & Peace Assembly 2019: 'Slavery on our Doorstep', Saturday 26 January, from 10am (coffee from 9.30am). Learn about the slave trade hidden under your nose and how you can help those affected. Speakers from the Santa Marta Group and Sussex Police. To book contact Rosie Read, Formation Secretary at rosie.read@dabnet.org 01293 651161.

Please pray for those in our Parish who are sick:

Marie Bliss	Janet Morgan
Liz Boughton	Jim Morgan
Christopher Brown	Jack Oliver
Alan Bryant	Kit Oliver
Amy Chapman	Maureen Power
Maggi Cooke	Maureen Rennison
Marian Cross	Patrick Rennison
Anne Cuffe	Piers Ripley-Duggan
Maureen Donoghue	Allison Roberts
John Donovan	Jean Rowlandson
Joan Doran	Yolande Sharpe
Mary Doran	Mary Skilton
Philippa Gibbons	Andrew Smith
Ros Kennedy	Eileen Tennant
Derek Knott	Michael Tomkins
Tessa Knott	Andrea Vaughan
Filomena Lionetti	Rose Wedlake
Joanna Mills	Alf Wiggins

Reconciliation Services around the Deanery this Advent

- St Ann's and St John's (joint service at St Ann's, **Banstead**) Wednesday 12th December 7:30pm
- St Clement's **Ewell** Thursday 13th December 7:30pm.
- Our Lady & St Peter's **Leatherhead** Thursday 13th December 7:00pm.
- Our Lady of Sorrows **Effingham** Sunday 16th December 3:00pm.
- St Michael's **Ashted** Monday 17th December 7:30pm.
- St Joseph's **Epsom** Thursday 20th December 7:30pm.
- St Joseph's **Dorking** Sunday 23rd December 3:00pm.

MASS TIMES

Saturday	24 Nov	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Gerry Payne - RIP
Sunday	25 Nov	09.00am	(OLOS)	People of the Parish
		11.00am	(HS)	Evelyn & Joseph Turcotte - RIP
Monday	26 Nov	Noon*	(HS)	Holy Souls - RIP
Tuesday	27 Nov	No Mass		
Wednesday	28 Nov	09.15am	(HS)	Nean Callaghan - RIP
Thursday	29 Nov	09.15pm	(OLOS)	Holy Souls - RIP
		02.30pm	(OLOS)	Memorial Mass for Patricia Slamin - RIP
Friday	30 Nov	06.00pm	(HS)	Holy Souls - RIP
Saturday	01 Dec	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Holy Souls - RIP
Sunday	02 Dec	09.00am	(OLOS)	Jane Vertannes – RIP
		11.00am	(HS)	People of the Parish

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday	27 Nov	09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)	
Thursday	29 Nov	09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)	
		02.00pm to 05.00pm	(OLOS)	No Adoration in the afternoon

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday	01 Dec	10.30am to 11.15am	(OLOS)	Face to Face
		05.00pm to 05.30pm	(OLOS)	In the Confessional
Sunday	02 Dec	After 11.00am Mass	(HS)	1 st Sunday of every month

MONTHLY ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

Monday	09.45am	(HS)	1 st Monday of every month
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HS = Church of the Holy Spirit, Fetcham OLOS = Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham

Next Sunday: First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 24:4-5.8-9.10.14.R.v1 1Thessalonians 3:12 -4:2 Luke 21:25-28. 34-36



Newsletter items to the Parish Office by 10am Wednesday.