

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 Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Sundays: Cycle A Weekdays: Year II 14 June 2020



All of us will have special memories of this wonderful Feast of The Lord's Body and Blood. It may be our own First Holy Communion, perhaps those of our children or grandchildren, or the carpet of flowers at Arundel Cathedral. For so long now we have been deprived of receiving the physical presence of Our Lord, but we are able to receive him spiritually at each streamed Mass. Where in our Christian living, besides in prayer, do we encounter the Lord Jesus more often and on the deepest level? Is it not when we receive the Eucharist, where he makes himself our food and drink? Is this not the centre of our whole Christian life? Our faith tells us: here is the Lord; here he gives himself to us. Here he teaches us to give ourselves to one another.

When a person is about to die and gives a farewell message to their family and friends, we know these words come from the heart and we will never forget them. On the eve of his death, at the Last Supper, Jesus said, *'This is my body for you; this is my blood shed for you. Do this in memory of me.'* There, as on the cross, he gave his whole self that we might live and he asked us to do the same. Stay with us Lord, be our life and happiness.

Finally, let us remember and pray for all those children, especially those in our own Parish, who were preparing to receive their First Holy Communion at this time that their waiting may soon be over.

May God bless you all,

Deacon Ian

Re-Opening Churches

Great news! Places of worship will soon be able to re-open for private prayer. A return to public Masses is likely to be some way off yet, but we will at least be able to visit the Lord in the tabernacles in our churches—where He is longing to greet us too.

There is quite a lot to prepare before we can re-open, such as taping off alternate benches to ensure proper distancing, and stocking up on sanitiser, cleaning products, etc. So we cannot yet promise a firm date for re-opening our churches. Realistically it is likely to be in about a week's time. We will act as quickly as we responsibly can.

A key requirement for re-opening is that two “**stewards**” need to be present at all times to ensure good social distancing and sanitisation. For this we need as many **volunteers** as we can get. Stewards need to be under 70, must not have any health issues that make them more vulnerable to the virus, and must not be shielding anyone else who is vulnerable.

If you are able to help with this, either on a weekly basis or just as an occasional helper, please contact the parish by email (eandfparish@btinternet.com) letting us know the best phone number to reach you on, alternatively phone the parish (01372 458263). ***Thank you so much.***

Once we have a team of stewards organised, we will publish a list of times that our two churches can be open. For more information please visit our parish website and follow the link from the home page.

Prayers Please

Please pray for **Ros Kennedy, Maureen Murphy** and **Christopher Browne**, who are sick at this time.

Prayer Requests: If you would like to request prayers for anyone to be included in the

bidding prayers at our live-streamed Masses and in the parish newsletter, please let us know via phone or the parish email address. Praying for one another and for the whole world is such a precious and important thing for us all to be doing just now.

Corpus Christi – Adoration

Today is the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of the Christ or Corpus Christi. On this day we praise the Lord especially for His amazing gift of the Blessed Eucharist.

In honour of this feast we have live-streamed Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for an hour before Mass, starting at 9.30 am and ending with Benediction starting at 10.15. (There will then be a few quiet minutes to get ready for Mass.)

If you can, do take part for some or all of the hour. Thank the Lord for His wonderful gift; thank Him for all the times you have received Holy Communion in the past; rest in His Eucharistic presence; and share with Him your deep yearning to receive Him again sacramentally very soon.

Keeping in Touch

Need Support? Do you need help or support at this time? If you need any sort of practical help, or would just like a chat with someone, please do call 01372 458263 or email eandfparish@btinternet.com.

Parish Circulation Email: If you would like to start receiving emails from the Parish keeping you in touch, including receiving the weekly parish newsletter, please contact Michael Bray michaelpbray@btinternet.com or the Parish office eandfparish@btinternet.com. The list is only used for Parish and Diocese information and is sent BCC so individual email addresses are not visible.

Masses and Other Services

Live-streaming of Mass from our parish is available at our YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLGeHumF6yae4QGCSVg0UA>. Alternatively, search for "YouTube Effingham Fetcham" and you should find it easily.

You can continue to request **Mass Intentions** via the parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation is possible on request.

Other Sacraments can only be celebrated in emergency. Do please contact Fr Stephen in the normal way in emergency situations.

General

Church Community Worker. Eastwick Road Church is seeking expressions of interest in a part-time (15-18 hrs pw) role as Church Community Worker. This role, which is likely to be available from the autumn, involves working together with the Elders and Church Members, to lead and encourage the local mission activities of the church. It is anticipated that the majority of this mission work will be among mature adults. To express an interest in this role or to seek more information through an informal discussion please contact Rev Ted Bellingham at: minister@eastwickroadchurch.co.uk

Gift Aid Letters. Many of you will be expecting to receive Gift Aid letters around now. They should be coming soon, but please be patient for a little while longer, as things have got a bit delayed due to the coronavirus situation. Many thanks.

CAFOD Coronavirus Emergency Appeal. The effects of coronavirus on developing countries are likely to be devastating. Families without enough to eat and without access to clean water and healthcare are particularly vulnerable to coronavirus. The poorest and most marginalised communities will be pushed further into poverty. Your prayers and gifts are

needed now more than ever to help protect the lives of those in poor communities. While we are not able to hold physical collections in our church, you can donate as individuals at <https://cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal>.

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



Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

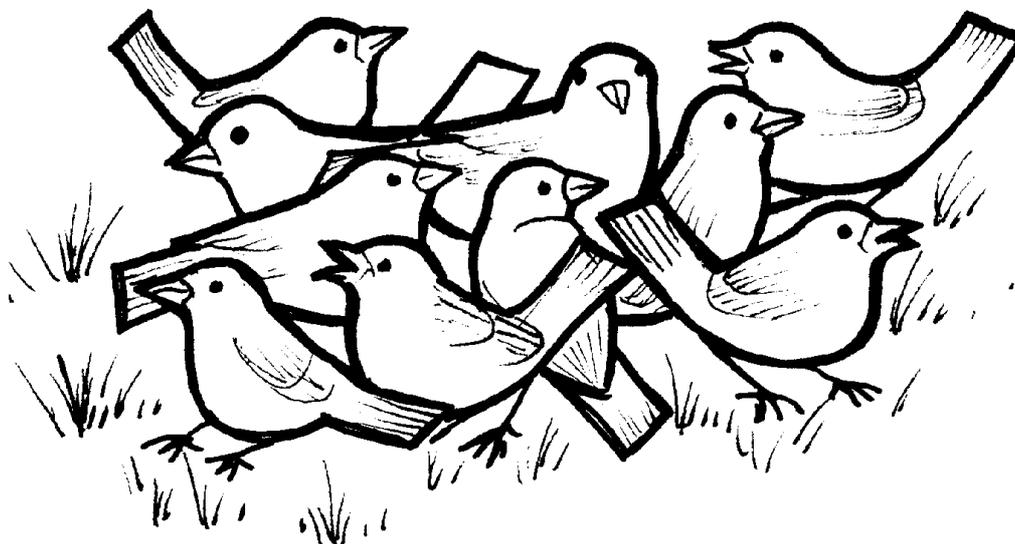
Saturday	13 June	10.00 am	Margaret Smith - RIP
Sunday	14 June	10.30 am	People of the Parish
Monday	15 June	9.15 am	Giles and Katie Hatton - Thanksgiving
Tuesday	16 June	9.15 am	Jim Connors - RIP
Wednesday	17 June	9.15 am	Fr Chris Sexton - RIP
Thursday	18 June	9.15 am	The Baker Family - Wellbeing
Friday	19 June	6.00 pm	Bernadette Marie Kopieczek – RIP (1 st Anniversary)
Saturday	20 June	10.00 am	Georgina Aboud - Wellbeing
Sunday	21 June	10.30 am	People of the Parish

Owing to the coronavirus, all Masses currently have to be celebrated without a congregation.

Confessions are available on request. Please contact Fr Stephen if you would like this.

Next Sunday: 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:10-13, Psalm 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35, Romans 5:12-15, Matthew 10:26-33



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