

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

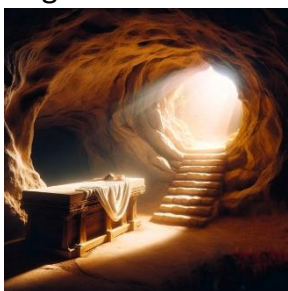
DOUBLE ISSUE – EASTER EDITION

Easter Sunday 5-04-2026 and 2nd 'Low' (Divine Mercy) Sunday 12-04-2026

Sundays: Cycle A Weekdays: Year II

Easter Good News

It is with joy and gratitude that I have the privilege to share that I saw the Reverend Canon Jonathan Martin on Palm Sunday (29th March 2026), he informed me that the selection committee has recommended that I am ready to start formation for the priesthood. Canon Jonathan was happy to accept their recommendation and invited me to be a seminarian for our Diocese of Arundel and Brighton.



I am both thankful and humbled that the Church has recognised in me seeds to this vocation, and I look forward to allowing these seeds to grow and mature through the formation I will receive. With much anticipation, I will begin my formation at the Royal English College in Valladolid, Spain this coming September.

I would like to thank you all for your continued prayers and support, I am eternally grateful to be in such a wonderful Parish with so many great and loving people. I would also like to extend my thanks to Fr Charles and Deacon Ian for their continued guidance and friendship.

As September draws closer, my time in the Parish is coming to an end, however, please be assured that I will remember the years I've spent at this Parish, all of the lessons learnt, the challenges we've all had to undertake, and the joys of being in such a wonderful Parish.

As I prepare for, and soon begin seminary, I humbly ask that you continue to keep Aalrin (who was also invited to be a seminarian) and I in your prayers, that we may remain faithful to Gods's call, attentive to His voice, and steadfast in His service.

Please be assured of my prayers for you all,

Yours in Christ,

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This Week

Forthcoming Funeral

Neil Gannon RIP. His funeral service will be on Friday 17 April at 2pm at OLOS.



Easter Mass Offerings

Our Easter Mass Offering is our gift to Fr Charles for all the work he does in our parish. Please make any cheques payable to 'Parish of Effingham and Fetcham', NOT to Fr Charles. Donations are eligible for Gift Aid. Parishioners registered on the Parish Gift Aid scheme should use the BLUE envelope (marked Easter Collection) that are with the other envelopes in your box. Alternatively, please use a YELLOW envelope available at the back of the church making sure to write your name and postcode on them, otherwise they cannot be used to claim gift aid. Anyone else can use the WHITE one-off envelopes with your name and address or just donate using the plate.



The Parish Office will be closed from Mon 6 – Fri 10 April. Fr Charles and Deacon Ian will also be away during this week.

Refreshments After 9 am Mass



We have decided to celebrate Easter Sunday with our next Coffee and Cake session in St Alphege Hall, following the 9 am

Mass on 5 April. Some special Easter treats may be provided! All are welcome.

Change to Adoration. As there will be no Mass at OLOS on Thurs 9 April, Adoration will start at the slightly later time of 11 am.

Divine Mercy

The Divine Mercy Novena starting on **Good Friday** (<https://www.divinemercyconference.com/divine-mercy-novena>) is a preparation for the Feast of The Divine Mercy - you may pray individually or by joining our Parish WhatsApp prayer group. Contact Kamila Smith on 0754 072 5233 to join.



The Divine Mercy Sunday - 12th April

As we conclude the Easter Octave we will celebrate and give thanks to God for His mercy that was bestowed on us through the death and Resurrection of Jesus. In the year 2000 Pope St John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter to be the Feast of the Divine Mercy of God. It includes a plenary indulgence for those who go to Reconciliation and the Eucharist on that day. The Holy Hour will begin at 3pm at The Holy Spirit Church on Sunday 12th April and will include Adoration, Confessions, praying the Chaplet and Benediction. Refreshments will follow in the Annexe. You are warmly invited to come along.



An Invitation to Join the Parish Altar Servers Team

We are looking for young and not so young people to join the parish team of altar servers. It is a great privilege to be a server because as an altar server you will be taking an active part in the Mass and, with the priest and deacon, helping to create an atmosphere of reverence, a space where God can be adored. You will be given training and will learn how to serve at Mass with more experienced members of the serving team. If you have made your first Holy Communion and would like to serve please contact the Parish Office.

A Day with Mary – St Joseph's Church, Epsom on Sat 11 April. A day of instruction, devotion and intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. See poster in porch for further details or [Epsom-Poster-2026.pdf](#)

The Promise of the Father – Grow your Life in the Holy Spirit



(14th April to 2nd June) at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Redhill.

Seven life-changing weekly seminars on Tuesdays at 7.30pm. Attend in person or online, booking essential. For more details, see the poster in

the porch or take a copy of a poster at the back of church or go to:

<https://www.abcharismatic.org/the-promise-of-the-father-2026>.

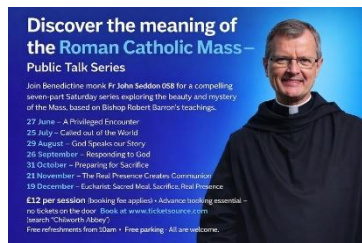


Grandparents' Formation Day – Thursday 23 April, 10am – 4pm. At St John Evangelist Parish Hall, Horsham. The day includes inspirational speaker:

David Wells. If you would like to attend, please phone Ian and Jean Wells to arrange

booking and car share on 01372 456347. More details on poster in porch or take a copy from back of the church.

Upcoming Talks at St Augustine Abbey, Chilworth



Seven-part monthly series 'Discover the meaning of the Roman Catholic Mass' starting on Sat 27 June. Booking

essential.

For more information or to book, click the link [Discover the meaning of the Roman Catholic Mass - public talk series at St Augustine's Abbey event tickets from TicketSource](#)

Who to contact in Fr Charles' Absence

If you need a priest in emergency, we recommend you ring the Parishes at:

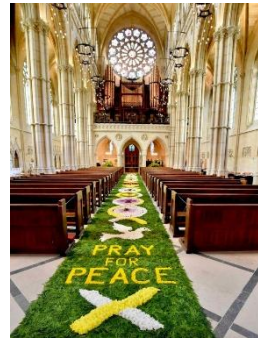
Epsom (01372 723573 or 723373)

or

Guildford (01483 562704)

SAVE THE DATE!

Carpet of Flowers/Corpus Christi Mass



Following the recent successes of parish visits to Arundel Cathedral we propose repeating it this year. The date is **Thursday 4 June**. We have hired a coach which allows time for you to see the Carpet

of Flowers and attend the Corpus Christi Mass. We will then join the Procession to the Castle and end the day with Benediction. We plan to leave OLOS at 2.30 pm and return by 9 pm. If interested in joining us, please reserve the date and we will gather names nearer the time.

How to Prepare Your Own Funeral. Run by the Ministry of Consolation, Ashted on Saturday 18th April 11.00 -12 noon at St Michael's, Ashted. To take part please contact the Ashted parish office (01372 272267) by 10th April.

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| Please pray for all those in our Parish who are sick: | |
| Derek Barham | Janet Morgan |
| Marie Bliss | Jim Morgan |
| Christopher Browne | Brenda Parker |
| Mary Doran | Maureen Rennison |
| Brede Hassard | Bernard Shaw |
| Mary Hefford | Jenny Smith |
| Maddy Hewitt | Peter Stevenson |
| Valeria Kucharsky | Maggie Thomas |
| Joanna Mills | Ian Williamson |
| Ann McEntire | |

This Week's (5th April) Services and Mass Intentions

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| Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) | 04 Apr | 8.30 pm | HS | Tamsyn, Jayne & David |
| Easter Sunday | 05 Apr | 9.00 am | OLOS | Peace in the World |
| Easter Sunday | 05 Apr | 11.00 am | HS | People of the Parish |
| Monday | 06 Apr | NO MASS | | NO MASS |
| Tuesday | 07 Apr | NO MASS | OLOS | NO MASS |
| Wednesday | 08 Apr | NO MASS | HS | NO MASS |
| Thursday | 09 Apr | NO MASS | OLOS | NO MASS |
| Friday | 10 Apr | NO MASS | | NO MASS |
| Saturday Vigil | 11 Apr | 6.00 pm | HS | Marcelle Copus - RIP |
| Sunday | 12 Apr | 9.00 am | OLOS | People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 12 Apr | 11.00 am | HS | Vincenzo & Michelina Callari - RIP |

Next Week's (12th April) Services and Mass Intentions

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| Saturday Vigil | 11 Apr | 6.00 pm | OLOS | Marcelle Copus - RIP |
| Sunday | 12 Apr | 9.00 am | OLOS | People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 12 Apr | 11.00 am | HS | Vincenzo & Michelina Callari - RIP |
| Monday | 13 Apr | NO MASS | | NO MASS |
| Tuesday | 14 Apr | 9.15 am | OLOS | Richard Allain - RIP |
| Wednesday | 15 Apr | Noon | HS | Mary Hunt - RIP |
| Thursday | 16 Apr | 9.15 am | OLOS | Neil Bidder - RIP |
| Friday | 17 Apr | 9.15 am | | NO MASS |
| Friday Neil Gannon's Funeral Service | 17 Apr | 2.00 pm | OLOS | |
| Saturday Vigil | 18 Apr | 6.00 pm | HS | Georgina Aboud - Wellbeing |
| Sunday | 19 Apr | 9.00 am | OLOS | People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 19 Apr | 11.00 am | HS | Teresa Loughman - RIP |

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

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

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| 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 |
| Children's Liturgy | 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month in term time at HS, Fetcham 11.00 am |

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