

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

Easter Sunday

Sundays: Cycle C Weekdays: Year I 20 April 2025

Overcome with Paschal Joy! Alleluia!



'Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise...'

This phrase is used in all the Easter Prefaces to the Eucharistic Prayer. We will hear it at nearly every Mass for the next fifty days until Pentecost.

We may respond to this with a shrug: 'if only it were true'. But let us not give way to any sense of despair. Rather let us be 'pilgrims of hope' in this Jubilee year. We must 'do hope' with as much intentionality as we 'do faith' and 'do love'. If we wish to see a world overcome with Easter joy we can only start with ourselves. So – does the truth of the resurrection fill me with joy so much that my life is turned upside down and I am left overcome?

Only song will do for such depth of expression, and so we turn to the Easter Sequence:

'Christ, my hope, has risen:
he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.
Victorious king, the mercy show!'

From Deacon Ian and myself, we wish you an Eastertide filled with joy, peace and many blessings.

Prayers for us all,
Fr Charles

This Week

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Sister Carmel RIP**, formerly of St Teresa's school and convent who died very recently.



Easter Mass Offerings. Our Easter Mass Offering is our gift to Fr Charles. 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.

Change to Masses and Adoration this Week

Fr Charles is away from Tues 22nd to Fri 25th April inclusive. Masses will be on Mon 21st April (HS, 9.15 am) and Tues 22nd April (OLOS, 9.15 am) but no Masses during the rest of the week. Weekend Masses will be as normal.

Adoration on Thurs will start at the slightly later time of 11.00 am.



Parish Walking Group. Our next walk will be at 2 pm on Saturday 26th April.

We will meet at the top of Crabtree Lane, Bookham (Postcode KT23 4PL) for a 3 mile walk in Norbury Park. No steep hills! Just fresh air, exercise and good company. Any questions to Kathy 07500251669

For the "Assist Us to Live, Not to Die" postcards (available at the back of the church) our MPs' names are: Zoe Franklin for those living in the Guildford constituency or Chris Coghlan for those living in the Dorking and Horley (formerly Mole Valley) constituency.

The Divine Mercy

The Divine Mercy Novena started on Good Friday (<https://www.divinemercyconference.co.uk/divine-mercy-novena>) It 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 (you must be 18+ years old or your parent must join and share with you).

The Divine Mercy Sunday on 27th April. As we conclude the Easter Octave we 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 HS on Sun 27th April and will include Adoration, Confessions, praying the Chaplet and Benediction. Refreshments will follow in the Annexe. You are warmly invited to come along.



Good News – we are now able to livestream from Church of the Holy Spirit.

Services can now be viewed on YouTube from either Holy Spirit, Fetcham or Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham. Access the services by using the link through the Parish website to YouTube - [EFFINGHAM & FETCHAM - Home](#) All the Easter Triduum services will be livestreamed out of Holy Spirit.

SAVE THE DATES!

Carpet of Flowers/Corpus Christi Mass

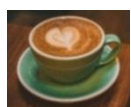
Following the success of last year's parish visit to Arundel Cathedral we propose repeating it this year. The date is **Thursday 19 June**. As last year, we will hire a coach and allow time for you to see the Carpet of Flowers and attend the Corpus Christi Mass celebrated by the Bishop. We will then join the Procession to the Castle

and end the day with Benediction. We plan to leave OLOS at 2 pm and return by 9 pm. If interested in joining us, please reserve the date and we will gather names nearer the time.

Fr Charles's Silver Jubilee

On **Sunday 29th June** the parish will be celebrating with Fr Charles the 25th anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. We plan as a parish to mark this occasion with a Mass at 11 am at HS, followed by a reception at Oakfield School.

General



Can You Help? Volunteers are needed to help Elizabeth serve tea and coffee after the 9 am Mass on Sunday mornings. Please have a word either with her or email the parish office: effingham@abdiocese.org.uk. Thank you.

DEC Myanmar Emergency Appeal. To donate via **CAFOD**, ONLINE: www.cafod.org.uk/Myanmar or scan the QR code. To donate directly to **DEC**, by PHONE: 0330 1230555; by TEXT (to make an automatic £10 donation): text DONATE to 70727; ONLINE: [DEC Myanmar Earthquake Appeal | Disasters Emergency Committee](http://DEC_Myanmar_Earthquake_Appeal_Disasters_Emergency_Committee) or donate at Post Office Counters.



Marathon Run for British Heart Foundation.

One of our parishioners, Sarah Prescott, is running the London marathon.

Donations will go to the British Heart Foundation. To support her, just click on the link or scan the QR code. https://www.justgiving.com/page/sarah-prescott123?utm_medium=qr&utm_source=offline



CELEBRATE Summer Festival. Join members from our parish already booked onto the CELEBRATE festival this summer to be held at **Worth School, West Sussex, 16-20**

August. A huge variety of events, including activities for children and young people. Click: <https://www.celebratetrust.org/festival> for more information.

Lourdes Pilgrimage. As many will know our Parish has been a great supporter of the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage for many years and, in past years, you have been very generous in contributing towards the considerable cost for younger parishioners and those less able to pay the full cost. The cost for a Redshirt (youngsters aged 15/16) is £760 all inclusive. The Pilgrimage is a great opportunity for young people to develop their Faith and also to experience a very fulfilling spiritual and emotional insight into what it means to go on pilgrimage. It is also great fun. There are a number of young parishioners considering going to Lourdes and at weekend Masses on 26/27 April 2025 there will be an appeal and second collection for this very worthwhile cause. If you or your youngsters are thinking of applying to go and would like to be considered for some financial support, please let the Parish Office know as soon as possible. More details of the Pilgrimage are at - [Lourdes Pilgrimage](#)

Children's Books for Sale. A selection of Christian stories by one of our parishioners, Madeleine Carroll, priced at £4 each, available at the back of the church.



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

Derek Barham	Janet Morgan
Marie Bliss	Jim Morgan
Christopher Browne	James Nicholls
John Donovan	Sue O'Connor
Mary Doran	Brenda Parker
Sandra Flynn	Maureen Rennison
Mary Hefford	Bernard Shaw
Maddy Hewitt	Jenny Smith
Joanna Mills	Maggie Thomas

This Week's Services and Mass Intentions

Holy Saturday Vigil	19 Apr	8.30 pm	HS	People of the Parish
Easter Sunday	20 Apr	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Easter Sunday	20 Apr	11.00 am	HS	Peace in the World
Monday	21 Apr	9.15 am	HS	Celebrant's Intention
Tuesday	22 Apr	9.15 am	OLOS	Celebrant's Intention
Wednesday	23 Apr	NO MASS	HS	NO MASS
Thursday	24 Apr	NO MASS	OLOS	NO MASS
Friday	25 Apr	NO MASS	HS	NO MASS
Saturday Vigil	26 Apr	6.00 pm	OLOS	Moira Branagan - RIP
Sunday	27 Apr	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	27 Apr	11.00 am	HS	Frank Harper – Wellbeing

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

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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
Chaplet of the Divine Mercy	Wednesdays at HS following Noon Mass
Children's Liturgy	1st & 3rd Sundays of the month in term time at HS, Fetcham 11.00 am

Next Week: Second 'Low' Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Acts 5:12-16 | Psalm 118(117):2-4. 22-24. 25-27a. R.1 | Revelation 1:9-11a. 12-13. 17-19 | John 20:19-31



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

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