

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

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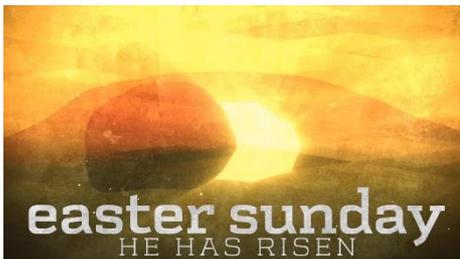
Live-stream on YouTube "Effingham and Fetcham Catholic Parish":

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLGeHumF6yae4QGCSVg0UA>

A Very Warm Welcome to Parishioners and Visitors

Easter Sunday

Sundays: Cycle C Weekdays: Year II 17 April 2022



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Christ is risen. Alleluia! He has conquered sin and death. Alleluia, alleluia!

And the victory is not just for Christ Himself: He shares it with all of us through the wonderful sacrament of Baptism. St Paul speaks about this in his letter to the Romans (it is the New Testament reading at the Easter Vigil): "When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised into his death; in other words, when we were

baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life." (Rom 6:3-4)

The symbolism of Baptism speaks eloquently of death and resurrection—especially when it is administered by total immersion. Being held under the water powerfully symbolises death and the washing away of sin, and emerging again into the air signifies new and everlasting life.

But Baptism is no mere symbol; it is a sacrament—it brings about in reality what it points to in symbols, as St Paul implies. He doesn't say when we were baptised it *symbolised* going into the tomb with Christ, he says we *did* enter the tomb with Him, and His Resurrection means the way to new resurrection life *has* been opened to us. So, even if we can't remember our Baptism (and most of us can't!) we must consider ourselves as dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A very happy and holy Easter to you all.

May God bless you

Fr Stephen

This Week

Many congratulations to **Connor Bowler** on his Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil this year. We welcome him with joy and thanksgiving to God as a full member of Christ's universal Church and of this parish community. We pray that his faith and love will continue to grow throughout his life.



Easter Mass Offerings. Our Easter Mass Offering is our gift to Fr Stephen. Please make any cheques payable to 'Parish of Effingham and Fetcham', NOT to Fr Stephen. Donations are eligible for Gift Aid. Parishioners registered on the Gift Aid scheme should use the BLUE envelope (marked Easter Collection) in your box, or a YELLOW envelope available at the back of the church. Please write your name and postcode on them, otherwise they cannot be entered on the GiftWise system. Anyone else can use the WHITE one-off envelopes with your name and address. Thank you.

Changes to Masses, Adoration and Confessions THIS week. Please note, there will be no weekday Masses from 18-22 April, nor Saturday morning Mass (23 April). Adoration on Thurs 21 April is cancelled and there are no Confessions on Saturday 23 April. The Sunday Masses are as usual. Please see back page for details.

Palm Sunday Parish Walk. A wonderful peaceful and chatty walk was had last Sunday by the 47 parishioners, friends and neighbours who were able to join the Cranmore to St Teresa's walk in the Surrey Hills. A huge thank you to all who came along and especially to the traffic marshals, those who ferried people back to Cranmore, the inspiring "God's Creation – what can you see" quiz for youngsters and those who provided delicious snacks. And thank you Our Lord for giving us fine weather and encouraging us all to get together.

Our Diocesan online Mission "**Invited II – Growing in Faith**" begins its second season **THIS** Monday 18 April. Please go to the diocese website to find out more, www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited.



CELEBRATE@Home. A new resource for families entitled 'Christ has Risen' by CELEBRATE@Home for the season of Eastertide has just been published. The resource is packed full of ideas of things to make and do, ways to pray, books and movies to share during Eastertide leading up to Pentecost. There is a handy depthometer that shows where parental guidance is needed, or where resources are designed for older teens/adults. Click <https://www.celebratetrust.org/celebrateathome>

Next Week

Divine Mercy Sunday



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 Divine Mercy. It includes a Plenary Indulgence for those that go to Reconciliation and receive the Eucharist on that day. The Holy Hour will begin at 3pm at the Church of The Holy Spirit on Sunday, 24 April and will include Adoration, Confession, praying the Chaplet, and concluding with Benediction. Refreshments will follow in Annex. You are warmly invited to join us.

The Divine Mercy of God. Our Parish Divine Mercy prayer group will pray the Divine Mercy Novena via WhatsApp from *Good Friday 15th April to Divine Mercy Sunday 24th April*. Join the prayer group for this Devotion and/or ask for intercessory prayers by contacting Kamila Smith on 07540 725233. To learn more about The Divine Mercy of God visit <https://divinemeracy.life/divine-mercy-prayers>

Coming Soon



Sycamore - Our exciting New Evangelisation course, running on Monday evenings starting on 9 May at 7.30 pm in St Alphege Hall. An informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. See <https://www.sycamore.fm> Each Sycamore session involves a short film and plenty of time for discussion, and often some delicious food. Everyone is welcome. So do come along - and think who you could invite to come with you.

General



Helping and Supporting the People of Ukraine

Please click on the link below to see an updated notice from our diocese on offering accommodation to Ukrainian refugees, how to donate through CAFOD and to access a number of prayers for Ukraine.

[Resources on hosting refugees from Ukraine & Opportunities for prayer. | Arundel & Brighton Catholic Diocese \(abdiocese.org.uk\)](#)

A Day at the Seaside for Young Adults (18-35)

A chance to join the wider diocesan community of young adults on 7 May for a day in East Preston (near Littlehampton) with Fr Stephen Ortiger. Starting with Mass, followed by a walk on the beach then lunch at a wonderful beachside café. A great opportunity to get to know other Catholics your age. Contact E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for more info.

Do & Raise's sale of knitted rabbits, chicks and eggs raised an amazing £520 which will go to CAFOD in Ukraine. Thank you for your generosity.

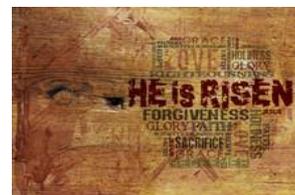
The Passage is raising funds through the Big Give a matched giving scheme. Every £1 donated online by 12.00 noon on Tuesday 19 April makes £2 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. Please visit: <https://bit.ly/BigGiveMarch22> to support the campaign. The Passage would be very grateful for your support. For questions about the campaign or assistance making a donation please ring 020 7592 1856.



MISSIO Red Box Holders at CHS and OLOS. Please bring your Red Boxes to Holy Spirit and Our Lady of Sorrows in the next few weeks. If you cannot come to church, please phone Heli Bravery on 01372 452537 (for CHS) or Penny Osborne 01372 453088 (for OLOS) and your box will be collected. Thank you.

Help Feed People in Need

Food donations for those needing support can be left in the box in the porch of each church, for onward distribution. Many thanks.



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

Marie Bliss	Janet Morgan
Michael Boulvard	Jim Morgan
Sue Brackenbury	Paddy Payne
Christopher Browne	Maureen Rennison
Amy Chapman	Piers Ripley-Duggan
Maggi Cooke	Allison Roberts
John Donovan	Jean Rowlandson
Mary Doran	Karen Silver
Mary Hefford	Mary Skilton
Derek Knott	Jenny Smith
Tessa Knott	Pat Turton
Gillian Lake	Simon Turton
Noreen Landers	Andrea Vaughan
Brian Medicott	Alf Wiggins
Joanna Mills	

