

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Sundays: Cycle C Weekdays: Year I 13 April 2025



Festive acclamations and brutal torture; the silence of Jesus throughout his Passion is profoundly impressive. He also overcomes the temptation to answer back, to act like a "superstar". In moments of darkness and great tribulation, we need to keep silent, to find the courage not to speak, as long as our silence is meek and not full of anger. The meekness of silence will make us appear even weaker, more humble. Then the devil will take courage and come out into the open. We need to resist him in silence, "holding our position", but with the same attitude as Jesus. He knows that the battle is between God and the prince of this world and that what is important is not

putting our hand to the sword but remaining firm in faith. It is God's hour. At the hour that God comes forth to fight, we have to let him take over. Our place of safety will be beneath the mantle of the holy Mother of God. As we wait for the Lord to come and calm the storm (cf. Mt 4:37-41), by our silent witness in prayer we give ourselves and others "an accounting for the hope that is within [us]" (1 Pet 3:15). This will help us to live in the sacred tension between the memory of the promises made, the suffering present in the cross, and the hope of the resurrection.

Pope Francis, Homily for Palm Sunday (C) 2019

Prayers for us all,

Fr Charles

Confessions during Holy Week: Sat 12 Apr OLOS 5-5.30 pm; Sun 13 Apr HS after 11 am Mass; Tues 15 Apr OLOS after 9.15 am Mass; Wed 16 Apr HS after Noon Mass. **Confessions only available by appointment during the days of the Triduum. No scheduled Confessions on Sat 19 Apr.**

Special Collection on Good Friday: Holy Places of Palestine (NOT Gift Aid).

Serving at the Easter Triduum

If you would like to serve at any of the Easter Triduum services and you or your parents have not already indicated which service(s) you would like to serve, could you please let Chris Tailby know: chris@tailby.net. We will hold a rehearsal for each service at Holy Spirit Church at 11.00 am on the day of the service.

Please pray for **Michael Hogg** and **Graham Smith** who are preparing for the Easter Sacraments. At the Easter Vigil this year Michael will be Baptised and Graham will be received into full Communion with the Catholic Church. Both will then be Confirmed and receive First Eucharist.

Wednesday 16th April at HS. Stations of the Cross at 11.30 am - Mass at Noon - Divine Mercy Chaplet follows Mass.

Change to Adoration. There will be no Adoration on **Maundy Thursday (17 Apr)** during the day but there will be a period of Adoration after the evening Mass.



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.

Churches Together in Horsley and Ockham - Good Friday Service of Witness. At Station Parade, East Horsley at 10.00am. Hot Cross Buns are distributed after the service.

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.

Easter Triduum One liturgy – three days



The times are as follows (all at HS):

Maundy Thursday - 8pm
(Followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose
until night prayer at 10.45pm)
Good Friday - 3pm
Holy Saturday - 8.30pm

While the Triduum is not of obligation, it is without doubt the most important liturgy of the entire year. Be there if at all possible. It is the celebration that leads us to understand the heart of our faith, who we are, and why we do what we do.

The Divine Mercy

The Divine Mercy Novena starting on Good Friday (<https://www.divinemercyconference.co.uk/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 (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.

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.

Do and Raise want to thank parishioners who bought the Easter goods last weekend. The amount raised was £566 which will be forwarded on to LeatherHEAD START.



DEC Myanmar Emergency Appeal. A powerful 7.7 magnitude earthquake has devastated huge areas of

Mynamar. 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.



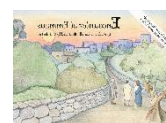
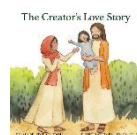
Marathon Run for British Heart Foundation.

One of our parishioners, Sarah Prescott, is running her first marathon in memory of her dad, Dr William Prescott. 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=FR&utm_source=CL

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

Saturday Vigil	12 Apr	6.00 pm	OLOS	Stella Cooke - RIP
Sunday	13 Apr	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	13 Apr	11.00 am	HS	Terry Aboud - RIP
Monday	14 Apr	NO MASS		NO MASS
Tuesday	15 Apr	9.15 am	OLOS	Trudy Wilkes - RIP
Wednesday	16 Apr	11.30 am	HS	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Wednesday	16 Apr	NOON	HS	Gerard O'Donoghue - Wellbeing
Maundy Thursday	17 Apr	8.00 pm	HS	Vocations to the Priesthood
Good Friday	18 Apr	3 pm	HS	
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

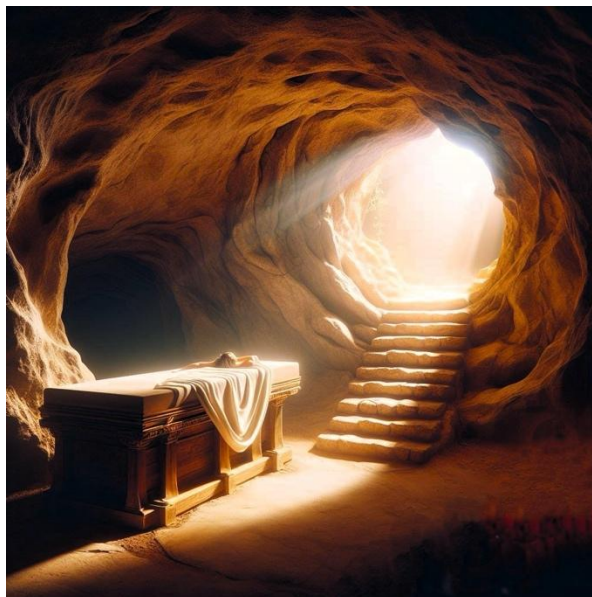
HS = Holy Spirit, Fetcham OLOS = Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham

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

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 in Lent 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: Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 | Psalm 118(117):1-2.16-17.22-23.R.24 | Colossians 3:1-4 | John 20:1-9



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

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