

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

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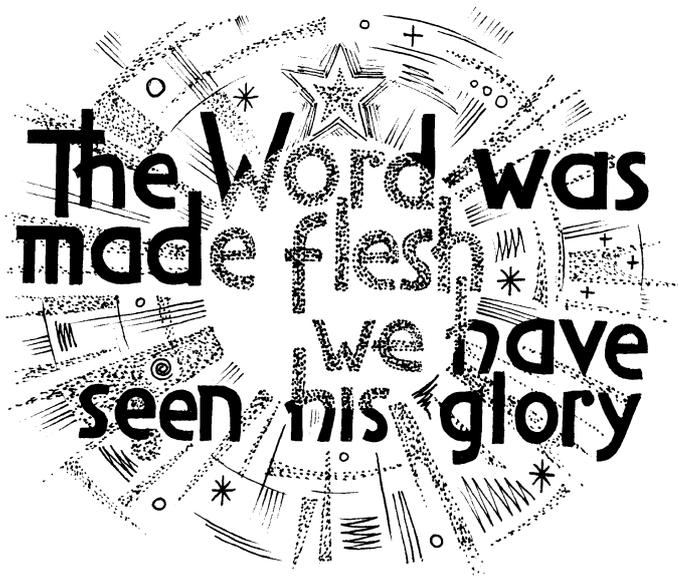
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*A Very Warm Welcome to Parishioners and Visitors*

## **Second Sunday of Christmas**

Sundays: Cycle B    Weekdays: Year I    03 January 2021



What a year 2020 was! As we look back over it, it's all too obvious what the difficulties and challenges were. But what were the blessings? It's important to remember these too, and give thanks to God. We must thank God for the selfless acts of service by so many frontline workers; for the development of several effective vaccines; for a spirit of care in society at large—sacrificing social interactions to keep each other, and especially the most vulnerable, safe; for the phone and zoom and live-streaming; for the mental and spiritual resilience to hang onto life, faith, hope and love.

We also remember with prayer and thanksgiving those who died during the year, from

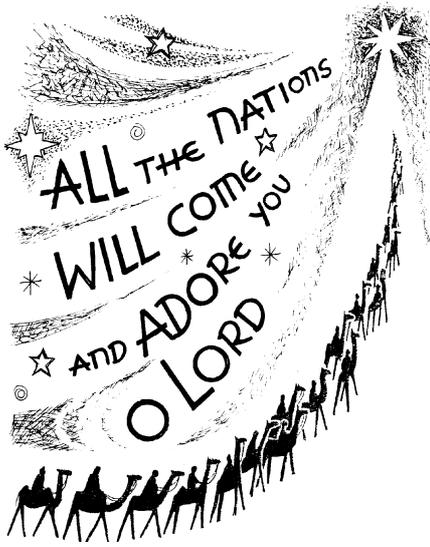
Covid-19 and from other causes. And we hold in prayer those who have been bereaved.

As we look to the new year, we know that the challenges are not yet over. But we are full of hope—not worldly hope, which is just wishful thinking, and which often disappoints—but heavenly hope, Christian hope. By the virtue of hope we trust that the Lord will be at our side throughout the coming year: sharing in our joys and sorrows; giving inner strength to rise to the challenges ahead; enabling us to unite our sufferings to His own Passion and thus sharing in some small way in His work of salvation; inspiring us new and greater works of love than we have ever done before.

May God bless you all,

*Fr Stephen*

## ***This Week***



This Wednesday 6 January is the feast of the **Epiphany**, when we celebrate the visit of the Wise Men to the child Jesus. It is a Holy Day of Obligation (although, of course, during the pandemic the obligation is suspended by our bishops). **Masses will be at 9.15 am at OLOS and 8.00 pm at HS.**

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Please pray for the repose of the soul of Daphne Tuttle, who died this week.

## ***Next Weekend***

**Second Collection** for the "White Flower" appeal on behalf of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children.

## ***First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation***

Children aged seven or over on Sep 2020 (school year 3 or above) can apply. Application forms are available at the back of the churches and on our website under the "Younger Members" tab. Please return the completed form along with your child's baptismal certificate to Fr Stephen or Deacon Ian.

## ***Coming Soon***

### **Justice and Peace Assembly Webinar - 16 Jan 2021, 10 am to 12.30 pm.**

How should we respond to the current food poverty crisis? The number of people experiencing food insecurity has increased dramatically during the Covid-19 crisis, with families across our Diocese under increasing pressure. Trussell Trust food banks distributed more than 1.2 million emergency food parcels to people in the UK between 1<sup>st</sup> April and 30<sup>th</sup> September this year, with 2,003 food parcels given to children. Join our free Justice and Peace Webinar and find out what our parishes can do to help. To book your free place and receive the zoom link contact: Rosie Read [rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk). To find out more visit <https://abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/news>

### **Scones of Praise: Sunday 17 Jan, 4pm**



Ecumenical songs of praise in Effingham and Little Bookham.

This year via Zoom.

#### **To join via a computer:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9500534101?pwd=ZUQyMm5FcU5FQWVibExDRERTOWtxZz09>

Meeting ID: 950 053 4101

Password: 695933

#### **To join using your phone:**

Ring: 0203 481 5240.

You will be asked for the Conference ID, which is **950 053 4101**, then press #.

Then, **after the next instruction**, press # again.

## General

**The Do & Raise Group** has been busy over the year making items for sale to parishioners, culminating with Christmas table decorations, and have made the wonderful sum of £215 which will be donated to The Passage in London. Thank you for all the generous donations that helped us reach this total.

**Act now and ask your MP to oppose introducing assisted suicide.** The assisted suicide lobby have launched a large campaign to put pressure on the Government to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It is vital that it is clear to the Government that the public want them to continue to hold strong against this pressure from assisted suicide campaigners and reject their demands.

Right To Life UK have set up an easy to use tool which will enable you to email your MP asking them to make it clear to the Government that it should not give into demands from the assisted suicide lobby to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It only takes 30 seconds to email your MP by visiting <https://righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide>

**Food donations** for those needing support can be left at the back of the churches, or delivered to **Mary Agius at 98, Woodlands Road, Bookham, KT23 4HH** for onward distribution. Many thanks.

**CAFOD Fun Run – Thank You.** Many thanks from CAFOD to those who took part in the Fun Run on 27th December and to those who sponsored them, raising much needed funds for their work. Caroline Grinham writes:

*I want to say a huge thank you to all those who supported and sponsored me in the*

*CAFOD Christmas Fun Run. This was a “virtual” national event. As Storm Bella raged on Sunday night, I was concerned that conditions might be challenging, but the sun came out and it was a beautiful day. I ran (well, jogged, anyway!) over 5 km around Bookham Common, taking a little over 37 minutes, and raised £390 for CAFOD in the process. Many thanks to friends, family and parishioners for their generosity.*

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

Marie Bliss	Janet Morgan
Michael Boulvard	Jim Morgan
Pauline Boulvard	Maureen Rennison
Christopher Browne	Patrick Rennison
Jeff Care	Piers Ripley-Duggan
Amy Chapman	Allison Roberts
Maggi Cooke	Jean Rowlandson
Dorothy Dinan	Yolande Sharpe
Maureen Donoghue	Karen Silver
John Donovan	Mary Skilton
Mary Doran	Jenny Smith
Mary Hefford	Margaret Summers
Derek Knott	Pat Turton
Tessa Knott	Simon Turton
Noreen Landers	Andrea Vaughan
Daphne McLeod	Rose Wedlake
Joanna Mills	Alf Wiggins

## Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

Saturday	02 Jan	6.00 pm	OLOS	Holy Souls - Rip
Sunday	03 Jan	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	03 Jan	11.00 am	HS	Celebrant's Intention
Monday	04 Jan	Noon	HS	Holy Souls - RIP
Tuesday	05 Jan	9.15 am	OLOS	Celebrant's Intention
<b>**EPHIPHANY – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**</b>				
Wednesday	06 Jan	9.15 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Wednesday	06 Jan	8.00 pm	HS	Celebrant's Intention
Thursday	07 Jan	9.15 am	OLOS	Vocations to the Priesthood
Friday	08 Jan	6.00 pm	HS	Holy Souls - RIP
Saturday	09 Jan	10.00 am	OLOS	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday	09 Jan	6.00 pm	OLOS	Holy Souls - RIP
Sunday	10 Jan	9.00 am	OLOS	Holy Souls - RIP
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### Eucharistic Adoration

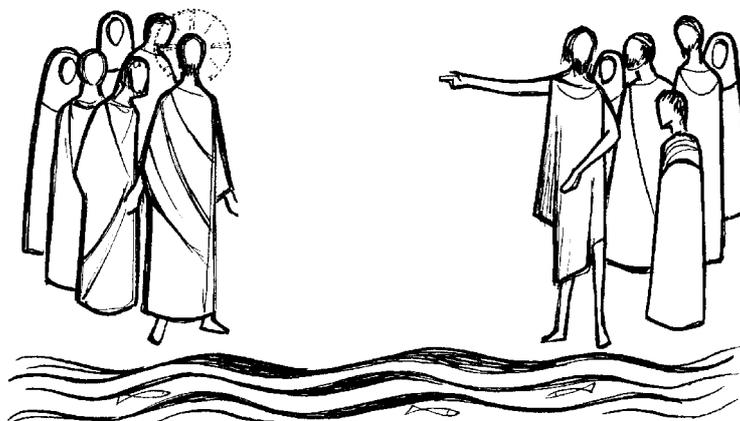
Mon 10.50-11.50 am – HS, Fetcham

### Confessions

Saturday 11.00-11.45 am HS, Fetcham  
Saturday 5.00-5.30 pm OLOS, Effingham

## Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 55:1-11 | Psalm 124:1-8 R.3 | 1John 5:1-9 | Mark 1:7-11



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