



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

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A Very Warm Welcome to all Parishioners and Visitors

St Peter and St Paul, Apostles

Sundays: Cycle A Weekdays: Year II 28 June 2020



The first Homily I preached after my Ordination 12 years ago was on the Feast of St Peter & St Paul. I was fortunate in having such a rich subject. Two very different men from different backgrounds, but both chosen by Jesus in a very special way to whom he entrusted the faith and the building of his Church. Both Apostles left an indelible stamp on the character and mission of our Church. However, none of the Saints became Saints overnight and Peter & Paul were no exceptions. Peter, a fisherman and family man leading a hard but gentle life, was weak. We know that he was constantly challenged in his belief, to the point where he denied Jesus three times and then ran away. However, from today's Gospel we can see that he was already marked for his future ministry.

St Paul, or Saul as he was first known, came from a very different background to Peter. He was highly intelligent, a professional tentmaker.

While Peter was growing the fledgling church, Saul was busy persecuting it! He was witness to the stoning to death of Stephen, one of the first Deacons! However, after his conversion on the road to Damascus he became one of the Church's foremost evangelisers.

Yet, notwithstanding their diversity the Church chooses to celebrate them together. The message for all of us is plain. We need to be like these two great Apostles. Like Peter & Paul we too need a fresh revelation of Jesus to compel us to proclaim our faith with renewed vigour. Let us not be frightened to share this Good News with those we come into contact with every day. Today is the day, not tomorrow, for tomorrow may be too late.

May God bless you all,

Deacon Ian

Re-Opening Churches

For private prayer

It is wonderful that we can now open our churches for private prayer for several hours a week. Thank you again to all who have helped towards this, cleaning and preparing the churches, and especially to our volunteer stewards.

Our timetable for opening is:

Sundays	HS	4.00 – 6.00 pm
Tuesdays	OLOS	11.00 am – 12.00 noon and 7.00 – 8.00 pm
Wednesdays	HS	11.00 am – 1.00 pm
Fridays	OLOS	11.00 am – 1.00 pm

We need, of course, to observe the normal requirements to keep ourselves and each other safe: social distancing, hand sanitisation, etc., and the churches will be thoroughly cleaned at the end of each day when they have been open. Please follow the guidance of the stewards.

For Communal Mass

I'm sure you will have heard on the news that church services can begin again soon—with various restrictions in place. As this newsletter goes to print (or, rather, to electronic circulation) we have not yet received the guidelines from the diocese about how we can put this into practice, so please be patient for just a little while longer. Everyone will be trying to act as fast as we responsibly can. But, thank the Lord, it may only be a little more time until we can gather again as a parish community to celebrate the Eucharist and receive the Lord in Holy Communion.

Prayers Please

Please pray for **Maureen Murphy** and **Christopher Browne**, who are sick at this time.

Ros Kennedy's funeral is on Friday 3 June at 11.30am. It is a private, graveside service. Ros's daughter, Sarah, has asked the parish if they would say a quiet prayer at home for her Mother at this time, if possible.

Keeping in Touch

The next **Parish Zoom Chat** is on Sunday 5 July at 12 noon. As usual, please contact the parish office during this coming week on eandfparish@btinternet.com if you would like to take part, so we can send you an invitation.

Need Support? Do you need help or support at this time? If you need any sort of practical help, or would just like a chat with someone, please do call 01372 458263 or email eandfparish@btinternet.com.

Parish Circulation Email: You may notice that the parish circular emails are now going to be sent out from the parish office email address rather than Michael Bray's personal address. This is to bring things into line with GDPR good practice. I am enormously grateful to Michael for the tremendous work he has done during the lockdown period to keep us all connected, spiritually uplifted, and smiling. And I am delighted that he will continue to produce his "magazine" emails whilst the lockdown is slowly lifted. It's just that he will email them to the Parish office and they will come to you from there!

If you would like to start receiving emails from the Parish keeping you in touch, including receiving the weekly parish newsletter, please contact the Parish office at eandfparish@btinternet.com. The list is only used for Parish and Diocese information and is sent BCC so individual email addresses are not visible.

Masses and Other Services

Live-streaming of Mass from our parish is available at our YouTube channel,

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLGeHUmF6yae4QGCSVg0UA>. Alternatively, search for “YouTube Effingham Fetcham” and you should find it easily.

You can continue to request **Mass Intentions** via the parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation is possible on request.

Other Sacraments can only be celebrated in emergency. Do please contact Fr Stephen in the normal way in emergency situations.

General

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

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

Parish Food Collections: Until the start of lockdown, you all gave very generously to half a dozen local families in need, by leaving food in the box at the back of the two churches. Luckily during lockdown local food banks have supported the families but these sources have now dried up. As the churches have reopened, we would ask you once more to leave your donations in the boxes at the back of the churches and these will be distributed on a weekly basis. (Please check the parish

newsletter or website for the church opening times.)

Foodbank Collection Points for Cobham foodbank are the Bakery in Effingham and Tinkers End, Orestan Lane.

From Bishop Richard

I am pleased to inform you that I shall be celebrating the Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon Thomas Kent on Saturday 11th July at 3.00pm, and the Ordination to the Diaconate of Dominic Dring and Simon South on Tuesday 14th July at 7.00pm.

Both Masses will take place in Arundel Cathedral and will be live-streamed via the Cathedral’s YouTube channel which may be found at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7I-pXF8v-VZfzO01zrnerQ>

After ordination, Tom Kent will be celebrating livestreamed Masses as shown below.

St. Joseph’s, Guildford

Sunday 12th July at 10.00am

Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge

Tuesday 14th July at 12.00 noon

English Martyrs, Horley

Sunday 19th July at 10.30am

St. John’s, Horsham

Sunday 26th July at 10.00am

Please do publicise these celebrations, as well as the Ordination Masses for Tom and for Dominic and Simon.

With every Blessing,

Richard

Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

Saturday	27 June	10.00 am	Ethelwald Vella - RIP
Sunday	28 June	10.30 am	People of the Parish
Monday	29 June	9.15 am	Fr Peter Murphy (ordained 28/6/20) - Wellbeing
Tuesday	30 June	9.15 am	Paul Rowe - RIP
Wednesday	01 July	9.15 am	Peter Harris - RIP
Thursday	02 July	9.15 am	Maureen Murphy – Wellbeing
Friday	03 July	6.00 pm	Holy Souls - RIP
Saturday	04 July	10.00 am	Philip Aboud & Family – Wellbeing
Sunday	05 July	10.30 am	People of the Parish

Owing to the coronavirus, all Masses currently have to be celebrated without a congregation.

Confessions are available on request. Please contact Fr Stephen if you would like this.

Next Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zechariah 9:9-10 Psalms 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 Romans 8:9, 11-13 Matthew 11:25-30



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