



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



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A Warm Welcome to all Parishioners and Visitors

The Epiphany of the Lord

Sundays: Cycle C Weekdays: Year I 6 January



Christina Rossetti's beautiful carol, *In the Bleak Midwinter*, ends with the following verse:

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him—give my heart.

Traditional crib scenes often have shepherds offering a lamb to the infant Jesus. No mention is made of this in the Scriptures, but it makes sense: a lamb would be a valuable gift—and would also point prophetically to Jesus as the Lamb of God. Likewise the Magi's three gifts are precious and significant. Tradition sees the gold as pointing to the Kingship of Jesus, frankincense to his Divinity, and myrrh (a perfume used in burial) to his death on the Cross as our Redeemer.

What can we offer to show our homage to Jesus? As the carol says—our heart. But this does not just mean sentimentality. Perhaps we can follow Mary's example. She gave Jesus tender love when He was a baby and courageous love standing at the foot of the Cross. She offered her mind: questioning (not doubting) the angel at the Annunciation to understand better what God had in mind, and prayerfully pondering all the things that happened to Jesus (Luke 2:19,51). And she offered her will to whatever God asked: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38) All of this is to give our heart to Jesus.

May God bless you all

Fr Stephen

Thank you so much for your very kind Christmas Offering, and also for your many Christmas cards and gifts – all very much appreciated. Every blessing for the new year, Fr Stephen.

THIS WEEK

There is a Requiem Mass for Anne Cuffe RIP on **Thursday 10 January at 2pm** at Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham. **THIS WILL BE THE ONLY MASS OF THE DAY.**

Change to Eucharistic Adoration: Due to the Requiem Mass on **Thursday 10 January** there will only be Adoration till 12 O'clock that day.

Do & Raise Group: next meets on **Tuesday 8 January** 10am to Noon at the Holy Spirit Annex.

Special Collection next week: is for the White Flower Appeal SPUC.

Dear Grandparents,

A Happy New Year to you and your families. Our next meeting is **Wednesday 9 January** starting with tea/coffee/cake at 2pm in St Alphege Hall, Effingham. We will be showing the second part of the Café DVD 'Beloved Disciples'. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME. I look forward to seeing you all.

Love,
Jean

Thank you: Do & Raise, from the sale of the Christmas wreaths and table decorations, raised £236 which will go to The Passage charity for the homeless in London. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Raffle Results: Many thanks to all who bought tickets for the CAFOD Christmas Raffle. The first prize was won by David and Donna Evans and the second prize by Mary and Michael Agius. Congratulations to both winners. A magnificent total of £464.10 was raised for CAFOD.

Tadworth Parish Secretary Vacancy: St John's Catholic Parish, Tadworth is looking to fill the post of Parish Secretary. The position will be part-time on 4 mornings a week (16 hours in total). The role will include managing the parish office, providing secretarial support to the Parish Priest, taking phone calls, e-mail and other messages, updating the parish data base and website and other tasks associated with the smooth running of the parish. It is hoped to fill the post by February 2019. Applicants should be IT literate and familiar with office routines. Those wishing to apply should contact the parish office on 01737 813102 or by e-mail to sec@stjohnstadworth.org.uk. Candidates will be interviewed by arrangement. The successful candidate will be offered a trial 3-month contract with the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton. Terms of remuneration will be open to discussion at interview.



THIS MONTH

Chilworth Abbey Study Day: You are warmly invited to a presentation of the fifth episode of 'Catholicism - a journey to the heart of the faith', by the acclaimed author and speaker Bishop Barron, on **Saturday 19 January**. This is a Chilworth Abbey Study Day given by Fr

John Seddon OSB, who will contextualise the episode and then teach and lead discussion about its subject matter. The day begins with Mass at 9.00 am, followed by coffee. The fifth film investigates 'The Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure', and will be shown, chapter by chapter followed by teaching and discussion. Midday prayer and lunch will divide the day which concludes at 4.00pm. Come to part, or all of the day, as it suits you. Bring a packed lunch and, if possible, a friend. Tea and coffee is provided. St Augustine's Abbey, Sample Oak Lane, Chilworth, Near Guildford. GU4 8QR Online information: www.chilworthbenedictines.com



Justice & Peace Assembly 2019: 'Slavery on our Doorstep', **Saturday 26 January**, from 10am (coffee from 9.30am). Learn about the slave trade hidden under your nose and how you can help those affected. Speakers from the Santa Marta Group and Sussex Police. To book contact Rosie Read, Formation Secretary at rosie.read@dabnet.org 01293 651161.

FORTHCOMING

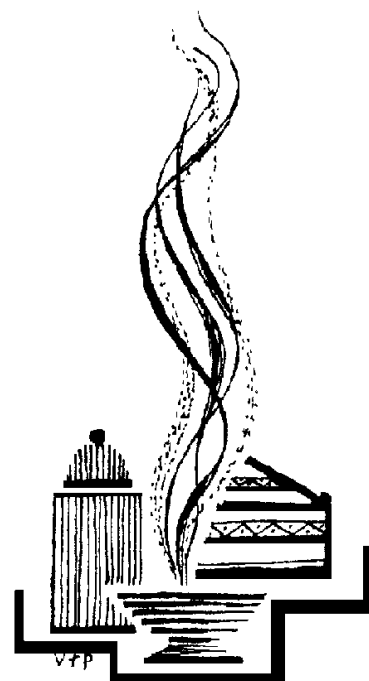
Day of Reflection for Readers: Led by Bishop Richard. There are talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary and its use in the Liturgy, the Liturgy of the Word, preparing to read, using microphones. Lectio Divina. Mass. On **Saturday 9 February 2019**, 11.00am – 4.00pm at St Dunstan's Church, Woking (Shaftesbury Road, GU22 7DT). Arrivals, tea/coffee from 10.30am. Please bring a packed lunch. Booking is essential as places are limited! To book: email ruth.gerun@dabnet.org or phone: 01293 651164.

Flame 2019 – Join 10,000 Catholic Young People at Wembley Arena next March: Around five hundred people from Arundel & Brighton Diocese went to Wembley Arena last March for Flame 2017. The arena was filled, and it was great to be a part of it. Flame 2019 will happen on **Saturday 2 March**, once again at Wembley Arena. Tickets are already on sale and unlike last time they can be booked online. Head to cymfed.org.uk/flame2019 for details. Flame

2019 boasts an impressive line-up of speakers. More names will follow nearer the time, but Cardinal Nichols, Robert Madu, Guvna B, and Emma B from 'Girl Got Faith' are already on board. Hurry though - there are only ten thousand seats and over 5,000 tickets have already gone!

Please pray for those in our Parish who are sick:

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| Marie Bliss | Jim Morgan |
| Christopher Brown | Jack Oliver |
| Alan Bryant | Maureen Power |
| Amy Chapman | Maureen Rennison |
| Maggi Cooke | Patrick Rennison |
| Marian Cross | Piers Ripley-Duggan |
| Maureen Donoghue | Allison Roberts |
| John Donovan | Jean Rowlandson |
| Joan Doran | Yolande Sharpe |
| Mary Doran | Mary Skilton |
| Philippa Gibbons | Andrew Smith |
| Ros Kennedy | Eileen Tennant |
| Derek Knott | Michael Tomkins |
| Tessa Knott | Michael Turton |
| Filomena Lionetti | Andrea Vaughan |
| Joanna Mills | Rose Wedlake |
| Janet Morgan | Alf Wiggins |



MASS TIMES

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| Saturday | 05 Jan | 06.00pm | (OLOS) | Gerry Payne - RIP |
| Sunday | 06 Jan | 09.00am | (OLOS) | People of the Parish |
| | | 11.00am | (HS) | Jean Daly - RIP |
| Monday | 07 Jan | 09.15am | (HS) | Marion Durnin - RIP |
| Tuesday | 08 Jan | 09.15am | (OLOS) | Anne Cuffe - RIP |
| Wednesday | 09 Jan | 09.15am | (HS) | Kit Oliver - RIP |
| Thursday | 10 Jan | 02.00pm* | (OLOS) | Requiem Mass for Anne Cuffe RIP |
| Friday | 11 Jan | 06.00pm | (HS) | Gerhardt Fraberger - RIP |
| Saturday | 12 Jan | 06.00pm | (OLOS) | Alexander Wells - RIP |
| Sunday | 13 Jan | 09.00am | (OLOS) | People of the Parish |
| | | 11.00am | (HS) | Sarah & John McCarron - RIP |

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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| Tuesday | 08 Jan | 09.45am to Noon | (OLOS) | |
| Thursday | 10 Jan | 09.45am to Noon | (OLOS) | |
| | | 02.00pm to 05.00pm | (OLOS) | No adoration due to Requiem Mass |

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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| Saturday | 12 Jan | 10.30am to 11.15am | (OLOS) | Face to Face |
| | | 05.00pm to 05.30pm | (OLOS) | In the Confessional |
| Sunday | 06 Jan | After 11.00am Mass | (HS) | 1 st Sunday of every month |

MONTHLY ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

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| Monday | 07 Jan | 09.45am | (HS) | 1 st Monday of every month |
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HS = Church of the Holy Spirit, Fetcham OLOS = Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham

Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Special Collection next week: White Flower Appeal SPUC (NOT Gift Aid)

Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11 Psalm 103:1-2,3-4,24-25,27-30.R.v1 Titus 2:11-14. 3:4-7 Luke 3:15-16. 21-22



Newsletter items to the Parish office by 10.00am Wednesday