

**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*

## **The Holy Family**

Sundays: Cycle C    Weekdays: Year II    26 December 2021



A very big thank you to all of you for your very kind Christmas Offerings and for your lovely cards and gifts, thoughts and prayers!

Many thanks also to everyone who worked so hard to make our Christmas celebrations possible: readers, musicians and singers, altar servers, welcomers, flower arrangers, church cleaners and decorators, crib builders, and everyone else! My particular thanks to Deacon Ian for his ministry and wise support, and also to our parish secretary Amanda, who has done so much behind the scenes to keep the parish going through this difficult year. And thank you to everyone who came along so we can pray and celebrate the birth of Jesus together—and also to those at home who were unable to attend in person but joined us in spirit via the live-stream.

May the new-born Saviour grant to all of you and your families a very blessed Christmastide and New Year.

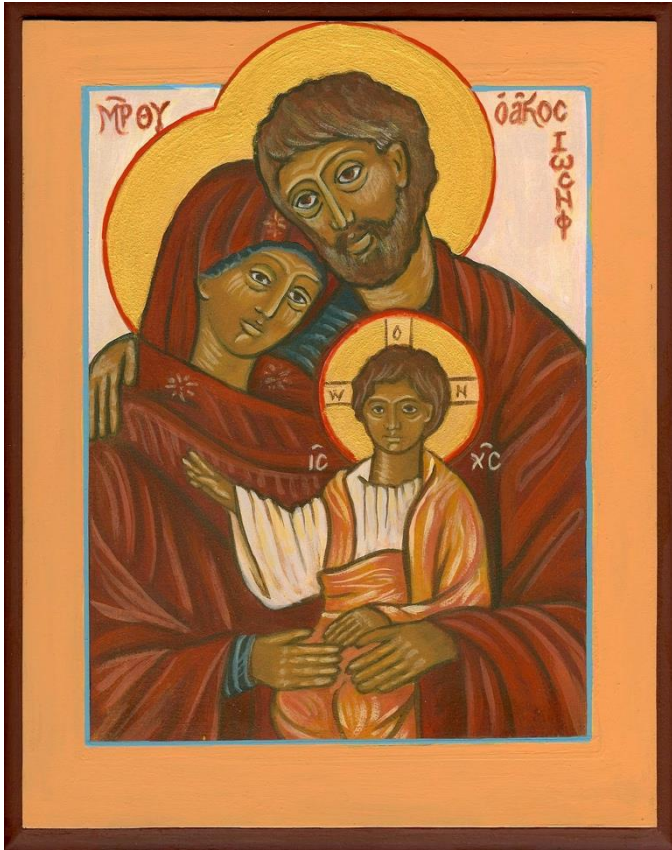
May God bless you

*Fr Stephen*

## This Week

### Changes to Mass

There will be no Masses in the parish on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> December.



### Covid Update

Following the government's introduction of Plan B, can I remind you that it is a legal requirement to wear a face mask in church (unless you are exempt). Masks should cover both mouth and nose please.

Please also:

- Take regular lateral flow tests, esp. before Sunday Masses.
- Don't come to church if you have a positive test result or any symptoms of covid (even if you don't think you actually have covid).
- Continue to use hand sanitiser when you arrive and leave.

- Wrap up warm, as we will keep windows and doors open for ventilation.

As always during the pandemic, everyone will need to make a responsible decision as to whether they should come to church or stay at home, based on their personal circumstances and bearing in mind others in their family and the wider community.

All Masses from OLOS are still live-streamed (see link on front page). St Alphege Hall will be open for overflow seating for all Sunday Masses at OLOS.

Please note that we cannot allow people to stand inside at the back of the churches. Once they are full, any more people will need to stay outside or return home.

Finally, I do encourage you all to get the "booster" vaccination as soon as you can.

Thank you as always for your cooperation and charity towards one another, *Fr Stephen*



**Crib Collection:** This year's crib collection is for the Catholic Children's Society. Every single penny donated will go into our Arundel & Brighton Crisis fund and will be given out in emergency grants for disadvantaged families living in the Arundel & Brighton Diocese who are facing crisis in their lives. If you would like to Gift Aid your donation, please use one of the special envelopes provided. Thank you.



The Parish Office will be closed **over the Christmas period and will reopen on Thursday 6th January 2022.** Please bear in mind that for much of that time emails will not be monitored so you may have to wait longer than usual for a response. Thank you for your understanding.

## General



**Mary's Meals.** "Give until 31 Jan 2022 and your donation will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.6 million – meaning we can reach even more hungry children with life-changing school meals" If you would like to donate, please click on the link [Donate | Mary's Meals UK \(marysmeals.org.uk\)](https://www.marysmeals.org.uk)

### Emergency Afghanistan Appeal (CAFOD)

A renewed Afghanistan Appeal has been launched by CAFOD in conjunction with the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC). At present, more than half the population of Afghanistan are facing extreme hunger, with some parts of the country close to famine conditions. The number of people seeking aid increases daily, and the situation will deteriorate with the onset of winter. Please pray for the people of Afghanistan and give to the CAFOD appeal if you can. Donations can be made:

- Online at: [Afghanistan Crisis Appeal | CAFOD](https://www.cafod.org.uk/afghanistan-crisis-appeal)
- By phone: 0303 303 3030
- By cheque: payable to CAFOD and sent to: CAFOD Head Office, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB.

Thank you.

**Do & Raise Results.** Thanks to the amazing generosity of the Parish (once again), the sale of Do & Raise's Christmas table decorations came to a total of £240 for Mary's Meals.

### 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
Pauline Boulvard	Paddy Payne
Sue Brackenbury	Maureen Rennison
Christopher Browne	Piers Ripley-Duggan
Amy Chapman	Allison Roberts
Maggi Cooke	Jean Rowlandson
John Donovan	Karen Silver
Mary Doran	Mary Skilton
Mary Hefford	Jenny Smith
Derek Knott	Margaret Summers
Tessa Knott	Pat Turton
Noreen Landers	Simon Turton
Brian Medlicott	Andrea Vaughan
Joanna Mills	Alf Wiggins

<b>This Week's Masses and Intentions</b>				
The Holy Family				
Saturday	25 Dec	<b>NO MASS</b>	OLOS	<b>NO VIGIL MASS</b>
Sunday - Boxing Day (Feast of The Holy Family)	26 Dec	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	26 Dec	11.00 am	HS	Joe Daly - Wellbeing
Monday	27 Dec	<b>NO MASS</b>	HS	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday	28 Dec	<b>NO MASS</b>	OLOS	<b>NO MASS</b>
Wednesday	29 Dec	9.15 am	HS	Yolande Sharpe - RIP
Thursday	30 Dec	9.15 am	OLOS	Penny & Gordon Osborne – Diamond Wedding Ann.
Friday	31 Dec	6.00 pm	HS	James Pontifex - RIP
Saturday	01 Jan	10.00 am	OLOS	Fr Louis Plamondon S.J.
Saturday Vigil	01 Jan	6.00 pm	OLOS	Celebrant's Intention
Sunday	02 Jan	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	02 Jan	11.00 am	HS	Jean Daly - RIP

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

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**Eucharistic Adoration** – Thursday mornings, from the end of Mass to 11.00 am.

**Confessions**

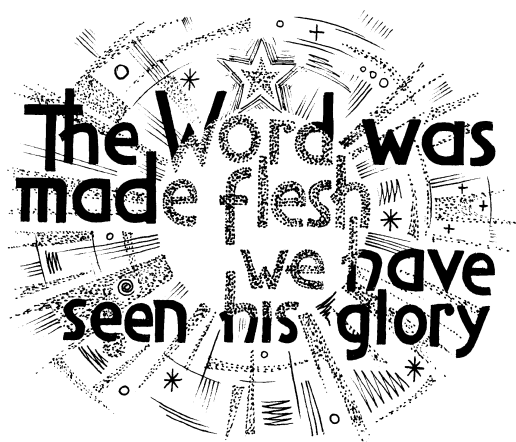
**Saturdays**

11.00-11.45 am HS, Fetcham

5.00-5.30 pm OLOS, Effingham

**Next Sunday: The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Nativity**

Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2, 8-12 | Psalm 147:12-15,19-20 | Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18 | John 1:1-18



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

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