



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 B Weekdays: Year I 27 December 2020



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 in this very strange year—especially to our stewards and church sanitisers, who have given such generous service over many months now—but also to our readers, musicians and singers, altar servers, 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 these times. 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 internet.

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

May God bless you all,

Fr Stephen

This Week



First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation

Now is the time to apply for preparation for First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation. Children aged seven or over on 1 September 2020 (school year 3 or above) are welcome to apply. The application form is available on our website under the “Younger Members” tab. Please return the completed forms along with your child’s baptismal certificate to Fr Stephen or Deacon Ian.

General

CAFOD’s Christmas Fun Run – A virtual event on 27 December.

If you need a bit of exercise and fresh air after Christmas how about combining it with raising some money for CAFOD?

We are asked to ‘Take to the streets in your local area on 27th December to run, walk or toddle 5km for CAFOD this Christmas.’

You can register to take part on this link:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Volunteer/Events/Christmas-Fun-Run>

Or you can go to the Eventbrite page to sign up: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cafods-christmas-fun-run-tickets-129021764571>

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 1st April and 30th 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. To find out more visit our website:

<https://abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/news>



Missio ‘Red Box’ Collection.

As you know, because of the pandemic, the Red Boxes couldn’t be collected and counted in the usual way. The

money though has now been collected and the grand total is £899.79. As supporters couldn’t be thanked personally, please accept this huge, huge thank you for your generosity.

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.

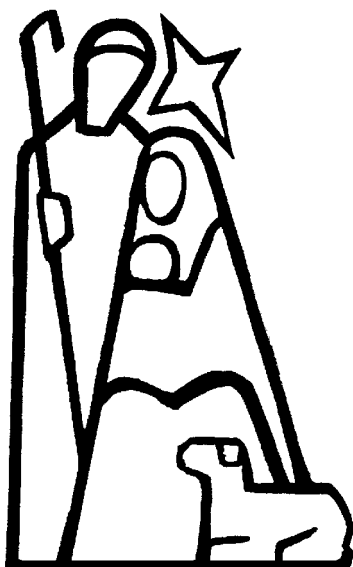
Right To Life UK have set up an easy to use tool which will enable you to email your MP asking them to make it clear to the Government that it should not give into demands from the assisted suicide lobby to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It only takes 30 seconds to email your MP by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

<https://righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide>



Cake Sale Results. Thanks to all those who made cakes for the recent sale in aid of the Mtandika Trade School in Tanzania. With donations this raised £575, an incredible total.

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.



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

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

Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

Saturday	26 Dec	6.00 pm	OLOS	Fr Michael Feben - RIP
Sunday	27 Dec	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	27 Dec	11.00 am	HS	John Barber - RIP
Monday	28 Dec	Noon	HS	Holy Souls - RIP
Tuesday	29 Dec	9.15 am	OLOS	Ros Kennedy - RIP
Wednesday	30 Dec	9.15 am	HS	Celebrant's Intention
Thursday	31 Dec	9.15 am	OLOS	Vocations to the Priesthood
Friday	01 Jan	6.00 pm	HS	Fr Louis Plamondon SJ - RIP
Saturday	02 Jan	10.00 am	OLOS	Suzanne Sedwick - RIP
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

Our churches are open for Mass. All our OLOS Masses are live-streamed on YouTube at "Effingham and Fetcham Catholic Parish" <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLGeHumF6yae4QGCSVg0UA>

Eucharistic Adoration

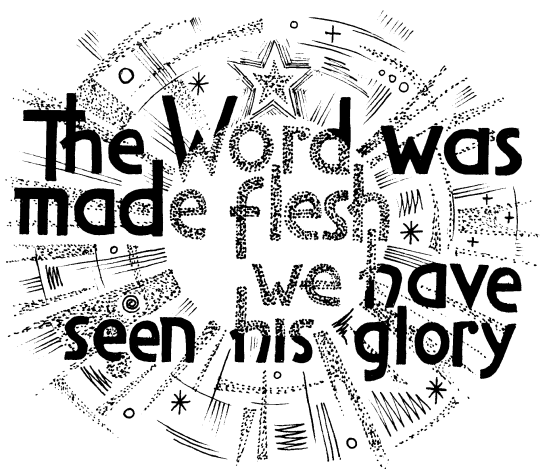
Mon 10.50-11.50 am – HS, Fetcham

Confessions

Saturday 26 Dec no confessions
Sat 2 Jan 11.00-11.45 am HS, Fetcham
Sat 2 Jan 5.00-5.30 pm OLOS, Effingham

Next Sunday: Second Sunday of Christmas

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