

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

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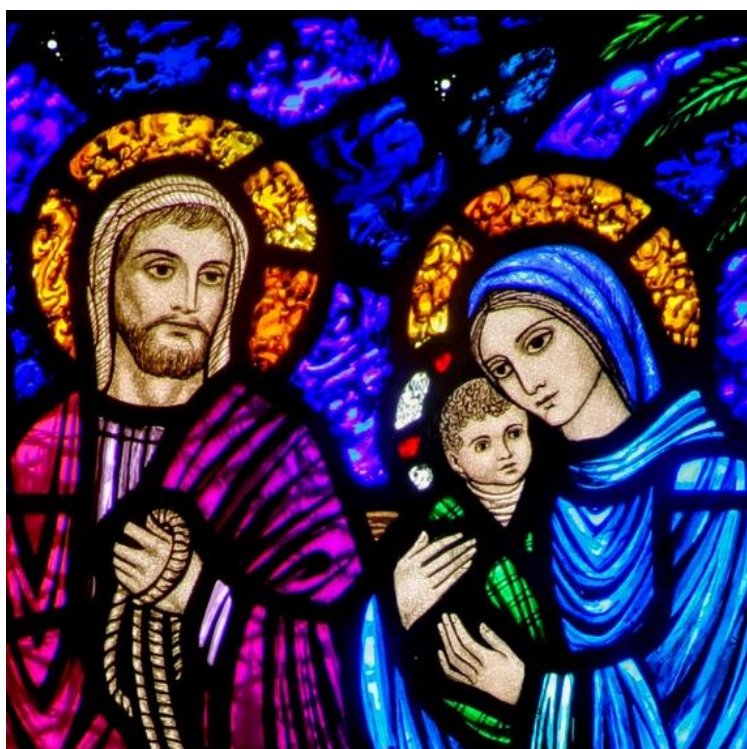
Live-stream on YouTube "Effingham and Fetcham Catholic Parish":

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLGeHumF6yae4QGCSVg0UA>

A Very Warm Welcome to Parishioners and Visitors

The Holy Family

Sundays: Cycle B Weekdays: Year II 31 December 2023



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, especially as I prepare to leave this amazing parish community.

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, linen launderers and everyone else! My particular thanks to Deacon Ian for his ministry and wise support, and also to our parish secretary Amanda, who does so much behind the scenes to keep the parish going. 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.

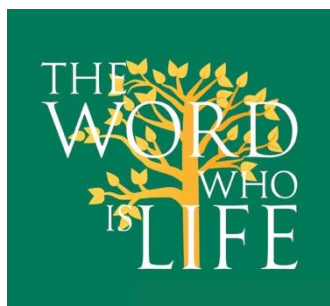
May God Bless you,

Fr Stephen

This Week



The Parish Office will reopen on Thursday 4th January 2024. Until then, please bear in mind that for much of the time emails will not be monitored so you may have to wait longer than usual for a response. Thank you for your understanding.



New Pastoral Plan. Bishop Richard has written a new Pastoral Plan for the Diocese which will be released in the New Year: 'The Word Who is Life: The Call to Mission'. As

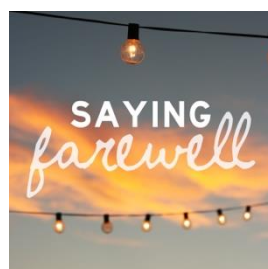
society becomes more secular our parishes must be ever-clearer beacons of light guiding people to Christ. The new Plan highlights how our community of faith can embrace this important time of renewal, forging diocesan parishes into communities of saints and strong, lively, and welcoming schools of discipleship. The Pastoral Plan will be released on the diocesan website **THIS Tuesday 2 January:** www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/pastoral-plan with hard copies available to read in each parish.

Bishop Richard met with members of Clergy in mid-December and will be hosting a Pastoral Plan Webinar for people across our diocesan community on **Wed 10 Jan at 7.30pm**. Please use the following the link to join the webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86457734895>.

Next Week

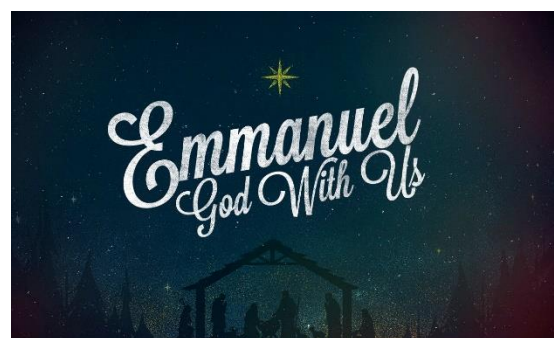
Change to Children's Liturgy. There will be NO Liturgy on Sunday 7th Jan, it will take place on the 3rd Sunday of this month ONLY (21st Jan).

Change to Confessions. On **Sunday 7th Jan** there will be no Confessions at HS after the Mass, as Mass will be followed immediately by Fr Stephen's Farewell celebration.



As already announced, Fr Stephen will be leaving us in the New Year after 5+ years as our Parish Priest. The Parish Team is planning a farewell on **Sunday 7 Jan** with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 11 am in the Church of The Holy Spirit, Fetcham immediately followed by a reception in Oakfield School hall, next door to the Church. A hot meal and refreshments will be served. Sign-up sheets are available at the back of each church for catering purposes. We just need names of adults and children. Fr Stephen has requested that no special collection be taken for his departure, but I am sure you will recognise his outstanding service to the parish when we take the customary Christmas collection for him (see notice above).

Deacon Ian



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General

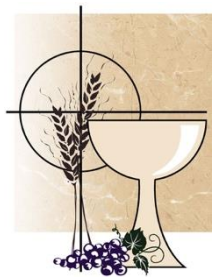
Diocesan Run Events



Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word – Saturday 20 January.

Bishop Richard will lead a day of reflection and formation for Ministers of the Word at

Sacred Heart Church, Cobham, 11-4pm. Including Lectio Divina and Mass, plus talks on Sacred Scripture, the Liturgy of the Word, the Lectionary, and practical aspects of the ministry. Please register using the link [Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word \(20-Jan-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)



Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist – Saturday 10 February.

Bishop Richard will lead a day of reflection and formation for Ministers of the Eucharist at St Michael's, High Salvington,

Worthing 11-4pm. The day will include theological and practical talks, Eucharistic Adoration and Mass. Please register using the link [Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist \(10-Feb-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

Worth Abbey Retreats on 22-28 January & 3-7 June (minimum 2 nights) Cost: £90 per person, per night. Spend time at Worth Abbey enjoying the rhythm of the [monastic prayer and liturgy](#), time in reflection and the peace of the Sussex countryside. There is no set programme other than an optional daily Lectio Divina session, plus a chance to have a 1:1 for reconciliation or a chat. To book your place go to W: worth.co.uk/time-out-individual-self-led-retreats/ or call 01342 710318.

How the Encounter with Faith is a Turning Point for Many in the Prison System.

A talk by Marie Norbury, Prison Advice and Care Trust (PACT) on **Wed 17 Jan 7-8.30 pm**. St Dunstan's Catholic Church, Shaftesbury Road, Woking, Surrey GU22 7DT

Locked on the margins of society, out of sight and out of mind, with overcrowding and around 90,000 people in prison in England and Wales, can the discovery and deepening of faith amongst prisoners make a life changing and positive difference to them and their families? Should there be more focus on helping those who commit crimes to truly find mercy, forgiveness, and redemption for their good and that of Society? Find out more in this fascinating talk.

There will be refreshments and a retiring collection at the end of the talk. Let us know by email if you are coming at guildfordknightsofstcolumba@gmail.com

Diocesan Directory 2024. There are a couple of copies available to purchase at each church. £5 per copy, please put your money in the slot marked 'books or newspapers'.

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

Derek Barham	Janet Morgan
Marie Bliss	Jim Morgan
Christopher Browne	Maureen Rennison
Amy Chapman	Jean Rowlandson
John Donovan	Bernard Shaw
Mary Doran	Jenny Smith
Mary Hefford	Maggie Thomas
Maddy Hewitt	Pat Turton
Tessa Knott	Simon Turton
Gillian Lake	Andrea Vaughan
Joanna Mills	Clive Ward

This Week's Masses and Intentions

Saturday Vigil	30 Dec	6.00 pm	OLOS	Alice & Joe O'Hanlon – Birth of Baby Lily, Thanksgiving
Sunday	31 Dec	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	31 Dec	11.00 am	HS	Zbigniew Kapuśniak – Thanksgiving & Wellbeing
Monday	01 Jan	Noon	HS	Fr Louis Plamondon SJ - RIP
Tuesday	02 Jan	9.15 am	OLOS	Suzanne Sedgwick - RIP
Wednesday	03 Jan	9.15 am	HS	Celebrant's Intention
Thursday	04 Jan	9.15 am	OLOS	Vocations to the Priesthood
Friday	05 Jan	6.00 pm	HS	Holy Souls - RIP
Saturday	06 Jan	10.00 am	OLOS	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday Vigil	06 Jan	6.00 pm	OLOS	Holy Souls - RIP
Sunday	07 Jan	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	07 Jan	11.00 am	HS	Fr Stephen - Thanksgiving

HS = Holy Spirit, Fetcham

OLOS = Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham

All Masses from OLOS are live-streamed on YouTube at "Effingham and Fetcham Catholic Parish" <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLGeHumF6yae4QGCSVg0UA>

Confessions

Saturdays

10.30-11.15 am OLOS, Effingham

5.00-5.30 pm OLOS, Effingham

1st Sunday of the month after 11.00 am Mass HS, Fetcham (**no Confessions on Sun 7th Jan**)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Thursdays after Mass until midday, then 2-7 pm

Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6 | Psalm 71:1-2.7-8.10-13.R.cf.v11 | Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6 | Matthew 2:1-12



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

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