



**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 Holy Family

Sundays: Cycle C Weekdays: Year I 30th December



“Three days later, Mary and Joseph found Jesus in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies.”

I hope you have found Jesus this Christmas, in church, in your prayers, in your families and friends, and in the poor and needy. I hope you will find Him in the New Year too. Have you thought of a good, holy and realistic new year's resolution to let Him into your life a bit more or in a new way? No? Well, you've got two days to ponder it. Ask the Holy Spirit to inspire you!

May God bless you all

Fr Stephen

THIS WEEK

Changes to this Week's Masses: Please note, there will be no Mass on **Monday 31 December** but alternative local places to celebrate Mass on that day are - **Sacred Heart**, 25 Between Streets, Cobham, Surrey, KT11 1AA at 9.30am or **Our Lady and St Peter**, Garlands Road, Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 7EZ at 10.00am. On **Tuesday 1 January** the Mass begins at 10.00am rather than the usual time of 9.15am.

The Parish Office reopens on **Wednesday 2 January**.

Eucharistic Adoration: will restart on **Thursday 3 January 2019**.

THIS MONTH

Used Royal Mail Postage Stamps: Christmas is an excellent time to start collecting stamps with all the cards that are arriving but, of course, they can be collected throughout the year. Just to remind you that there are collection boxes in aid of the RNIB to be found in both church porches. Please keep a small border of paper around each stamp when removing them. All stamps can be deposited in the boxes except the local charity Christmas stamps. Thank you for supporting the RNIB in this way.

FORTHCOMING

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.

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:

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

How well do you know the Christmas Story?

Questions

- 1 Who told Mary and Joseph to go to Bethlehem?
- 2 What form of transportation did Mary and Joseph use to get to Bethlehem? The answer is not a taxi cab.
- 3 Which Old Testament prophet had the most to say about the birth of Christ?
- 4 Who told Joseph the baby's name was to be Jesus?
- 5 Can you list five names of Jesus found in the Bible? Some on my list are from Old Testament prophecies.
- 6 What are the meanings of the names Jesus and Emmanuel?
- 7 What did the angels sing to the shepherds?
- 8 When the shepherds went looking for Jesus, what was the sign they were to look for?
- 9 Matthew 2:8 says that Herod asked the wise men to inform him where the baby Jesus was. Why does this verse say he wanted to know?
- 10 How old was Jesus when the wise men found him?
- 11 What is the name of the man who was told he would not die until he saw the Saviour?
- 12 Two of the four Gospels do not mention the birth of Christ. Which two?



Answers

- 1 Caesar Augustus. He ordered the people to go back to the city of their forefathers. Joseph's family was from Bethlehem. Luke 2:1.
- 2 The Bible does not say how they went from Galilee to Bethlehem. It was an 80-mile trip for them. It is likely that they rode some type of animal, but the Bible gives no details. It is commonly depicted that Mary rode a donkey while Joseph walked along side. But that is simply an artistic depiction. We don't really know.
- 3 The book of Isaiah has much to say about the birth of the Saviour.
- 4 An angel in Matthew 1:21. The Bible does not say that this was Gabriel; however, it is assumed to be him since he was the one specifically mentioned as the messenger to Mary and Zacharias in Luke 1.
- 5 Jesus, Emmanuel, the Christ, Wonderful Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6; Matthew 1:21, 23 – and there are many others too.
- 6 Jesus means Saviour and Emmanuel means God with us. Jesus is the same name as the Old Testament name Joshua which also means Saviour. Matthew 1:21, 23.
- 7 Technically angels are never said to "sing" in the Bible. Each time they appear they only speak. However, to answer the question, the angels praised God with these words: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:14.
- 8 A baby, wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. Luke 2:12.
- 9 So that he could worship the child. But we know that his intentions were far from worship. Matthew 2:1-18.
- 10 It is certain that Jesus was somewhere between a month old and a couple of years old. The wise men saw His star at his birth and began following it. If the journey was 500 miles from Persia and Mesopotamia (around modern-day Iraq) then it would have taken at least a month. By the time they arrived Jesus and His family had moved into a house. Later in the story Herod ordered all the children aged 2 years and younger to be killed. Therefore, Jesus was at least a month old and not yet 2 years old. Matthew 2:9-18.
- 11 Simeon. Luke 2:25, 26.
- 12 Neither Mark or John tell the story of the birth of Christ.

MASS TIMES

Saturday	29 Dec	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Michael McAndrew - RIP
Sunday	30 Dec	09.00am	(OLOS)	People of the Parish
		11.00am	(HS)	Ozzie Peck - RIP
Monday	31 Dec		No Mass	
Tuesday	01 Jan	10.00am*	(OLOS)	Holy Souls - RIP
Wednesday	02 Jan	09.15am	(HS)	Suzanne Sedwick - RIP
Thursday	03 Jan	09.15am	(OLOS)	Holy Souls - RIP
Friday	04 Jan	06.00pm	(HS)	Mr & Mrs Beatty - RIP
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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday	01 Jan	09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)	No Adoration
Thursday	03 Jan	09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)	Adoration restarts today
		02.00pm to 05.00pm	(OLOS)	

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday	05 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

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 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



Newsletter items to the Parish office by 10.00am Wednesday