



## 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 Presentation of the Lord

Sundays: Cycle A   Weekdays: Year II   02 February 2020



Today's feast—the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple—has also been known since medieval times as “Candlemas” because of the blessing of candles on this feast day.

Candles are a powerful and popular Christian symbol. Today they remind us of Simeon's words, that Christ is “a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.” We always light candles on the altar at Mass. We light the great Paschal Candle each Eastertide, and at Baptisms and funerals too, to remind us of the Resurrection of Jesus. We often light votive candles when we make a prayer of petition. And a candle is kept perpetually burning near the tabernacle to remind us of the Real Presence of Jesus (even if ours is only electric ... maybe it would be good to go back to a real candle?!).

Candles are eloquent symbols of Christ firstly, of course, because they give us the light of truth, but also because they give the warmth of love. They are also “self-sacrificial”—they give themselves away and are consumed as they give out their light and warmth, just as Jesus laid down His life for us on the Cross. Finally, their flame can be shared, setting light to other candles, just as the truth and love of Jesus enkindles in our hearts the flame of faith—a flame we want to pass on to others too.

May God bless you all

*Fr Stephen*

## THIS WEEK

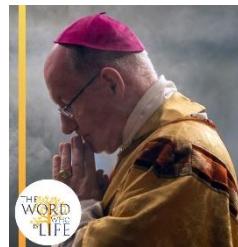
**Taizé Prayer:** at St Lawrence, Effingham, on **Sunday 2 February at 6.00pm.** You are warmly invited to this reflective, quiet, contemplative service of Bible readings, prayer and praise in the style of the Taizé Community.

**Catholicism – a Journey to the Heart of Faith:** Fr John Seddon OSB will present the sixth episode 'A Body both suffering and glorious: the mystical union of Christ and the Church' of Bishop Robert Barron's series **NEXT Saturday 8 February.** The day begins with Mass at 9.00 am, followed by coffee. The Day concludes around 4.00pm. Bring a packed lunch and if you can, a friend. Tea and coffee is provided. St Augustine's Abbey, Sample Oak Lane, Chilworth, Near Guildford. GU4 8QR.

**Sale in Aid of North Dafur:** Practical Action has a project called 'Turning the Tables' to help poor communities living in North Dafur. Any donations made before 9 March will be matched by the British Government. With this in mind, Mary Agius will be holding a sale of African goods and homemade jams **after all Masses NEXT weekend 8/9 February** in aid of this project.

## FORTHCOMING

**REFUGEES:** The biggest point of entry to Europe for Refugees from the Middle East and Africa are the North Aegean Islands. Karin Goldsmith, a familiar face in A & B Diocese is speaking about work with the Refugees in Greece at the next Grandparents' meeting. All Parishioners are welcome for an informative and thought-provoking afternoon on a very topical subject. We meet on **Wednesday, 12 February at 2.30pm until 4pm** in St Alphege Hall. Tea and cake are provided.



### **Evening Prayer for Divorced, Remarried and Separated:**

All those in our parish communities who may be divorced, remarried or simply separated, are warmly invited to come together with Bishop Richard for afternoon tea, conversation and the celebration of Evening Prayer. On **Sunday 23 February at 3pm.** There is no cost for this event. All are welcome, please let us know if you have any additional needs. Venue: St. John the Evangelist Church, Horsham, RH12 2PJ. *For more information or to book, please contact Katherine.Bergin@abdiocese.org.uk*



Diocese of Arundel and Brighton  
Lourdes Pilgrimage

Take over 700 pilgrims from our Diocese on Bishop Blundell in Lourdes for a wonderful week of peace, spirituality, laughter and friendship. We are welcome especially the sick, elderly, sick and disabled, those who wish to help. Those who are able to help are asked to apply for an assisted pilgrimage where expenses are provided for the helpers.

**Applications for Lourdes 2020 are live!**: The online application form for those applying as a helper, chaplain, member of the medical team or as a pilgrim who needs no assistance can be found at [www.ablourdes.org](http://www.ablourdes.org). If you would like to come to Lourdes as an Assisted Pilgrim, please contact the Pilgrimage Office who will post a form to you – email - [office@ablourdes.org](mailto:office@ablourdes.org) phone - 01403 740110.



Join one of our Weeks of Guided Prayer

**Week of Guided Prayer Epsom & Redhill Deanery. Sunday 15 - Friday 20 March:** An opportunity to explore different ways of praying in the midst of your daily life. You will be accompanied by a trained prayer guide (from a different parish) who will listen, encourage and help you explore how to deepen your relationship with God. **Leaflets are available at the back of each church with more information and a booking form. The closing date for bookings is Monday 24 February.**

## GENERAL



**Open Church:** You will be aware that CCTV has been installed in Our Lady of Sorrows Church and signs put up in order that our church can be open every day from 9am-5pm. The opening will start very soon, but we are looking for volunteers who are prepared to close the church at the end of the day at 5pm. In particular we are asking for volunteers to do this small task on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. A sacristy and barrier key will be provided for those who do not have them. Please let the Parish Office or Michael Bray know if you are able to help.



**Parish Email Circulation:** Our Parish has an email circulation which goes out every couple of weeks with information on the many and various events and activities that go on in our Parish. The latest went out on 14 Jan 20. If you did not receive this email and think you are on the address list or you would like to be, please let Michael Bray know [michaelpbbray@btinternet.com](mailto:michaelpbbray@btinternet.com). The emails only include Parish or church related information and are sent bcc so your email address will not be circulated. (If you wish to come off the circulation list, please also just let Michael Bray know.)

**Parish Environmental Captain:** The Ecological Conversion Group is looking for a Parish representative to help with distributing their materials after Mass or just ensuring that they are in the Narthex. Our Diocese has committed to tackling our ecological crisis and further details will follow from Bishop Richard. If you would like to be our captain, please let the Parish Office know on [eandfparish@btinternet.com](mailto:eandfparish@btinternet.com) or 01372 458263.

**Stress in Your Marriage?:** Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This programme has helped 6,000 couples who were experiencing difficulties in their marriage in the past year. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the programme commencing with a residential weekend on **28 & 29 February and 1 March** call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443 or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)



**Coffee after Sunday Mass:** We would like to encourage you to stay after the 9.00am or 11.00am Mass on a Sunday to enjoy a cup of coffee (or tea) and have the opportunity to catch up with old friends and make some new ones!

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

Marie Bliss	Joanna Mills
Michael Boulard	Janet Morgan
Pauline Boulard	Jim Morgan
Christopher Brown	Jane Neville
Alan Bryant	Maureen Rennison
Jeff Care	Patrick Rennison
Amy Chapman	Piers Ripley-Duggan
Maggi Cooke	Jean Rowlandson
Marian Cross	Yolande Sharpe
Maureen Donoghue	Karen Silver
John Donovan	Mary Skilton
Mary Doran	Jenny Smith
Mary Hefford	Pat Turton
Ros Kennedy	Simon Turton
Derek Knott	Andrea Vaughan
Tessa Knott	Rose Wedlake
Noreen Landers	Alf Wiggins
Filomena Lionetti	

## Times of Mass and Other Services

### SUNDAY MASSES

Sat	01 Feb	6.00pm	OLOS	Bob & Anne Bowley - RIP	
Sun	02 Feb	9.00am	OLOS	People of the Parish .....	<i>followed by Coffee in the Hall</i>
		11.00am	HS	Agnes Fraberger - Wellbeing.....	<i>with Children's Liturgy (in term time), followed by Coffee in the Annex</i>

### Daily Masses

Mon	03 Feb	Noon	HS	Sisters of Mary Morning Star
Tue	04 Feb	9.15am	OLOS	Denis Dempsey - RIP
Wed	05 Feb	9.15am	HS	Hilda & Frederick Sheehy - RIP
Thu	06 Feb	9.15am	OLOS	Sheila Coltart - Wellbeing
Fri	07 Feb	6.00pm	HS	Dominic Silver - RIP
Sat	08 Feb	10.00am	OLOS	Celebrant's Intention

### Next Sunday's Mass Intentions

Sat	08 Feb	6.00pm	OLOS	Anna Copelin - RIP
Sun	09 Feb	9.00am	OLOS	Bridget Lines - RIP
		11.00am	HS	People of the Parish

### Eucharistic Adoration (OLOS)

Tue	09.45 to 12.00 noon
Thu	09.45 to 12.00 noon and 2.00 to 5.00 pm

### Confessions (OLOS)

Sat	10.30 to 11.15 am (Face to Face)
Sat	5.00 to 5.30 pm (in the confessional)

### Confessions (HS)

After 11 am Mass, first Sunday of every month

## Monthly Rosary for Vocations

Monday	03 Feb	11.30am	(HS)	1st Monday of the month
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HS = Church of the Holy Spirit, Fetcham OLOS = Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham

## Next Sunday: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 58:7-10 Psalm 111:4-9. R.v4 1Corinthians 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16



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