

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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays: Cycle B Weekdays: Year II 28 July 2024



As Fr Charles explained last week, for this and the next four Sundays the Gospel comes from Chapter Six of St John's Gospel. Interestingly, John's Gospel has no account of the institution of the Eucharist, but Chapter Six more than compensates for that. The miracle described in the First Reading shows God's concern for his people during a time of famine. The bread in question was the bread of the first-fruits, which was meant to be offered to God. But instead of offering it to God, Elisha, the prophet of the old covenant, gave it to the people. The leftovers stress God's generosity. So, the traditional sign in the scriptures that God loves us and cares for us is that he provides food for his people, usually bread, the staple food in much of the world. Can we believe this when every day so many go hungry? Let us first ask ourselves whether food is lacking or is it that the distribution and sharing that are bad? The bread of the Bible stands not only for food for the body, but also for God's word, love, concern and presence. The most profound of these signs of God's care is the Eucharist in which Jesus keeps giving himself as our food and drink for the road of life. Let us give thanks to the Father with Jesus for this great gift.

God bless

Deacon Ian

This Week

Changes to Masses this Week



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This Monday, 29th July, there will be a Mass at OLOS at 9.15 am.

Fr Charles is then away on his summer vacation from Tues 30th July to Tues 13th Aug inclusive.

We extend a very warm welcome to Fr Liam Hayes. He will be supplying in the parish for the following two weekends. He will be hearing Sat evening confessions at OLOS and 1st Sunday of the month confessions at HS and also celebrating all the weekend Masses. **Please note, there will be no weekday Masses in the parish while Fr Charles is away.**

Adoration in August



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As in past years, with many parishioners away in August, Adoration will be taking a break from Thur 1st Aug – Thur 29 Aug inclusive.

Adoration restarts on Thur 5 Sept.

OLOS church will continue to be open each day for private prayer.



A&B's 50th Anniversary Lourdes Pilgrimage. A good number of parishioners set off on our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes just this Friday (26 July). They will be going for a variety of

reasons, including: as helpers, as nurses, as assisted pilgrims, as independent pilgrims, to bury ashes, in the hope of healing. *As they pray for us, please also pray for them while they are away this week.*



Does your family like going for walks? Take

the **CELEBRATE Summer Psalm Walk** with you. It has things to look for and do, whilst helping your family encounter Psalm 139 from the Bible and has prayer suggestions. Folds up into a little booklet for little hands to follow step by step. To download your copy today, go to <https://www.celebratetrust.org/celebratereathome>

New Translation of the Readings at Mass



Starting in Advent 2024, a new English version of the *Lectionary for Mass* will come into use. It will be based upon the *English Standard Version: Catholic Edition* and the *Abbey Psalms and Canticles*. The readings on any particular day will still be the same biblical passage as before, it's just the English translation that will change. The feel of the changes will be similar to the 2011 translation of *The Roman Missal* when, for example, 'and also with you' became 'and with your spirit'.

Leaflets have been prepared explaining in more detail what the change will mean and why it's happening. Copies are available at the back of the churches.

Coming Soon

The Parish Office – Changes in August

The parish office will be closed from Thur 15 Aug (from 1 pm) – Mon 2 Sept. If you have a notice for the newsletter, would like a Mass intention booked, invoice paid or any other administrative matter dealt with, please let the office know well in advance. Emails may not be monitored on a regular basis during the last two weeks in August. Thank you for your understanding.



Study Morning: St Catherine of Siena, the Mystic, at St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth, Sat 17 Aug, 10.30 am to 12.20 pm.

Mystic, wonder worker and confidant of Popes and Kings, St Catherine of Siena exemplified the power of a life lived in relationship with Jesus. Fr John Seddon OSB will show Bishop Barron's video on Catholicism's Pivotal Players and then lead the discussion about it afterwards.

Optional Mass is at 9 am in the Abbey Church followed by the video and talk in the Assisi Room at the rear of the monastery. for a Video and Talk from 10.30am-12.20pm. The study morning is free to attend, however a charge of £10 per person is being charged for refreshments and room hire. Book here: <https://www.chilworthbenedictines.com/come-to-our-study-morning-about-st-catherine-of-siena-the-mystic>

General

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CRS) – South – beginning Tuesday 24 September 2024 – Fee payable

The CCRS (Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies) will be run at Cardinal Newman School in Hove on Tuesdays from 3.45-5.45pm. Each module (5 sessions) will be delivered over a term and the course will complete in 2 academic years. There is a £20 registration fee which enables us to register you with the national administrator of this course. Additionally, £30 is charged for each of the 8 modules. This may be paid by the student, or they may be sponsored by their school/parish. Teachers, TAs, Catechists and anyone wishing to develop their understanding of the Faith are welcome. To book your place please use the attached link [CCRS - South \(24-Sep-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or book through the Diocesan website.

You're Invited!

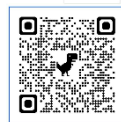
Sunday 15th September is the Patronal Solemnity of Our Lady of Sorrows. We will be holding our annual parish picnic including a hog roast, for the first time since 2019. Starting from 12.30 pm at Our Lady of Sorrows Gardens, Effingham. **Leaflets and sign-up sheets are available at the back of each church.** This event is FREE! Please contact the parish office if you can help with setting up/clearing up for the event.

A Marathon for The Ascent



Recently, Joseph Witchalls (a parishioner) and a friend (both volunteer youth leaders) ran a marathon from Worth Abbey to the coast. This was to fundraise for The Ascent, a discipleship program

for young people of the diocese. If you would like to make a donation, please scan the QR code. To find out more about what The Ascent is, click on this link: [Home theascentuk.co.uk](http://Home.theascentuk.co.uk)



Please pray for all those in our Parish who are sick:	
Derek Barham	Joanna Mills
Marie Bliss	Janet Morgan
Christopher Browne	Jim Morgan
Amy Chapman	James Nicholls
John Donovan	Maureen Rennison
Mary Doran	Jean Rowlandson
Mary Hefford	Bernard Shaw
Maddy Hewitt	Jenny Smith
Hanna Jaszczyk	Maggie Thomas
Gillian Lake	Andrea Vaughan

This Week's Services and Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil	27 July	6.00 pm	OLOS	Joseph Rizzo - RIP
Sunday	28 July	9.00 am	OLOS	Hartley Family Intention
Sunday	28 July	11.00 am	HS	Georgina Aboud - Wellbeing
Monday	29 July	**9.15 am**	**OLOS**	People of the Parish
Tuesday	30 July	NO MASS	OLOS	NO MASS
Wednesday	31 July	NO MASS	HS	NO MASS
Thursday	01 Aug	NO MASS	OLOS	NO MASS
Friday	02 Aug	NO MASS	HS	NO MASS
Saturday Vigil	03 Aug	6.00 pm	OLOS	Bernardette Baker – Private Intention
Sunday	04 Aug	9.00 am	OLOS	Mikey Connors - RIP & Peace for the Family
Sunday	04 Aug	11.00 am	HS	People of the Parish

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 5.00-5.30 pm OLOS, Effingham 1st Sunday of the month after 11.00 am Mass HS, Fetcham
Adoration	Thursdays following OLOS 9.15 am Mass to Noon, then 2-7 pm
Chaplet of the Divine Mercy	Fridays following HS Noon Mass
Children's Liturgy	1st & 3rd Sundays of the month in term time at HS, Fetcham 11.00 am

Next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15 | Psalm 77:3-4.23-25.54. R.v24 | Ephesians 4:17. 20-24 | John 6:24-35



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

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