

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

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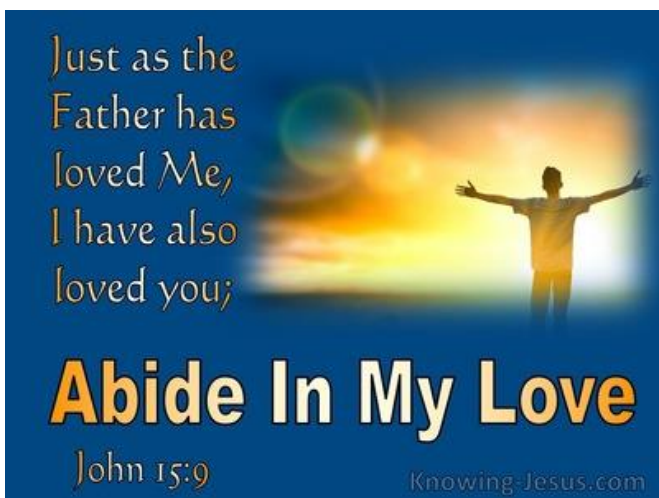
Live-stream on YouTube "Effingham and Fetcham Catholic Parish":

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

A Very Warm Welcome to Parishioners and Visitors

6th Sunday of Easter

Sundays: Cycle B Weekdays: Year II 5 May 2024



We are again reminded in this Sunday's Gospel that at the heart of Christianity is love: love of God, love of one another. Jesus tells us that we have to love one another as he has loved us. This is a demanding love, for it commits us to love not only those we like and who love us or like-minded fellow Christians, but also the difficult ones, the 'unlovable', people far from perfect, outsiders...That is not so easy, and this is probably why he calls it a commandment. Love is the best teacher we have. But it does not come of its own accord. It is dearly bought. It often demands many years of persevering toil before a person can reach the

point where he or she is able to love. There is a big gap between knowing God and loving God. Not to love is not to know God. But when we love, the gap is closed. To love is to know God. Where love is, God is; where God is, love is. To know is not to prove, or to explain. Hate is a bad thing. It's bad to hate anything. It is a good thing to love something, even a rosebush! Because we are made in God's image, each of us has the innate capacity for love. However, for this to happen the heart has to be right. If only the heart was right, we could give so much more. But each of us has to heal the wounds of the heart in order to be able to produce the fruits of love. The image of God is at its best and brightest in us when we love.

God bless

Deacon Ian

This Week

Please pray for **Emmelia Fitzgerald, Rebecca Witchalls** and **Felicity Carroll** of our parish who are being confirmed this weekend at St Joseph's, Epsom.

Preparing for Pentecost

PENTECOST NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT



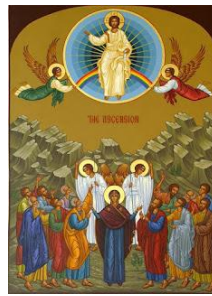
The great solemnity of Pentecost ranks in importance alongside Christmas and Easter; it is the birthday of the Church, and for us it is the patronal solemnity of our church at Fetcham. Yet we can often let it slip by as

'just another Sunday.' The time of preparation for Pentecost begins on Ascension Day which is this Thursday. The period of nine days of waiting from Ascension to Pentecost is the mother of all Novenas, indeed it's where the concept of a novena began.

Prayer sheets with a suggested Novena to the Holy Spirit are available at the back of church, or can be freely downloaded at www.pemdc.org/freeresources/pentecost-novena-to-the-holy-spirit/

You are encouraged to make this novena individually, as households, and at any parish gatherings or Masses. It will be prayed together after weekday Masses.

Also, the 6pm evening Mass on Saturday 18th May will be the Vigil Mass of Pentecost. It is different from the Sunday mass and has a distinct character including a short sequence of Old Testament readings and psalms. It will last slightly longer than usual (about 1hr 20) and can be attended by those who will also attend again on Sunday.



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The Ascension of the Lord – Holyday of Obligation on Thursday 9 May. Masses (as last year) will be 11 am at St Teresa's School and 8 pm at CHS. There will be no Mass at OLOS.

Change to Adoration this Week. As the morning Mass on Thurs 9 May is at St Teresa's school (see notice above) Adoration will start at 2 pm. There will be no Adoration in the morning.

Next Week

Special Collection next week: World Communications Sunday (NOT Gift Aid). This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network, providing facilities and training for those working in the apostolate of the mass media.



Cake Sale in aid of Mtandika Trade School in Tanzania - there will be a sale of cakes and marmalade after all Masses on 11th/12th May.

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Coming Soon



Parish Trip to Arundel Cathedral for Feast of Corpus Christi Mass on Thur 30 May. We have now booked the coach trip to Arundel Cathedral for the Corpus Christi Mass, leaving OLOS at 3 pm, back home around 9 pm. The timings for the celebration are as follows:

- Mass starts at 5:30pm and ends 6:30pm
- Procession leaves Cathedral for the Castle at 6:30pm
- Benediction in the Castle grounds

- Procession returns to the Cathedral for the final part of Benediction at 7:30pm
- Celebration concludes at 7:45pm

As the coach is just about full any further enquiries should come to the parish office. We suggest a donation of £10 per person as a contribution towards the cost of the coach hire. Please bring the donation in cash on the day of the trip.

General



First Holy Communion Rosaries. We have a lovely selection of First Holy Communion rosaries in the repository cupboard at OLOS and a smaller number at HS.

Do please help yourself and put any money in the wall slots.



The Life of Christ. Wintershall Estate, nr Guildford, 18-22 June, 10 am to 3.30 pm. For more details, please click the link:

<https://www.wintershall.org.uk/life-christ-2024>



CAFOD – Legacy Event. CAFOD are holding a special event to talk about gifts in

Wills on Thur 27 June, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm at St Peter's Church Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex BN43 5WG. Many different areas of CAFOD's work and how they are supported through gifts in Wills will be discussed. There will be opportunity to ask questions about leaving a gift in a Will to CAFOD. The event is open to anyone who is interested in finding out more about this way of giving. For more details and to book your place, please go to cafod.org.uk/legacyevent



Diocesan Run Event: Mass for Engaged Couples – Fri 5 July, 7-8 pm.

Join Bishop Richard for a special Mass celebrating the momentous journey of discernment that is

engagement towards the lifelong commitment made by couples preparing for marriage. Join us afterwards for a small drinks reception in the Cathedral Centre. We look forward to meeting many engaged couples from across the Diocese and sharing in their joy. Please book here [Mass for Engaged Couples \(05-Jul-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

External Event: Live Life to the Full Summer Camp for young people in School years 7-11.

The Lay Community of St Benedict are running a residential event for young people. With opportunities for inspiring talks, uplifting prayer, fun activities and space to just be; this summer camp will help your faith soar! 20-24 August at Worth Abbey. Contact Pete for more information E: lcsb.pete@gmail.com. Early bird prices available before 30 June.

Taizé Prayer is to be held at St Lawrence, Effingham on Sunday 5 May at 6 pm.

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

This Week's Services and Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil	04 May	6.00 pm	OLOS	Carol Acres - RIP
Sunday	05 May	9.00 am	OLOS	Elsie Regnault – RIP (1 st Anniversary)
Sunday	05 May	11.00 am	HS	People of the Parish
Monday	06 May	NO MASS		NO MASS
Tuesday	07 May	9.15 am	OLOS	Stella Cooke - RIP
Wednesday	08 May	9.15 am	HS	Rupert Pontifex - RIP
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION				
Thursday	09 May	11.00 am**	ST TERESA'S**	Celebrant's Intention
		8.00 pm	HS	People of the Parish
Friday	10 May	Noon	HS	Teresa & Robert Calburn - RIP
Saturday Vigil	11 May	6.00 pm	OLOS	Mercy O'Connor - RIP
Sunday	12 May	9.00 am	OLOS	Mary Patricia Taylor - RIP
Sunday	12 May	11.00 am	HS	People of the Parish

HS = Holy Spirit, Fetcham OLOS = Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham

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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	Wednesdays following HS 9.15 am Mass
Children's Liturgy	1st & 3rd Sundays of the month in term time at HS, Fetcham 11.00 am

Next Sunday: 7th Sunday of Easter

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Acts 1:15-17. 20-26 | Psalm 102:1-2. 11-12. 19-20. R.v19 | 1John 4:11-16 | John 17:11-19



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

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