

### THIS WEEK

**Vigil 6 pm (G):** The Moore Family

**Sunday: 8 45 am (F):** People of the Parish

**10 15 am (M):** Deceased Relatives & Friends of  
David Coombs

**Monday: 2 pm (M):** Requiem for Jesu Lopez RIP

**Tuesday: 9 30 am (G):**

**Wednesday: NO MASS**

**Thursday: NO MASS**

**Friday: 9 30 pm (M):**

**Saturday: 9 30 am (G):**

**Vigil 6 pm (G):** Molly Cliff RIP

**Sunday: 8 45 am (F):** People of the Parish

**10 15 am (M):** Jesu Lopez RIP

### NEXT WEEK

**Monday - 9 30 am (M); Tuesday - No Mass;**

**Wednesday - No Mass; Thursday - 9 30 am (G);**

**Friday - 9 30 am (M); Saturday - 9 30 am (G)**

### CONFESSION

At call and 5 15 to 5 45 pm Saturdays

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### WEEKLY

Mon **Bump, Baby and Toddler Group**

10 30 am (St John's, Farncombe)

**Parish Prayer Group** *except Bank Holidays*

8 pm (Richard Grey, Old Farmhouse, Elstead - 01252 702230)

**TTT WowZa**, for Years 3 to 6, from

3 05 pm to 4 05 pm (Godalming Junior School)

Tue **Bible Study** 10 30 am (St Joseph's Room)

**TTT Little Noise** faith exploration for Years 7 to 9

from 4 pm to 5 30 pm (Farncombe Community Centre)

Wed **TTT "Fuse" Discipleship Group**, for ages 12+ to

16, from 8 pm to 9 30 pm (Godalming Baptist Church)

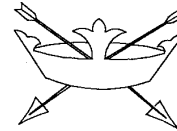
Fri **TTT WowZa**, for Years 3 to 6, from

3 30 pm to 4 30 pm (St Edmund's School)

**Rosary and Benediction** 6 45 pm (M)

**TTT InFuse**, for ages 16+ (fortnightly)

(Godalming Baptist Church)



# St Edmund

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### SUNDAY, 19TH JANUARY 2020

### 2nd Sunday in Year A : Divine Office Week 2

(Page 125 in Parish Mass Book)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!*

FIRST READING: **Isaiah 49:3. 5 - 6.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: **Ps 39:2, 4, 7 - 10.**

RESPONSE: *Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.*

SECOND READING: **1 Corinthians 1:1 - 3.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!*

GOSPEL: **John 1:29 - 34.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.*

### ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL - REGISTER YOUR MASS ATTENDANCE

All parents/carers with children who will need St Edmund's School Supplementary Information Forms signed by Father Jonathan in the future are invited to sign the Mass Attendance Register every time you attend Mass here.

If you have not yet completed an Initial Registration Form, please do so as soon as possible.

### CALENDAR OF FUTURE EVENTS

#### JANUARY

Sun 19

**KYN (M)**

Mon 20

**Baptism Preparation** 7 45 pm (SJR)

Wed 22

**SVP Meeting** 8 pm (SJR)

Thu 23

**Co-ordinators Meeting** 7 pm (Burford Lodge)

Sat 25

**Prayer Breakfast** 8 30 am (The Old Farmhouse,  
Elstead)

Wed 29

**Baptism Preparation** 7 45 pm (SJR)

#### FEBRUARY

Sat 1

**FHC Preparation** 3 pm (S)

**FHC Mass** 6 pm (G)

Sun 2

**KYN + Coffee** (F)

Tue 4

**Liturgy Meeting** 8 pm (SJR)

Wed 5

**Elstead Mass** 6 pm (Back Lane)

Sat 8

**Confirmation Preparation** 4 pm (PR)

**Youth Mass** 6 pm (G)

Sun 9

**School Mass** 10 15 am (M)

**Baby Naming + Coffee** (M)

Wed 12

**Afternoon Tea** 2 30 pm (Elstead URC)

**SVP Meeting** 8 pm (SJR)

Sat 15

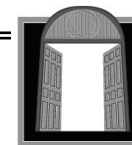
**KYN (G)**

Sun 16

**KYN (M)**

Wed 19

**Parish Prayer Evening** 7 45 pm (M)



## Divine Renovation

### *Vision Prayer*

Heavenly Father, everything we have and everything we are comes from you. Please guide the vision of our Parish to make your Son, Jesus, known. Help us to reach out to all people so that they may come to know the beauty of a personal encounter with Him.

Pour out your Spirit upon your people. Grant each one of us ... a new vision of your Glory; a new experience of your Power; a new faithfulness to your Word and a new dedication to your service, that your love may grow among us and your Kingdom come. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

# REFLECTION

## IS LIFE JUST ONE BIG ADVENTEROUS RAMBLE?

One could suppose that life is, in many ways, a ramble. The word seems to reflect an unplanned adventure full of unexpected moments of joy, satisfaction, gratitude, sadness, anger and frustration. It suggests that everything we perceive and experience is just a part of our life's ramble. Everything about our existence indicates that things have been put together in a rambling sort of way; a little bit here, a little bit there. Did the person who put it all together have a tidy or a rambling mind, or indeed did anyone actually put it together?

Our dictionary tells us that to ramble is to wander, hither and thither. Perhaps it is our inherent sense of curiosity that persuades us to wander? Why be curious? Why can't we leave well alone? Curiosity after all kills more than just cats! Would it be that our rambling is as a result of living in a very haphazard world; a world of chance, accident; an afterthought or even an act of spontaneity? It is undoubtedly an erratic and unpredictable world, a place of disorder and yet may it not be a place of organised disorder? For a kettle to boil, a picture of total turbulence, millions of atoms have to cooperate. Is our rambling therefore part of our organised disorder, our life's turbulence where everybody's turbulence forces us to ramble but in a cooperative fashion? The beauty and wonder of our environment: the colours, the smells, the tastes and above all the power of life; is it all one big by-chance ramble or an act of purpose, of intent to help us find the source of WHY we are here? WHO we are? WHERE are we going? WHEN are we going to get there?

As Christians we are reminded by Jean-Pierre De Causse, SJ 'That God sends us along paths that he has chosen but which we cannot see; no amount of study will help.....Divine action is always new and fresh, it never retraces its steps, but always finds new routes.' So there we have it, God is the ultimate rambler!! Finally, within all of this there is a "constant", we need each other! We would not be what we are to each other unless we were able to ramble, to wander, hither and thither. May you all have a wonderful 'Hithering' and 'Thithering' 2020.

With every blessing  
Deacon Jeremy.

# PARISH NEWS

*Through the love of the Father, Son and Spirit, our Parish will be the Body of Christ in Godalming*

## FEASTS/MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Mon	St Fabian, Pope, Martyr St Sebastian, Martyr
Tue	St Agnes, Virgin
Wed	St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr
Fri	St Francis de Sales, Bishop
Sat	Conversion of St Paul, Apostle

## T O D A Y

Special Collection for  
Pax Christi

**TODAY IS PEACE SUNDAY** and there will be a special collection for Pax Christi, an international Catholic movement for peace whose work is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Pax Christi's vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms and they work with all who share their values of abolishing war and the creation of communities of peace and justice.

**OF YOUR CHARITY**, please pray for the repose of the soul of Jesu Lopez who died on 6th January and for the comfort and consolation of Maria and his family. His funeral is due to take place at St Joseph's at 2 p m on **Monday, 20th January**.

**DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION** Fr Jonathan will lead a day of prayer and reflection on **Sunday, 8th March** at St Joseph's from 12 noon to 5 p m. The day is also open to Readers and other liturgical ministers, and to Guilford Deanery. Please let the Parish office know if you plan to attend.

**THERE ARE A GOOD NUMBER OF CATHOLIC TEACHERS** in the Parish, many with young families. Fr Jonathan would like to give them an opportunity to meet each other over supper at the Presbytery on **Wednesday, 25th March**. Please let the Parish office know if you would like to come and if you have any dietary requirements, or if you are unable to make that evening but would like to be kept informed of any future opportunities.

**REDSHIRTS** are a group of young people from school years 10 and 11 who share a life changing experience in Lourdes. During their time together, both in Lourdes and back home, there are opportunities for games, building friendships, prayer, discussion, exploring, free time, a lot of laughter and the occasional ice cream! Their aim is to return home as better people and Lourdes is the perfect setting to (re)discover faith and what it is that we believe, both as Catholics and as individuals. The sense of community and openness of the group is commented on every single year – anyone is welcome, and

everyone is accepted for who they are. Applications for 2020 are now open. Book early as places are limited. See [www.ablourdes.org](http://www.ablourdes.org) for details.

**ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL ADMISSIONS** If the School is oversubscribed, the governors give preference to children whose parents attend Mass at least once a month. To help verify this we ask parents with pre-school children to complete an initial registration form and sign the register when they are at Mass in the Parish. It is usually at the entrance and if not then in the sacristy.

**THANK YOU** - Eileen and Allan Hudson would like to thank the Parish for the beautiful flowers and good wishes on the occasion of their 40th Wedding Anniversary

**ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL** Alice Hall, a full time missionary with Sion Evangelisation Community, introduces the year's theme with her talk, *'The Almighty has done great things for me'* on **Saturday, 25th January** at Alton (Convent) School, Anstey Lane, Alton. For more information go to [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com)

**SINGleness AND LONELINESS** We can all feel lonely, whatever our age or situation. Loneliness can take us by surprise or can follow naturally in the wake of life's transitions: bereavement, redundancy, illness or some other change of circumstance such as moving house, or starting university. How can we combat loneliness, even if we choose to be single? Can we share one another's loneliness? Suzette Jones will be leading this morning of reflection at the Godalming Baptist Church on **Saturday, 22nd February** from 10 a m to 12 noon. To book/more information phone 422105 or email [office.gbc@btinternet.com](mailto:office.gbc@btinternet.com)

**KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOUR** at St Edmund's and St Joseph's this weekend. It's not about your name badge! Please remember this is to encourage you to meet and greet and pray for your fellow Parishioners and remind you that we are all brothers and sisters who share in the life of our Parish community and are part of God's family. Please reach out to each other!

**PLEASE JOIN** the many faithful from Christian denominations around the world for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which starts this weekend and runs until Saturday, 25th January, and pray in communion with the prayer of Jesus 'that they all may be one'. This year's theme is *'They Showed Us Unusual Kindness'*, which finds its origins in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 27:18 – 28:10) and emphasizes that it is through this 'unusual kindness' that Christians are united as one.

**THIS MONTH'S** Churches Together Prayer Breakfast will

round off Christian Unity Week. It will take place at 8 30 a m at The Old Farmhouse, Elstead, on **Saturday, 25th January**. What a lovely way to start the weekend.

**ZIMBABWE AND ZAMBIA FOOD CRISIS** Crippling drought and failed crops have left 10 million people without food or water. CAFOD's local experts are on the ground responding to the crisis and so far have committed over £160,000 to the emergency response but more is needed to provide food aid and clean water. Please help by donating online at [cafod.org.uk/foodcrisisappeal](http://cafod.org.uk/foodcrisisappeal) or call 0808 58 588 85.

**GODALMING BAPTIST CHURCH** are hosting *'All for Jesus 2020'* led by Kathleen Smith and Fi Stevenson on **Saturday, 25th January** from 10 a m to 12 30 p m. Do go and reflect what personally worked well for you in 2019, what didn't, what needs to change, how to get on with those who we find difficult and how to live a spirit-filled life seeking God's will for our journey. No charge but support for the speakers' bookstall would be very much appreciated. Please contact Sally Pollard ([pollard3@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pollard3@hotmail.co.uk)), Janet Fry ([janetfry1@gmail.com](mailto:janetfry1@gmail.com)) or contact the church office on Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings on 422105 or [office.gbc@btinternet.com](mailto:office.gbc@btinternet.com) to book a place.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** This year's World Day of Prayer takes place on **Friday, 6th March**. The theme is *'Rise, take your mat and walk'*. Women, men and children of all ages are called to join this day of prayer prepared by women of Zimbabwe who encourage us all to reflect on the difficulties and unrest that has plagued their country for many years. Venue to be confirmed.

**PARLIAMENTARY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS INTERNSHIPS** Applications are now open for 2020 places on the 'Faith in Politics' internship scheme, which is open to Catholic graduates with a desire to work in public life and make the world a better place. For more information visit [www.faithinpolitics.org.uk](http://www.faithinpolitics.org.uk)

**LIVESIMPLY MESSAGE THIS WEEK** Start the day with a prayer of thanks for Creation and pray for the changing of hearts of minds towards sustainable lifestyles. Please also email the Parish office to sign up to the Parish *livesimply* email, which offers good eco ideas and useful local community information. And our recycling initiative continues: this month we are collecting old cameras, including old film, digital/video. Please bring your items with you and place them in the recycling boxes at church.

**'A DAY WITH MARY'** This day of instruction, devotion and intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917, takes place at Arundel Cathedral on **Saturday, 15th February**, starting at 10 a m with a procession and Mass at 10 30 a m celebrated by Canon David Parmiter.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Holy Father's Intention for January is that Christians, followers of other religions and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world; peace on earth; Christian unity; the sick and those who care for them especially - Cliff Hutchinson, Alan Berry, Nicolle Ernould, Gerry Newell, Pat Cooke, Ruth de Stefani, Josie Whittle, Barbara Brightman, Nuala Gallagher, Maria Chacaltana, Ann Lloyd, Anita van Rheenan, Moira Goodfellow, Alex Joliffe and Rudolf Dorrepaal; Chrissie Dwyer, Halina Lada-Walicki, Jesu Lopez, Kazimir Kulan, Breda Butterfield and Maryanne Gray recently deceased and Trixie Moore, Denis Flanagan, Margharita Jackson, Mary Dorsett, Delia Purvis, Elizabeth Brewer, Allan Batchelor and Molly Cliff whose anniversaries occur around this time.