

### THIS WEEK

**Vigil 6 pm (G):** Antonio Giuliani and Benedetto Cali RIP

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

**10 15 am (M):** Halina Lada-Walicki RIP

**Monday: NO MASS**

**Tuesday: 9 30 am (G):** Rose Rogers RIP

**Wednesday: 6 pm (E):**

**Thursday: 9 30 am (M):** Frank & Matthew Brown RIP

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

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

**Vigil 6 pm (G):**

**Sunday: 8 45 am (F):**

**10 15 am (M):** Private Intention

### NEXT WEEK

**Monday - 9 30 am (M); Tuesday - 9 30 am (G);**

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

**Friday - No Mass; Saturday - No Morning Mass**

### 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

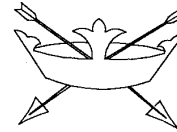
16, from 8 pm to 9 30 pm (Godalming Baptist Church)

**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, 2ND FEBRUARY 2020

### Presentation of the Lord : Divine Office Week 4

(Page 297 in Parish Mass Book)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.*

FIRST READING: **Malachi 3:1 - 4.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: **Ps 23:7 - 10.**

RESPONSE: *Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.*

SECOND READING: **Hebrew 2:14 - 18.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia, alleluia! The light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL: **Luke 2:22 - 40.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.*

### 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

#### FEBRUARY

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 **Rite of Welcoming + School Mass** 10 15 am (M)

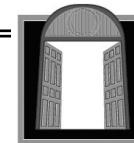
**Coffee** (M)  
**Baptism** 12 noon (M)  
**Afternoon Tea** 2 30 pm (Elstead URC)  
**SVP Meeting** 8 pm (SJR)  
Sat 15 **KYN** (G)  
Sun 16 **KYN** (M)  
Wed 19 **Parish Prayer Evening** 7 45 pm (M)  
Sun 23 **Baptism** 12 30 pm (G)  
Wed 26 **Ash Wednesday**

**Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes**  
9 30 am (M)

**Mass** 8 pm (G)  
**Stations of the Cross** 7 pm (M)

#### MARCH

Sun 1 **KYN + Coffee** (F)



## 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

Simeon was an ordinary Israelite amongst countless thousands of ordinary Israelites who, over the centuries, had been waiting for the promised Messiah. Their writings and scriptures were clear that a great King and Saviour would come, but nobody knew when. It was a question of waiting, waiting, waiting. But with Simeon, there was a critical difference: God had told him that he would not die before actually seeing the Messiah with his own eyes. He had borne in his heart, all his life long, the tremendous knowledge and secret that he would one day hold his people's promised Messiah in his very own arms.

In amongst the hustle and bustle of an ordinary day in and around the temple comes a young and poor couple and, in an instant, Simeon knows exactly who and what the baby is; a silent but powerful inner voice has revealed to him that this is the child for whom he and his people have been waiting. This is the child whom God has promised him he would see. We cannot imagine his feelings as he took the child into his arms.

For thousands of years up until then, only the holiest of priests were allowed into the 'holy of holies' to worship their God in darkness and silence and in air filled with incense. God and his divinity were untouchable.

And yet, here was the hitherto untouchable God lying in the arms of Simeon, not in the privacy and darkness of the incensed holy of holies, but who knows which part of the temple – possibly even the doorway.

The people of his time could only dream of coming into the presence of their untouchable, unseen and longed-for Messiah. Simeon had the inestimable grace of holding Him in his arms. We have the even *greater* grace of not only holding him in our hands, but of sharing in Jesus' divinity as we take and eat the Blessed Sacrament. Simeon, whilst blessed, was not as truly blessed as we are.

Simeon saw in the child lying in his arms the Salvation and Light of the world. What do we see lying in our hand as the priest places the Blessed Sacrament onto it?

## 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 Blaise, Bishop & Martyr St Ansgar, Bishop
Wed	St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr
Thu	St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs of Japan
Sat	St Cuthman of Steyning, Hermit St Jerome Emiliani, Religious St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

### **T O D A Y**

Special Collection for  
St John's, Farncombe

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

Special Collection for  
Racial Justice

**ST JOHN'S, FARNCOMBE** was subjected to vandalism recently. To help cover the costs of clearing, and cleaning, up the damage the Parish has made a donation of £200 to St John's, and there will be a collection today for Parishioners to contribute to this payment. Any money collected in excess will be paid to St John's.

**NEXT WEEKEND** the Catholic Church in England and Wales celebrates Racial Justice Sunday. The theme this year is 'You are at the heart of the Church' and celebrates the contribution Travelling Communities make to the Church in England and Wales

### **NEW LENT "LOVING THE WORD" COURSES**

Scripture read in the liturgy and prayerfully in the Christian community is one of the privileged ways in which Christ continues to be present among us, drawing us more deeply into the mystery of his love. As part of getting ready for Easter we are inviting anyone who is interested in a deeply spiritual preparation for Easter or in meeting together to read the bible prayerfully to join one of the Loving the Word groups that will run on weekday evenings from **2nd March**. Due to the success of the Advent programme we would now like to run a fourth (or even a fifth!) group but need a group leader or joint leaders to facilitate these groups. Please contact Adrian Wyn-Griffiths on 07802 445030 if you are interested in helping out. Watch out for fliers at future Masses, and shortly you will be able to register on the Parish website.

**DOES ANYONE** have an unwanted laptop that we can pass to a Parishioner - who needs it for job hunting? Her need is urgent and she would be grateful for the help. Please contact Sarah in the office!

**FR JOHN SEDDON OSB** will present the sixth episode of '*Catholicism - a journey to the heart of the faith*', by Bishop Robert Barron, on **Saturday, 8th February** at St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth. The day begins with Mass at 9 a.m., followed by coffee. The film is entitled '*A Body both suffering and glorious: the mystical union of Christ and the Church*.' The Day concludes around 4 p.m. Take 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.

**IF YOU ARE DIVORCED, REMARRIED OR SEPARATED** you are warmly invited to come together with Bishop Richard at St John the Evangelist Church in Horsham for afternoon tea, conversation and the celebration of Evening Prayer, from 3 p.m. on **Sunday 23rd February**. Please email to confirm your attendance: Katherine.Bergin@abdiocese.org.uk.

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed so generously to the Maria Fund and for all the prayers that you are offering for her and her family. Maria's two grannies and her cousin, Ana, were able to come over from Peru for Christmas as Maria so wanted. They were all able to celebrate together. Her maternal grandmother and Ana will be here until 1st March when the new school year begins in Peru.

Maria continues treatment at the Royal Marsden Hospital. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

**ALSO**, Ethel Stammers would like to thank the Parish for their cards and the bouquet on the occasion of her coming of age last month. Thanks also to all who help her get to church each week.

**GLOBAL CARING** This new film is the sequel to the Global Healing film which was shown in the Parish during Lent 2019. Commissioned by the Bishops of England and Wales, the film features Bishop John Arnold and Carmody Grey on living in harmony with God's Creation. Please come to one of the film showings in the Parish and reflect on how you can live more simply and what you can pledge to do during Lent:

**Monday, 17th February** at Richard Grey's Prayer Group, Elstead, at 8 p.m. (01252 702230)

**Tuesday, 18th February** at Jo Lewry's house, Farncombe, at 8 p.m. (421520)

**Wednesday, 19th February** at St Joseph's, at 10 a.m. led by Catherine Maxwell-Miles

**Thursday, 20th February** at Colette Wyn-Griffith's house, Godalming, at 8 p.m. (416300)

Please contact the host to let them know you will be coming. If anyone else would like to borrow the DVD or show the film please contact Jo Lewry. The film is available to download at <https://www.ourcommonhome.co.uk/>

**PRAYER EVENING AT ST JOSEPH'S, MILFORD.** If you would like some space for quiet reflection and prayer, please come to the Prayer Evening at St Joseph's on **Wednesday, 19th February** from 7.45 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. This special time for silent and shared prayer is followed by refreshments, and all are welcome.

**LIVESIMPLY MESSAGE THIS WEEK:** buy eco-friendly cleaning products instead of chemical-based products, and don't forget the 3Rs: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

**KYN AT ST JOHN'S THIS SUNDAY.** Please take this opportunity to get to know your fellow Parishioners. Spread the love of God to everyone around you with a smile, a handshake and a quick chat, and with prayers.

**BIBLES AVAILABLE** Bernard Polack (421412) has two spare Bibles, New Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition, Anglicized Text. In return, he will be pleased to have a donation to Aid to the Church in Need.

**YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED** to a service of Healing and Renewal in St Joan of Arc Church, 19 Tilford Road, Farnham GU9 8DJ on **Wednesday, 5th February** - 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Praise, adoration, scripture reflections, individual healing, prayer ministry. Everyone is welcome to come and experience the love and peace of God.

**MATTHEW'S GOSPEL – WOULD YOU LIKE A COPY?** The Diocese has given us some new pocket-sized paperback copies of this Gospel to distribute to young people (or anyone) who would be interested to read it. Please ask Fr Jonathan if you would like a free copy. This is part of the 2020 Year of the Word initiative to help people get to know the Bible. *'The best way to start the ball rolling is to simply read the whole Gospel of Matthew from start to finish, like you would read any other book. Read it as a story, let Matthew tell you what he wants you to hear...'*

### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

The Holy Father's Intention for February that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered; victims of trafficking and those who work to combat it; the sick and those who care for them especially - Cliff Hutchinson, Alan Berry, Nicole Ernould, Gerry Newell, Pat Cooke, Ruth de Stefani, Josie Whittle, Barbara Brightman, Nuala Gallagher, Maria Chacaltana, Ann Lloyd, Anita van Rheenan, Moira Goodfellow, George Gelder and Rudolf Dorrepaal; Pius Mujabi, Chrissie Dwyer, Halina Lada-Walicki, Jesus Lopez, Kazimir Kulan, Breda Butterfield and Maryanne Gray recently deceased and Thelma Edwards, Paul Bruno, Imelda Gray, Theresa Priseman, Ida Mortel, Alice Gotts, Joseph Bohan, Patricia Callaghan, Paula Butcher and Patricia Dean whose anniversaries occur around this time.