

THIS WEEK

Vigil 6 pm (G): Esther & Malcolm, Hennell RIP
Sunday: 8 45 am (F): People of the Parish
10 15 am (M): Private Intention
Monday: 9 30 am (M): Kirsty MacColl RIP
Tuesday: 9 30 am (G): Rose Rogers RIP
Wednesday: NO MASS
Thursday: 7 30 pm (G): Special Intention
Friday: NO MASS
Saturday: NO MASS
Vigil 6 pm (G): Alexander Moore RIP
Sunday: 8 45 am (F): People of the Parish
10 15 am (M): Tom & Doreen Rogers RIP

NEXT WEEK

Monday - Friday - No Mass;
Saturday - 9 30 am (G)

CONFESSION

At call and 5 15 to 5 45 pm Saturdays

SPECIAL COLLECTION

St John's - £504.25

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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'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.

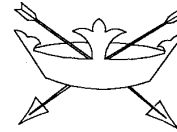
CALENDAR OF FUTURE EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Sun 9 **Rite of Welcoming + School Mass** 10 15 am
(M)
Coffee (M)
Baptisms 12 noon (M)
Tue 11 **F & GP Meeting** 8 pm (PR)
Wed 12 **Afternoon Tea** 2 30 pm (Elstead URC)
SVP Meeting 8 pm (SJR)
Sat 15 **KYN** (G)
Sun 16 **KYN + Marriage Blessing** (M)
Mon 17 **Global Caring Film** 8 pm (The Old
Farmhouse, Elstead)
Tue 18 **Global Caring Film** 8 pm (Wood Road)
Wed 19 **Global Caring Film** 10 am (M)
Parish Prayer Evening 7 45 pm (M)
Thu 20 **Global Caring Film** 8 pm (Braemar Close)
Sun 23 **Baptism** 12 30 pm (G)
Wed 26 **Ash Wednesday**
Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes
9 30 am (M)
Fri 28 **Mass** 8 pm (G)
Stations of the Cross 7 pm (M)

MARCH

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



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SUNDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY 2020 5th Sunday of Year A : Divine Office Week 1

(Page 133 in Parish Mass Book)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.*

FIRST READING: *Isaiah 58:7 - 10.*

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

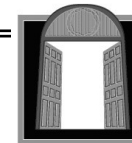
RESPONSE: *The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.*

SECOND READING: **1 Corinthians 2:1 - 5.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL: **Matthew 5:13 - 16.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry fills with good things.*



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

Saturday, 8th February is a special day of prayer for 'The Victims of Trafficking'. What must be one of the greatest scourges of modern times and crimes against humanity is the number of children, men and women who are, as you read this, being trafficked into slavery. On our very own British shores people are being held against their will. It is by no accident that, also on 8th February, we remember St Josephine Bakhita.

Josephine Bakhita was born in Sudan in 1869. Bakhita was not the name she received at birth; it was given to her when she was kidnapped and sold into slavery in Khartoum. From there she was sold to an Italian family who took her to Italy. After some years she was entrusted to the Canossian Sisters in Venice. It was there that she came to know about God, whom "she had experienced in her heart without knowing who he was" since she was a child. *"Seeing the sun, the moon and the stars, I said to myself: who could be the Master of these beautiful things? And I felt a great desire to see him, to know him and to pay him homage."* After several months with the Sisters she became a Christian and was given a new name, "Josephine". In December 1896 Josephine Bakhita was consecrated forever to God and for the next 50 years she lived as a true witness to the love of God. Her humility, simplicity and constant smile won the hearts of everyone. Her sisters in the community esteemed her for her constant sweet nature, exquisite goodness and deep desire to make the Lord better known. *"Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know him. What a great grace it is to know God!"* she said.



As she grew older, she experienced long, painful years of sickness. Mother Bakhita continued to witness to faith, goodness and Christian hope. To those who visited her and asked how she was, she would respond with a smile: *"As the Master desires"*. During her agony, she relived the terrible days of her slavery and more than once begged the nurse who assisted her: *"Please, loosen the chains...they are heavy!"*

It was Blessed Mary who freed her from pain. Her last words were: *"Our lady! Our Lady!"* and her final smile testified to her encounter with the Lord's Mother. She died on 8th February 1947. The fame of her sanctity has spread to all the continents; she was beatified on 17th May 1992 and Canonized on 1st October 2000. **May she pray for all those being held as slaves and for all those engaged in the fight to end all forms of slavery.**

FEASTS/MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Mon St Scholastica, Virgin
Tues Our Lady of Lourdes
Fri Sts Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bishop

TODAY

Special Collection for
Racial Justice

NEXT SUNDAY

Special Collection for
Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund

Gift Aid if using charity's envelope

THIS WEEKEND the Catholic Church in England and Wales celebrates Racial Justice - the theme is *"You are at the heart of the church"*. It will celebrate the contribution travelling communities make to the Church in England and Wales. It is an opportunity for all Catholics to pray for, reflect and respond to racial justice matters within the Church and wider society. Racial Justice Sunday should encourage proactive discussions on overt and covert forms of racism experienced by fellow Catholics from the travelling communities. Today's second collection will support the Church in its work with travellers.

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

PARISH NEWS

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

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 (412150)

Wednesday, 19th February at St Joseph's, at 10 a m led by Catherine Maxwell-Miles (01428 682045)

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/>

PRAYING FOR OUR PARISH The next Prayer Evening will take place on **Wednesday, 19th February** at St Joseph's from 7 45 p m to 8 30 p m, followed by refreshments. Each month the prayers are led by different Parishioners. We meet to pray for the needs of our Parish, as well as for the needs of individuals. ALL are most welcome!

BIBLES AVAILABLE Bernard Polack (421412) has two brand new 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.

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..."*

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NEW INITIATIVE IN THE PARISH We are planning to introduce Connect Groups! What are Connect Groups? They are gatherings where people meet to support each other spiritually and practically, with discussion, prayer and worship. Initially there are two leaders who help others to grow, so that new leaders and new prayer champions develop, but the groups are run by everybody for everybody and every opinion and person is a valued and valuable part of the group. The initial focus of the first Connect Group will be the Prayer Course. This is because prayer is central to our Christian lives and to our mission in the Parish. Prayer is also challenging so it makes sense to learn more about the different types of prayer and how we can improve our communication with God.

The initial group will run from 9 15 a m to 11 a m on Friday mornings, starting on **Friday, 6th March** with a shared breakfast, and will meet every two weeks. If you are interested in joining a Connect Group, whether on a Friday morning or another time, please visit www.stedsgod.org and click on the link on the home page to register your interest. Finally, please do invite other people you know who might be interested. All are welcome.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE On **Sunday, 16th February**, at the 10 15 a m Mass, Parishioners are invited to bring a photograph of their wedding day to place in front of the altar during Mass, and to receive a Blessing at the end of Mass. Everyone is then invited for a glass of bubbly and nibbles in St Joseph's Room.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Leaders and Readers have kindly volunteered from all the churches in the CTiG District. We look forward to welcoming you all to this lovely service, on **Friday, 6th March**, at The Old Farmhouse, Elstead at 2 p m, prepared by the women of Zimbabwe who currently face a horrific famine as highlighted in the CAFOD appeal. We are seeking a sisal mat and musical instruments from Zimbabwe which we could use for the service – hand rattles, marimba, mbira or tambourine?

We also need volunteers to bake cakes for the refreshments after the service. If you can help please contact angelagilmour181@btinternet.com or call on 424988.

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, Nicolle Ernould, Gerry Newell, Pat Cooke, Ruth de Stefani, Josie Whittle, Barbara Brightman, Nuala Gallagher, Maria Chacaltana, Ann Lloyd, Alex Joliffe, Anita van Rheen, Jean Humphrey, Moira Goodfellow, George Gelder and Rudolf Dorrepaal; Pius Mujabi, Chrissie Dwyer, Halina Lada-Walicki, Jesus Lopez and Kazimir Kulan recently deceased and Ella Doughton, Pasqualino Landino, David Bledlyn, Vince Ellul, Vincent Fagan, Dorothy Hedley and June Hatcher whose anniversaries occur around this time.