

THIS WEEK

Vigil 6 pm (G): People of the Parish
Sunday: 8 45 am (F): Harry & Marie Mason RIP
10 15 am (M): Tom Rogers RIP
Monday: NO MASS
Tuesday: 9 30 am (G): Lesley Stretch RIP
Wednesday: 9 30 am (M): Liturgy of Word and Distribution of Ashes

7 30 pm (G):
Thursday: 9 30 am (G): Rose Rogers RIP
Friday: 9 30 am (M): Charles Sheen RIP
Saturday: 9 30 am (G):
Vigil 6 pm (G): People of the Parish
Sunday: 8 45 am (F): Private Intention
10 15 am (M): Anne Barnard RIP

CONFESSION

At call and 5 15 to 5 45 pm Saturdays

SPECIAL COLLECTION

St John's - £521.25
Racial Justice - £182.85
Lourdes Pilgrimage - £228.62

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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.

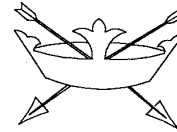
CALENDAR OF FUTURE EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Sun 23 **Baptism** 12 30 pm (G)
Wed 26 **Ash Wednesday**
Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes
9 30 am (M)
Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes
2 30 pm (S)
Mass 7 30 pm (G)
Thu 27 **Global Caring Film** 2 pm (Cramhurst Lane)
Fri 28 **Stations of the Cross** 7 pm (M)
Sat 29 **FHC Preparation** (L)

MARCH

Sun 1 **KYN + Coffee** (F)
Fri 6 **CAFOD Stations of the Cross** 7 pm (M)
Sun 8 **Coffee** (M)
EMHC Reflection Day 12 noon (M)
Wed 11 **Afternoon Tea** 2 30 pm (URC Elstead)
SVP Meeting 8 pm (SJR)
Stations of the Cross 7 pm (M)
Fri 13 **Confirmation Preparation** 4 pm +
Sat 14 **Youth Mass** 6 pm (G)
Wed 18 **Parish Prayers** 7 45 pm (M)



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SUNDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY 2020 7th Sunday of Year A : Divine Office Week 3

(Page 136 in Parish Mass Book)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.*

FIRST READING: **Leviticus 19:1 -2, 17 -18.**

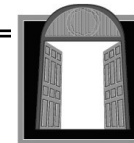
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: **Ps 102:1 - 4, 8, 10, 12 - 13.**
RESPONSE: *The Lord is compassion and love.*

SECOND READING: **1 Corinthians 3:16 - 23.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL: **Matthew 5:38 - 48.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.*



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

In the time before Jesus, as part of the law from the days of Moses, it was allowable and part of the justice system to make the punishment fit the crime; that there should be a just penalty for evil actions: "If there is serious injury, you are to take life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise" (Ex 21:23-25). These rules were specifically put in place to try to keep people living in peace and getting on with others, especially enemies. Those were the laws which the Jewish people had lived with for centuries and which the people of Jesus' time understood.

Therefore, when Jesus stood up and told his disciples to offer no resistance to the wicked man, they will have been bewildered and flabbergasted because what Jesus was telling them went completely against everything they had been brought up to believe in terms of crime and punishment.

Jesus is saying something so radical that, even today, it feels radical. "Offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. If anyone orders you to go one mile, go two ...". The summary of all this advice comes right at the end of the passage: be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect. The teaching, though radical, is clear: revenge and anger have no place in heaven; it is forbearance, tolerance, kindness and love beyond all that is reasonable which will pave the way to God.

Not rising to the bait when people are unkind to us or treat us badly requires a kind of superhuman strength. Strengthened by our relationship with the Holy Spirit, it is not beyond us to find that superhuman strength; countless saints have gone before us who have, in friendship with the Holy Spirit, found that superhuman strength to do the right thing.

Mahatma Gandhi, one of the most famous and powerful peacemakers who ever lived, said, "taking an eye for an eye will only end up by making the whole world blind".

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

Wed Ash Wednesday

WEDNESDAY is a Day of Fasting and Abstinence. Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes at 9.30 a.m. at St Joseph's and Mass at 7.30 p.m. at St Edmund's. There will be Mass at 10 a.m. at St Teresa of Avila, Chiddingfold and Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes at St Edmund's School at 2.30 p.m.

CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS The current risk to individuals from coronavirus is low and the best way to protect against spread is for everyone to use good hygiene especially at Mass and Parish gatherings. Ministers of the Eucharist should ALWAYS clean their hands before distributing communion and afterwards. This can be done discreetly. People who have cold or flu symptoms should refrain from taking communion from the chalice and receive the host on the hand only. As things stand currently, there is no need for the chalice to be withdrawn or the sign of peace suspended. When carrying out home visits to Parishioners, wash hands before and after giving the sacraments. Pastoral visits to people who are self-isolating should be replaced with the offer of telephone support until the isolation period ends.

LIVESIMPLY Have you completed your flower pledge? Now that Lent is nearly here please commit to taking action to care for our common home, and there are lots of ideas on how to live simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the poor on the yellow *livesimply* handout. Please also support Fairtrade Fortnight and the Fairtrade sale after all Masses on weekend of **29th February/1st March**.

LAST CHANCE TO WATCH GLOBAL CARING

This new film is the sequel to Global Healing and reflects on how we can live in harmony with God's Creation. It will be shown on **Thursday, 27th February** at Catherine Maxwell-Miles' house, Witley, at 2 p.m. (01428 682045). Please phone in advance.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY is on **Friday, 6th March**.

Please consider having a simple meal and give what you save to help those living in poverty around the world. Your fasting, prayer and generosity are an act of love for our global family. CAFOD works with local experts to ensure that your donations reach the people who are most in need. So please collect your envelope from church on weekend of

29th February/1st March, don't forget to fill in the gift aid slip, and have a go at making a contactless donation. Finally, please join the Justice & Peace Group for CAFOD Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. at St Joseph's.

COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

	Offertory	Diocese/Charity
November		
3rd	£912.90	
10th	£548.02	
17th	£481.22	£194.21
24th	£1,113.69	£20.00
Standing Orders	£2,962.50	
Monthly Totals	£6,018.33	£214.21
December		
1st	£719.33	
8th	£812.77	
15th	£659.86	
22nd	£747.95	
25th	£3,319.13	
29th	£634.77	
Standing Orders	£2,782.50	
Monthly Totals	£9,676.31	

LENT 2020 - KASANKA With Lent on the horizon we would like to remind you about Kasanka. St Edmund's has been "twinned" with the mission parish at Kasanka in Zambia since 2000. Back then the mission was just a patch of land with no church and no school. Now it is a thriving parish with home care outreach for people with HIV, a school, adult literacy and skills classes. However, it still needs our support so this year yet again we are asking for your Lenten alms and your prayers for the people of Kasanka. There will be updates over the next few weeks about what has been happening and the plans of the sisters and priests at Kasanka on how the mission is aiming to develop and build community. Kasanka envelopes will be available at all churches from next weekend.

HOSPITALITY AND WELCOMING Do you have a "heart for welcoming"? Could you be the smiling face of Christ to greet and welcome people to our churches, and

support anyone in need during the service? We need more Welcomers, especially at St Joseph's, so if you are interested in finding out more please contact Sarah in the Parish office or email stedmundschurch@outlook.com

ANY COLOUR YOU LIKE CHARITY CONCERT

This Pink Floyd tribute band will be performing at St John's, Farncombe on **Saturday, 7th March** at 7.45 p.m., with proceeds donated to The Cellar and CAFOD. Tickets: £16 in advance available from Record Corner in Godalming, or £19 on the door. For more info: www.julianlewymusic.com/ concerts or call 421520.

GUILDFORD DEANERY INITIAL SAFE-GUARDING AWARENESS TRAINING

This takes place at the Church of Jesus the Redeemer of Mankind, Cranleigh, on **Tuesday, 21st April** from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The training is of particular relevance to those who volunteer with children/young people/adults at risk, but the expectation is that all volunteers in the Parish should undertake this training and ideally within the first year of taking on a volunteer role. You are not required to attend if you have been to a course within three years; the next refresher training day is in September. The deadline for booking your place is **Wednesday, 15th April**. Please confirm to Fr Jonathan/Parish office if you are able to attend.

DO YOU HAVE ANY SPARE VERTICAL HANGING FILES FOR FILING CABINETS?

If you have gone digital and are no longer using your filing cabinets, please donate any unwanted hanging files to the Parish office. The size we need is 36 cm x 24 cm, with a metal runner, as well as crystal tabs. Thank you!

CHILWORTH STUDY DAY

The next session of 'Catholicism - a journey to the heart of the faith' is on **Saturday, 7th March** starting with Mass at 9 a.m. The seventh film is entitled 'Word made flesh, True Bread from Heaven: the mystery of the liturgy and the Eucharist'. Take a packed lunch, tea and coffee provided. St Augustine's Abbey, Sample Oak Lane, Chilworth, Near Guildford. GU4 8QR.

AND FINALLY with Lent in mind "Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life..."

Pope Benedict XVI

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; the unemployed; 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, Jean Humphrey, Moira Goodfellow, George Gelder, Jean Tyrell and Rudolf Dorrepaal; Pius Mujabi, Chrissie Dwyer, Halina Lada-Walicki, Jesus Lopez and Kazimir Kulan recently deceased and James Rafferty, Therese O'Brien, Noel Ormerod, Tom Rogers, James Chaloner, Elena Kuzmickas and Anthony Style whose anniversaries occur around this time.