



**Catholic Parish of  
St Edmund, King and Martyr, Godalming**  
with St Joseph's, Milford

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

**Second Sunday of Lent Year A  
8th March 2020**

**AN UNCOMFORTABLE BLESSING**

May the ever-loving Three bless you with discomfort  
at easy answers, half truths and superficial relationships,  
**so that you will live deep in your heart.**

May the ever-loving Three bless you with anger  
at injustice and oppression, and exploitation of people  
and the earth,  
**so that you will work for justice and peace.**

May the ever-loving Three bless you with tears  
to shed for those who suffer,  
**so that you will reach out your hand to comfort them.**

May the ever-loving Three bless you with foolishness  
to think that you can make a difference in the world,  
**so that you can do things others say cannot be done.**

*Mark Wilcox*

*The Transfiguration event may help to remind us that this precious gift that is our life, awaits our acceptance that it too requires to be transfigured. Our life's journey is all about discovering the ways and means of doing so. The above blessing may suggest that we should start our transfiguration by firstly acknowledging our human weaknesses? By doing so we could then discover our strengths?*

*(Deacon Jeremy)*

**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

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**Newsletter** We are trying out a new format. Constructive comments welcome. You will also see that there is a new email for the Parish office. The old one will be phased out over the coming months.

**Retiring Collection this weekend** is our offerings from CAFOD Lent Fast Day. Please use the CAFOD envelopes to Gift Aid this.

**Fairtrade Produce** will be on sale this weekend at St Edmund's and St Joseph's.

**Stations of the Cross** Each Friday in Lent at 7 p m, St Joseph's. The Rosary is said beforehand at 6 30 p m.

**St Edmund's Church** will be open Monday to Saturday from 9 a m to 5 p m. We hope that many will appreciate this opportunity to drop in for prayer.

**Contemporary Music** at the 6 p m Mass at St Edmund's on **14th and 21st March**.

**Prayer for our Parish** This monthly opportunity, which takes a slightly different form each month, will next take place on **18th March** from 7 45 p m to 8 30 p m at St Joseph's. ALL are most welcome!

**Supper for Catholic Teachers** Fr Jonathan would like to invite any Catholic teachers in the Parish to join him for supper at 7 p m at the Presbytery on **25th March**. Please let the Parish office know if you are able to come and any dietary needs.

**Penitential Service 31st March** at 8 p m at St Joseph's. With visiting confessors. We will provide details of other services in the local area next week.

### **Easter Triduum**

**Maundy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper** 8 p m with watching at the Altar of Repose until 11 p m at St Edmund's

**Good Friday Family Stations of the Cross** at 10 a m at St Joseph's

**Solemn Liturgy** 3 p m at St Edmund's

**Holy Saturday Easter Vigil** 8 30 p m at St Edmund's

**Easter Sunday** Mass 8 45 a m at St John's, and 10 15 a m at St Joseph's

**Swieconka** (the Polish blessing of Easter food) will take place at St Joseph's on **Holy Saturday** 10 a m to 12 30 p m.

**Wintershall Passion Play** Guildford High Street, **Holy Saturday, 11th April** at 12 noon and 2 30 p m. Always a good event for families on Easter Weekend. And it's free! To find out more: [www.wintershall.org.uk](http://www.wintershall.org.uk).

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** We are looking to provide more opportunities for this on mornings starting in Eastertide.

**Bible Study** Each **Tuesday** 10 30 a m to 12 noon at St Joseph's.

**St John's, Farncombe** We have identified an opportunity to further strengthen the sense of community at Farncombe and would like to trial coming into St John's by the hall door, as we do on KYN Sunday. This would allow us to gather and greet one another without disturbing the 8 a m service.

We would also like to be able to offer coffee after Mass twice a month (first and third Sundays), but would need a few more people to help if it's going to work. Please let Jo Lewry ([jolewry@aol.com](mailto:jolewry@aol.com)) know if you would be willing to go on a coffee rota – the more the merrier!

**Looking to respond to God's love?** 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 [godalming@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:godalming@abdiocese.org.uk).

**Society of St Vincent de Paul** We have an active SVP group in the Parish who visit and support a number of people who are sick or in need in and around Godalming. New members are always welcome, and Lent is a good time to consider how we might commit practically to serving those in need on our doorstep on a more regular basis. If you would like to know more, please contact Francis Quinlan on 01252 702156 or [fq@francisquinlan.com](mailto:fq@francisquinlan.com) or come along to one of their **Wednesday** evening meetings.

**Welcomers' Evening** We would like to celebrate the important work of hospitality in the Parish by gathering those who take part (or would like to take part) in the Ministry of Welcome on **23rd April**, the Solemnity of St George, at 7 30 p m at St Edmund's School.

**Evening Prayer for the Ascension** on **21st May** with other Christian churches in and around Godalming.

**Exposition and Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament all day on **12th and 13th June** in preparation for Corpus Christi.

**Corpus Christi Mass and Procession** with the Polish community at 1 p m on **14th June**.

**Parish AGM 23rd June** at St Edmund's School at 7 30 p m.

### **Lenten Alms: Kasanka**

For the last twenty years our Parish has had a link with the Parish of Kasanka in a remote and impoverished part of Zambia and Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood working there. To mark this special anniversary we have been invited to contribute towards the building of a community and school hall. This hall would support a wide range of school events, basic adult education and community activities. There are marked envelopes available at all our churches which can be placed in any of the collection baskets.

The FMDM Sisters' mission in Kasanka aims to support and empower the local community, particularly the local women, through imparting health and nutrition advice, raising local literacy levels, and teaching skills to help reduce vulnerability and increase incomes within the households of Kasanka. In this way, the school and community hall will become a focal point to bring the Parish community together, and to improve its welfare, through sustainable development.

There will be an opportunity to hear about Kasanka firsthand from the Sisters who work in Zambia at 7 30 p m on **Thursday, 12th March** at Ladywell Convent, the mother house for the FMDMs. All are welcome.

**Connect Group.** Our first connect group is now meeting on **Friday** mornings. If you would like to join or know more see the Parish website or speak with Alan Lion.

**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.

**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 of 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.

**Please remember in your prayers** The Holy Father's Intentions for March: that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity; those preparing to receive the Sacraments this Eastertide.

**Archbishop Peter Smith**, who is in hospital receiving treatment for cancer.

All those affected by the **Coronavirus**.

**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 Rheen, Jean Humphrey, Maura Goodfellow, George Gelder, Jean Tyrell. Pat Wilson and Rudolf Dorrepaal.

**The faithful departed:** Frederick Stowell, Michael Evans, Jim Wheeler, Winifred Hamnett, Jean Ball, Theresa Pullen, Kate Birbeck, Stafford Sims-Hancock, Marguerite Duncan, Jim Drain and Alexander Moore, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

**Where have the contact details gone?**

Contact details for key Parish roles can be found on the Parish website or from the Parish office. We are considering publishing a monthly directory including such things as well as a full calendar of meetings and events.

## Second Sunday of Lent Year A

**Entrance Antiphon** Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

**First Reading** Genesis 12:1-4.

**Psalms Response** May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

**Second Reading** 2 Timothy 1:8-10.

**Gospel Acclamation** Praise to you O Christ, King of Eternal Glory! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." Praise to you...

**Gospel** Matthew 17:1-9.

**Communion Antiphon** This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

<b>Liturgy This Week</b>		
Saturday, 7th March	9 30 a m Mass Godalming 6 p m Mass Godalming	<i>Frank and Audrey Herrington RIP</i>
Sunday, 8th March <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	8 45 a m Mass Farncombe 10 15 a m Mass Milford	<i>People of the Parish</i>  <i>Adrian Gillham RIP</i>
Monday, 9th March	9 30 a m Mass Milford	<i>Archbishop Peter Smith</i>
Tuesday, 10th March	9 30 a m Mass Godalming	<i>Bentley Family</i>
Wednesday, 11th March	8 a m Mass Godalming	<i>Michael O'Shea RIP</i>
Thursday, 12th March	No Mass	
Friday, 13th March	8 a m Mass Godalming 7 p m Stations of the Cross, Milford	<i>Stafford Sims-Hancock RIP</i>
Saturday, 14th March	No morning Mass 6 p m Mass Godalming	
Sunday, 15th March <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	8 45 a m Mass Farncombe 10 15 a m Mass Milford	<i>People of the Parish</i>  <i>Alexander Moore RIP</i>
<b>Next week</b>		
Monday: No Mass; Tuesday: 9 30 a m (G); Wednesday: 8 a m (G); Thursday: 9 30 a m (M); Friday: 9 30 a m (M); Saturday: 9 30 a m (G)		

Liturgy of the Hours: Psalter Week 2

Morning Prayer is celebrated before 9 30 a m Masses at 9 15 a m

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at call and 5 15 p m to 5 45 p m on Saturdays

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(F) St John's (Church of England), St John's Street, Farncombe GU7 3EJ