



**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*

**Third Sunday of Lent Year A
15th March 2020**

CHILDLIKE

I know that if anyone started asking seven year old Teresa any questions, she would not be able to answer them. She has an aversion to answering questions. My only knowledge of her spiritual processes is through her conversations, either with other children or with me. She will volunteer information, but she will not have it drawn from her by direct questioning.

There was an article in the *Journal of Religious Instruction* recently about a series of questions asked to twenty-five children of Teresa's age and their answers. I tried out the questions on Teresa and she only scratched her head and became irritable. Her answers were barely adequate.

And yet when I hear her talk, hear her wise little comments on things I say, I feel certain as to her spiritual knowledge. About prayer, for instance; Freddy said that he did not know how to pray. Questioned by Teresa, he said that he merely repeated prayers after his mother. All he had to do to pray was to think every now and then of God, Teresa told him. "Just remember him," she said. "Like after I have gone to Communion in the morning, then lots of times during the day I suddenly remember that I've got God. That's a prayer, too."

Servant of God, Dorothy Day.

(The Samaritan woman and the folk of her town, came away from meeting Jesus knowing that they now had God with them.)

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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Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Protection as the virus has now spread more widely you will see that the holy water stoups have been emptied and we are no longer issuing Mass books and hymn books. The collection will be taken on arrival so that it can be presented at the offertory. (Would collectors please take responsibility for this. It might take a few weeks to get used to it.) Our order of hand sanitiser is due at the warehouse in the next few days. Also, would communicants please take the Blessed Sacrament in **the hand** and not on the tongue.

In addition, those who are **most vulnerable** (elderly, people with weakened immune systems and long-term conditions like cancer, diabetes and heart disease) are **advised to refrain from large Parish gatherings** and stay at home. It may still be appropriate to participate in smaller gatherings with friends or weekday Masses, and such decisions should be informed by advice from the public health authorities and your doctor.

If you are unable to come to Mass you might like to read the Sunday readings at home, pray the Stations of the Cross, or follow Mass on the internet. Mass is streamed from both Walsingham and Knock.

<http://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream>
<https://www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live/>

Welcome to Fr Chris Dobson who is presiding at our Masses this weekend.

It's KYN this weekend at St Edmund's and St Joseph's Take this opportunity to share a little with your neighbour about yourself: your name, something about your life at the moment, what you would like prayers for. Say as little or as much as you wish, but look pleased to see each other!

New version Newsletter Thank you to those of you who have offered feedback on the new-look Newsletter. We will continue to try out new features and take in to account all the comments we have received to date. We plan to publish a separate monthly calendar and list of key contacts.

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**.

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.

Parish Prayer Evening 18th March You are warmly invited to a special prayer hour at Milford, to celebrate the vigil of St Joseph's Day! Starting 7 45 p m and followed by tea and coffee, this is a wonderful opportunity for a time of quiet prayer and spiritual refreshment.

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. There will also be one at Our Lady of Lourdes, Haslemere at 7 p m on **1st April**.

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

Good Friday Churches Together in Godalming joint service in the High Street, outside Wetherspoons, at 11 30 a m, featuring the Trinity Trust Team's drama, The Bridge. The High Street will be closed between 11 15 a m and 12 15 p m. Ribbons will be handed out to attach to the cross, which will be moved to the edge of Crown Court, and small wooden crosses and hot cross buns will be offered to passers-by. After the service there will be free drinks and hot cross buns available from The Cellar. Donations to be for The Cellar.

Swieconka will take place at St Joseph's on **Holy Saturday** 10 a m to 12 30 p m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament We are looking to provide more opportunities for this on mornings starting in Eastertide and in the lead up to Corpus Christi, for which we will have a joint celebration with the Polish community.

St John's, Farncombe We are trialling coming into St John's by the hall door, as we do on KYN Sunday. This allows 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 see Jo Lewry (jolewry@aol.com) if you can help!

Lenten Alms are once again invited for the parish of **Kasanka** in Zambia and this year will go towards the building of a community and school hall as a sustainable development project which will support the FMDM Sisters' mission, empowering 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.

There are marked envelopes available at all our churches which can be placed in any of the collection baskets.

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.

LiveSimply Social In the summer (exact date tbc) we hope to hold a Parish social evening to celebrate progress/success with *liveSimply*. We would like to feature "home grown" entertainment (as we did some years ago when we discovered a wealth of talent). So if you would like to take part then please

let Ian Honeysett know so that he can start to plan. Now "talent" can mean many things. He would love to hear from singers, dancers, musicians, jugglers, comedians, acrobats, mime artists, magicians, unicyclists, spoon-players, dog/cat whisperers, impressionists, etc. Maybe you have a favourite poem or story you would like to read out. Or an anecdote to tell? So (almost) anything goes. It should be a really enjoyable evening. Honest. If no one volunteers then it may be an evening of Ian's jokes and you certainly don't want that! Just give him a call on 429615 or email Honeysett@btinternet.com Go on, you know you want to....

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.

Fundraising concert for CAFOD and The Cellar A huge thank you to all those who supported Farncombe Music Club's Pink Floyd tribute band 'Any Colour You Like' fundraising concert last weekend. The event raised the magnificent total of just over £2,000 which will be split equally between these two charities.

Second Collections

8th March – CAFOD £845.52
Kasanka £72

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

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; 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:** Archbishop Peter Smith recently deceased, and Margaret Foster, Robert Gilmour, Derek

Pink, Kevin McKenna and Pauline Macnamara
whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Third Sunday of Lent Year A

Entrance Antiphon My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

First Reading Exodus 17:3 – 7.

Psalm Response O that today you would listen to his voice; "Harden not your hearts."

Second Reading Romans 5:1 – 2, 5 – 8.

Gospel Acclamation Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Gospel John 4:5 – 42.

Communion Antiphon For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

Liturgy This Week		
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>
Monday, 16th March	No Mass	
Tuesday, 17th March <i>St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland</i>	9 30 a m Mass Godalming	<i>Robert Gilmour RIP</i>
Wednesday, 18th March	8 a m Mass Godalming	<i>Deceased Relatives of Ciara White</i>
Thursday, 19th March <i>St Joseph, Husband of Mary</i>	9 30 a m Milford	<i>Wellbeing of Julian Crimes</i>
Friday, 20th March	9 30 a m Mass Milford 7 p m Stations of the Cross, Milford	<i>Rose Rogers RIP</i>
Saturday, 21st March	9 30 a m Mass Godalming 6 p m Mass Godalming	<i>Celebrant's Intention</i> <i>Francesco Masella RIP</i>
Sunday, 22nd March <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i>	8 45 a m Mass Farncombe 10 15 a m Mass Milford	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>In Thanksgiving</i>
Next week		
Monday: 9 30 am (M); Tuesday: No Mass; Wednesday: 2 p m (G); Thursday: 9 30 a m (G); 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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(M) St Joseph's, Portsmouth Road, Milford GU8 5DP

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

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.

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.

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