



# **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  
and as a sign lifted up for the peoples.*

## **Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A 22nd March 2020**

### **Faith, Hope and Charity in a Pandemic**

*"But now, thus says the Lord, who created you Jacob, who formed you Israel.  
Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by your name, you are mine."  
(Isaiah 43:1)*

Throughout the ages God has spoken to his people in times of trial and he does so to us now. He loved each and every one of us into being. He knows us by name and will protect and care for us and bring us safely home.

This is a time of significant change for us all, but as St Paul reminds us Faith, Hope and Charity endure. They remain the greatest gifts that God has given us. I am becoming increasingly convinced that the Faith, Hope and Charity which God has nurtured in us throughout our lives have prepared us for this work to which he now calls us.

- Of profound prayer for the protection and salvation of the church and the world;
- Of the prophetic proclamation of God's many promises of care for us and for all his children, of being a point of stability in a sea of uncertainty and instability;
- Of joining with all men and women of good will in the practical and spiritual support of one another and of those around us in need.

There are three things that this newsletter will focus on:

1. Maintaining our regular round of prayer, and in particular the Lord's Day.
2. Further prayer that we may grow in Faith, Hope and Charity
3. Supporting one another and those in need.

#### **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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### **What can I do now that there isn't mass in public?**

We are not able to stream our own parish mass but there are a number of places that already do this well. Bishop Richard is likely to add to that number shortly.

**Walsingham**, usually at noon each day.

<http://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream>

**Knock** <https://www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live/>

**Pope Francis** (In Italian with English translation) <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope-francis/mass-casa-santa-marta.pagelist.html>

You can get the **texts of the Mass**, and also of the **Liturgy of the Hours** on Universalis, either on line or using their excellent app. <https://universalis.com>. Many people use it already as it does all the hard work of putting the different parts of the books we use all in the right order!

In the parish I would like to trial an online **Liturgy of the Word** at **10 00 am on Sunday morning**. This will provide an opportunity to be with others to listen to the Word of God and pray together. This will begin using a video conferencing platform called **GoToMeeting**. You will need to download the app to your tablet or browser: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/450922301>

**To join from your computer, tablet or smartphone.**

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### **What about Mass in the parish?**

Fr Jonathan will celebrate Mass in the parish each day and the times and intentions are given below. An important part of this will be celebrating Mass for those who are only able to have a simple funeral at present and if this applies to any of your friends or relatives please do feel free to ask. Mass will be offered for other intentions as time allows.

**St Edmund's Church** and **St Joseph's Church** will be open every day from 10 a m to 5 p m. We hope that many will appreciate this opportunity to drop in for prayer in their need. If it works well, it might be a blessing for us into the future. (St Edmund's is already open, and St Joseph's will be open from Monday)

### **Some resources for personal prayer**

The Jesuits produce a well-known and much-loved daily meditation. They are usually about 10 or 15 minutes and include a piece of music, a scripture reading and a guided meditation. <https://pray-as-you-go.org>

For those who find devotional prayer helpful there is a particular Novena for this pandemic which started formally on Friday but could be joined in with.

<https://www.praymorenovenas.com/pandemic-novena>

### **Light a Candle of Hope**

The leaders of all the main churches in England have called for a National Day of Prayer and Action this Mothering Sunday, 22nd March. We are invited to, **light a candle in the windows of our homes at 7 p m this Sunday** as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, our source and hope in prayer.

<https://www.cte.org.uk/Publisher/Article.aspx?ID=569010> They observe that "this call to prayer and action comes on Mothering Sunday: a time of thankfulness, remembering especially mothers who have served us, often in very costly ways. It is also a very mixed day for many. For some the remembrance is painful, and for others Mothering Sunday is a reminder of disappointment or loss. In many ways, this period under the shadow of the coronavirus will be prompting similarly diverse reactions and so it seems especially appropriate that the call to prayer is made this Sunday."

### **What about Lent?**

It would still be good to keep Lent as far as we can. It helps add pattern and a sense of time to our lives. Christians who live difficult maintain the pattern of prayer, fasting and almsgiving and so can we.

## Re-Dedication of England to Mary

Next weekend is the long-planned re-dedication of England as the "Dowry of Mary". There are some excellent prayers and resources to enable us to join in with this from home at <https://www.behold2020.com>. These include prayers to help us prepare in the coming days. We will put out some more about this later in the week. It has somewhat crept up on us, but perhaps God knew what was coming when he inspired this moment of prayer.

### Living Charity in a Pandemic

There is lots of encouragement to keep an eye out for our neighbours and to keep in touch by phone with those who are isolated – especially those who are housebound and for whom visits are normally so important.

We would like to set up a **network** in the parish of **people who can provide support**, especially by phone, for those who are otherwise isolated and in need. If you are able and willing to be part of this please contact the parish office, indicating if you are (i) willing to be part of this and/or (ii) if you might be able to help coordinate this important work.

### Thank you.

For your regular giving. If you usually give at Mass on a Sunday and are able to continue to support us Eileen Hudson (t: 01483 208238) or the parish office can help you set up a standing order or make bank transfers, or you can put cheques through the presbytery door (in your usual gift aid envelope if you use them).

To those who supported Farncombe Music Club's Pink Floyd tribute band 'Any Colour You Like' fundraising concert last weekend in aid of CAFOD and The Cellar. £2,000 will be split equally between these two charities.

For your support for Kasanka over the last two weeks of £92 and £910.52 for CAFOD. Lenten Alms in support of Kasanka are still welcomed. You might like to save these at home and we will arrange to collect them after Easter.

## Something for Families and Children

CAFOD are offering an on-line Childrens Liturgy. You can sign up to participate here: <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Childrens-liturgy>. We are also looking at trying an online Childrens' Liturgy for both KS1/Early Years and KS2, giving children an opportunity to join with their friends in prayer. More about that next week.

### Prayer of Pope Francis

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

### Please remember in your prayers

All those affected by the **Coronavirus**.

The Holy Father's Intentions for March: that the **Church in China** may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity;

### 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, Maura Goodfellow, George Gelder, Jean Tyrell, Pat Wilson and Rudolf Dorrepaal.

**The faithful departed:** Archbishop Peter Smith recently deceased, Fr Edmund Daly (former Parish Priest), Edward McMullen, Jeremy Holmes, On Lai, Josef Pawlyszyn, Stan Selley, John Meager and Reginald Wall whose anniversaries occur around this time.

## Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A

Liturgy of the Hours: Psalter Week 4

**Entrance Antiphon** Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**First Reading** 1 Samuel 16:1, 6 – 7, 10 – 13.

**Psalm Response** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Second Reading** Ephesians 5:8 – 14.

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

**Gospel** John 9:1 – 41.

**Communion Antiphon** The Lord anointed my eyes; I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

<b>Masses &amp; Intentions This Week</b>		
Saturday, 21st March	9 30 am Mass in private	<i>Francesco Masella RIP</i>
Sunday, 22nd March <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i> <i>"Laetare Sunday"</i>	9 00 am Mass in private	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday, 23rd March	9 30 am Mass in private	<i>Vincent Martin RIP</i>
Tuesday, 24th March	9 30 am Mass in private	<i>In Thanksgiving (from Sunday 22nd)</i>
Wednesday, 25th March <i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>	9 30 am Mass in private	<i>Nino Savio RIP</i>
Thursday, 26th March	9 30 am Mass in private	<i>Michele Perrotta RIP, Anna Perrotta RIP</i> <i>and Teresa Ragozzino RIP</i>
Friday, 27th March	9 30 am Mass in private	<i>Rose Rogers RIP</i>
Saturday, 28th March	9 30 am Mass in private	<i>Jim Flynn RIP (from Sunday 29th)</i>
Sunday, 29th March <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i> <i>"Passion Sunday"</i>	9 00 am Mass in private	<i>People of the Parish</i>

### Some Useful Parish Contacts

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