



# **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.*

## **Fifth Sunday of Easter 10th May 2020**

*I shall prepare a place for you.*

The Gospel we hear this Sunday is probably the most popular one for funerals. I read it at my Uncle's funeral on Friday and on that same morning as the Gospel of the day. It gives a reassuring sense that there are many rooms for many different types in the Father's house. I have to say that praying through the Gospel this week I was particularly struck by the promise that Jesus prepares a place for you. It's not just that there's plenty of room so we shouldn't worry, but that there is a place especially prepared in love for each of those who hear these words of salvation.

There are two images that I think can help us appreciate the significance of this. The first is the love and care with which parents often prepare a place for their newborn children. There is a sense of expectation about the arrival of a new member of the family. God made us, as the old Catechism said, to know love and serve him in this world and to be happy with him for ever in the next. Our vision of God's love for us has to include that this is what we are made for and that while we might now journey through a vale of tears this is as nothing to the joy we shall have in his presence.

The second image is of the wedding feast of the Lamb. The great banquet of heaven. There is a place at the table for me. It has my name on it. I am expected and wanted. And, if I'm not there I'm going to be missed.

This is the way salvation works: God reveals to us the fullness of his freely-given love for us, and knowing fully that love in our heart prompts us to do our best to reply, to welcome it, to be shaped by it and to invite others to know it in their hearts too.

Jesus's words to Philip, "Have I been with you all this time, and still you do not know?" are also quite poignant. Philip was one of the twelve and as we see with others such as Thomas and Peter, simply hanging out with Jesus doesn't mean they are going to get what he is about, nor grasp the full significance of his message. The same is often true for us. There is always a deeper grasp of God's love that he wishes to reveal to us and a richer life to which he calls us.

As we try to make sense of the changing and uncertain world we live in we might try to come more often to the fountain of prayer, that we might know more deeply the rock of His love, the certainty of his promise and even now travel with deep joy and hope in our hearts.

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## This Week

**Praying for those we love** We will be piloting an additional opportunity for prayer this Tuesday from 7.30pm to 8.00pm. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament streamed from St Edmund's Church and time for silent and intercessory prayer. Names and intentions for reading out are best sent in advance to Fr Jonathan, but can also be added using the chat function during the time of prayer. This will be hosted on **Zoom** (ID: 810 3258 4584 – open from 7.15pm to give time for support logging in). Full details are on the parish website, or contact Alan Lion on 01483 420859 who can help you get set up.

**Lectio Divina** is a very special way of praying with the scriptures. It helps us to hear the "God who Speaks" and we find in it that God is not indifferent to our struggles and search for meaning. This week Fr Jonathan will lead us in praying through John 14:15-21. **Wednesday 7.30pm – 8.45pm** on GoToMeeting. There is a small and growing group for and all are welcome.

**May Devotions** In this month of May, Fr Jonathan would like to invite you to join him online (GoToMeeting) to pray the Rosary on **Saturdays at 9.00am**. (16th May – Sorrowful Mysteries)

**Marriage Week** Following swiftly on the heels of Vocations Sunday comes Marriage Week, 11th - 17th May where we focus on another response to God's call. Marriage Week is a time to "act love"; to take the time to reflect on the strengths in our marriages. Be gentle with each other: everyone is experiencing a completely new way of living and we will all respond to it differently. There are some excellent resources on the diocesan page, including links to the Marriage Course (by the same team behind Alpha), Rob Parson's *21st Century Marriage*, and some questions for couples for gentle reflection: <https://www.dabnet.org/news/view/330>

**Parish Godalming Quiz** The parish local walk & quiz has been extended until at least Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May. If you'd like a copy please contact [alion@btinternet.com](mailto:alion@btinternet.com).

## CAFOD Coronavirus Emergency Appeal

The effects of coronavirus on developing countries where CAFOD works are likely to be devastating. Families without enough to eat and without access to clean water and healthcare are particularly vulnerable to coronavirus. Your prayers and gifts are needed now more than ever to help protect the lives of those in poor communities. We are encouraging donations direct to CAFOD at [cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal](https://cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal). You can still put something through the door of presbytery if you prefer to give that way.

**Facebook.** We have opened up a Facebook Page "St Edmund's Parish Godalming" and is an easy way to sharing of good ideas, links and stories. We might also use it for occasional live streaming from the Church. Please visit it, like it and share things on it. You don't need a Facebook account to view pages.

There is also a private Facebook group (for adults) who might like to use it for chat that is visible only to members. If you would like to take part please look it up and ask to join.

## Some Recommended Streaming

**St Edmund's, Godalming.** Services by video conference on **GoToMeeting**. ID 450-922-301. You can also dial in using your phone on 020 3713 5028 using access code: 450-922-301. Please ask if you need help setting it up.

**Guildford** <https://www.cpg.church> They also have a lot of resources for adults and families.

**Arundel Cathedral** with Bishop Richard or Fr David. From [www.dabnet.org](http://www.dabnet.org) or <https://tinyurl.com/y75fpbeg>

## Walsingham

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

## Dominican Sisters at Swaye

<https://dominicansistersofstjoseph.org> Mass and Liturgy of the Hours with the community in the New Forest.

**CAFOD Children's Liturgy** continues at <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>.

**Newsletter items** Please send direct to Fr Jonathan at the moment.

**LiveSimply Quiz** is appended to the end of the newsletter. Answers will be published next week.

**Diocesan e-news** The diocese publishes a regular e-news bulletin. Subscribe at: <https://www.dabnet.org/news/view/319>

**Godalming Food Bank** is still providing vital support to many. For latest update and details, including new collection points see: <http://www.parishofgodalming.org.uk/our-church-of-st-marks/food-bank/>

**Candle of Hope** Churches Together continue to encourage us pray together and light a candle at 7pm each Sunday in our windows. <https://www.cte.org.uk>

**Love One Another Fellowship**  
If you would like help from our team of parish volunteers do not hesitate to call the help line number (07593 121430) or send a message via the parish email or Fr Jonathan.

**St Edmund's School Admissions** Please don't worry about signing for attendance at mass during this period of restriction.

**Welfare Fund** Thank you for contributions of over £1,000 to this fund which aims to support those who are struggling at this time to afford basic necessities. If you need a bit of help or know someone who does please contact Fr Jonathan, in confidence. The SVP are also able to help. If you would like to donate please send a cheque payable to "St Edmund's Parish" with "Welfare Fund" on the envelope or back of the cheque or contact us for BACS payments.

**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) can help you set up a standing order or make bank transfers, and that's probably the best way. Donations for the parish can also be made through a new Just Giving facility – mentioning the parish against your donation and it will get to us: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/parish-offertory>

The **Rosary** is prayed each night by a number of parishioners at 9.00pm.

## **Sacraments during lockdown**

Priests are able to celebrate the sacraments of baptism and the anointing of the sick for those in danger of death. However, we need to work closely with those protecting the lives of others so attend hospitals and care homes only at the request of the staff there. Please do not hesitate to call if the sacraments are needed for those who are gravely ill at home.

## **Selected Parish News**

**Pete Kelly** died on Friday evening in the presence of his family.

**Pat Cooke** died peacefully at home Friday last.

Currently funerals services are for close family and held either at the graveside or crematorium. Fr Jonathan celebrates a Requiem Mass for them in the morning. No dates are fixed yet for either Peter or Pat.

## **Prayer Intentions**

Fr Jonathan is keeping a prayer list in the Lady Chapel at St Edmund's, which will remain on the altar with a lighted candle during the current pandemic. If you have any particular requests for prayer please email them to direct to Fr Jonathan: they aren't for publication.

## **Please remember in your prayers**

All those affected by the **Coronavirus**: parishioners or their families who are sick, the sick and dying, those work in our essential services, who are anxious or struggling with living well together at home.

**The Holy Father's Intentions for May:** that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

## **The sick and those who care for them**

including - Cliff Hutchinson, Alan Berry, Nicolle Ernould, Gerry Newell, 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, and those in our hospitals and care homes.

**The faithful departed** Peter Kelly, Fr Chris Sexton, Fr Douglas Perkins, Annik Allison and Pat Cooke who died recently. and for Teodor Skoropad, James Grant, Jenny Bryant, Ralph Kirby, Angela Skinner, and Louisa Godier whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

## Schedule of Services for the Fifth Week of Easter

Fr Jonathan celebrates Mass in the parish each day and the times and intentions are given below for those who wish to join spiritually with this celebration by praying at home. They are not available online. Items in bold are usually on GoToMeeting. The meeting code and dial in details are at the bottom of this page. Please contact Fr Jonathan if you are unsure and need help joining.

<b>Sunday 10th May</b> <b>5th Sunday of Easter</b>	9.00am Mass – <i>People of the Parish</i> <b>10.00am Liturgy of the Word online</b> <b>5.00pm Evening Prayer online</b>
<b>Monday 11th May</b>	10.00am Mass – Celebrant's Intention
<b>Tuesday 12th May</b>	9.30am Mass – Gladys Snelling <b>7.30pm – Praying for those we love (Zoom)</b>
<b>Wednesday 13th May</b> <b>Our Lady of Fatima</b>	9.30am Mass - Eugene, Roisin, Joseph & Sarah McClinton RIP <b>7.30pm – <i>Lectio Divina</i> online</b>
<b>Thursday 14th May</b> <b>St Matthias</b>	9.30am Mass
<b>Friday 15th May</b>	9.30am Mass – Fr Chris Sexton RIP
<b>Saturday 16th May</b>	<b>9.00am Rosary online – the Sorrowful Mysteries</b> 10.00am Mass
<b>Sunday 17th May</b> <b>6th Sunday of Easter</b>	9.00am Mass – <i>People of the Parish</i> <b>10.00am Liturgy of the Word online</b> <b>5.00pm Evening Prayer online</b>

**GoToMeeting Virtual Parish 450-922-301**  
 t: 020 3713 5028 – access code 450-922-301

## **In a Short Time, This Will be a Long Time Ago**

The above statement was spoken in a film just before someone was about to die a rather violent death. What it is inferring is that the very next event in our life could be our last and as such will become 'a long time ago.'

Have you not experienced inspirational thoughts or feelings as you read a book, view a beautiful scene, listen to a moving piece of music or encounter an event that leaves a lasting imprint on one's mind and soul? Those precious moments never seem to return and in many cases we may have difficulty in recalling exactly how one felt and what was going through our minds at those precise moments. It takes a great deal of awareness of the 'present moment' to be able to recall such priceless seconds or minutes in order to use them to live the 'moment', but above all to use the wisdom of that moment to live our future.

Have we not found that we spend a great deal of time reminding ourselves of, 'if only' and the other half of that time planning for what we think will be our future? Throughout this mental and dare we say, emotional battle, we forget the priceless gift of the 'present', which 'in a short time will be a long time ago'?

Wise people tell us that if we want God to smile, then we should tell him our plans. The Christian life and the way we live it, should be all about total dependence on God our Father. 'Unless you become like little children you will never enter the Kingdom of God.' Nicodemus asked Jesus what on earth he was talking about. He asked: 'do we have to go back into our mother's womb and be born again?' Of course not! Jesus was telling him that unless we have TOTAL dependence on the God who made us then we shall never share the Kingdom prepared for us. Any dependence of whatever kind that might present itself to us during our earthly life that encourages self-dependence, no matter how attractive it might be or admired by our contemporaries, eliminates the God-Factor and we are then in danger of worshiping something of this world which is ungodly and therefore something we should avoid. As we have all experienced, this is a very difficult concept to live by as it brings us into direct conflict with the cultural norms that we find ourselves, as Christians, living with. Dare one say that our invitation to today's martyrdom is to reject the secular concept of life and to invite our God to take our hand and lead us where perhaps we would not wish to go, not unlike the way that Jesus found himself riding the 'way of the palms', because 'in a short time this will be a long time ago'!!

*Deacon Jeremy*



## **LIVE SIMPLY QUIZ MAY 2020**

1. How long does it take a Styrofoam cup to decompose?
  - a. 10 years
  - b. 50 years
  - c. 400 years
  - d. 1000 years
2. How much of the world's water is available for human consumption?
  - a. 23%
  - b. 10%
  - c. 1%
  - d. Under 1%
3. Which city has the worst air pollution in the world?
  - a. Beijing
  - b. New Delhi
  - c. Mexico City
  - d. New York
4. Speaking on the phone for one hour a day for a year can create the same carbon emissions as:
  - a. A flight from London to New York
  - b. Driving from Land's End to John O'Groats
  - c. A herd of 50 cows for a month
  - d. Using a coal fire for 2 months
5. Which of the following cannot be recycled:
  - a. Aluminium foil
  - b. Sticky tape
  - c. Aerosols
  - d. Printer cartridges
6. How many early deaths in the UK each year are reckoned to be caused by air pollution?
  - a. 10,000
  - b. 20,000
  - c. 40,000
  - d. 75,000
7. If world food waste were a country, where would it rank in greenhouse emissions:
  - a. First : ahead of USA, India, China etc
  - b. Third: behind USA & China
  - c. Fifth: behind USA, China, India & Japan
  - d. Tenth: behind nine other countries!

8. How many tonnes of food is wasted in the UK each year?
  - a. One million
  - b. Ten million
  - c. Twenty million
  - d. Fifty million
  
9. What percentage of food waste is sent to landfill in the UK each year?
  - a. 10%
  - b. 20%
  - c. 40%
  - d. 50%
  
10. How far does the average person in the UK walk a day?
  - a. Under half a mile
  - b. Half to one mile
  - c. One to two miles
  - d. Over two miles
  
11. According to a scientific report released in 2018, how many years were left to solve the climate crisis?
  - a. 2 years
  - b. 12 years
  - c. 22 years
  - d. 23 years
  
12. The EU aims to make 27% of all energy consumption renewable, by which year?
  - a. 2020
  - b. 2021
  - c. 2022
  - d. 2024
  
13. CAFOD is campaigning to ensure that the government reaches net zero emissions (Net zero emissions is achieving a balance of emissions so that we only produce the same amount of greenhouse gases that we take in). By which year do we need to have reached net zero emissions?
  - a. 2025
  - b. 2035
  - c. 2045
  - d. 2055
  
14. Which uses less water, washing a full load of dishes:
  - a. by hand
  - b. by foot
  - c. by dad
  - d. by dishwasher?



15. On average, what is the single biggest contributor to most people's carbon footprint:
- Transport
  - Diet
  - Energy use
  - Internet
16. The varying policies within councils and boroughs make recycling quite tricky! What percentage of British households argue over what can and cannot be recycled?
- 15%
  - 47%
  - 56%
  - 99%
17. What percentage of people in the UK have never bought clothes from charity shops?
- 12%
  - 38%
  - 55%
  - 75%
18. How much water does it take on average to make a pair of jeans?
- 100 litres (1.25 bathtubs)
  - 1000 litres
  - 5,000 litres
  - 10,000 litres
19. Which capital city is the fastest 'sinking' city in the world, sinking by 15cm per year (on average), and is said to be almost completely sunk by 2050:
- Mexico City, Mexico
  - Manilla, Philippines
  - Jakarta, Indonesia
  - Tokyo, Japan
20. How many of the 22 Catholic dioceses in England & Wales now buy renewable energy?
- 7
  - 11
  - 20
  - 22

21. Which Pope wrote: "The environment is God's gift to everyone, and in our use of it we have a responsibility towards the poor, towards future generations and towards humanity as a whole."
- Pope John XXIII
  - John Paul II
  - Pope Benedict XVI
  - Pope Francis
22. Who said: "The problem of global climate change is one that affects us all and action will only be effective if taken at the international level."
- Margaret Thatcher
  - Tony Blair
  - Theresa May
  - Boris Johnson
23. Which country established the world's first legally binding climate change target in 2008, committing to reduce emissions by 80%
- Norway
  - United Kingdom
  - USA
  - Brazil
24. According to the Climate Change Performance Index in 2019, which European country is ranked as the best? Note: the ranking is based on a country's Green House Gas emissions, renewable energy, energy use and on their Climate Policy.
- Belgium
  - United Kingdom
  - Latvia
  - Sweden
25. Who said: "The earth, our home is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth."
- Ban-Ki Moon
  - Pope Francis
  - Greta Thunberg
  - Sir David Attenborough

*Answers will be published on [www.stedsgod.com](http://www.stedsgod.com) on 16 May 2020*