



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.*

Sixth Sunday of Easter 17th May 2020

As we move into the latter part of the Easter season our attention is drawn to two other aspects of the saving Paschal (Easter) Mystery: Jesus's ascension into heaven and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In some ways these represent the climax, for in the ascension Jesus goes ahead of us into heaven to bring us with him when our time comes, and in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit we are given a share in his risen life even now.

The Holy Spirit, the Advocate, the Paraclete, the Comforter. Our richest understanding of him is found in those very old hymns of the Catholic tradition. Come Holy Ghost (*Veni Creator Spiritus* going back to the seventh century), Holy Spirit, Lord of Life (*Veni Sancte Spiritus* the sequence for Pentecost by Stephen Langton who died in 1228), and Come Down O Love Divine (by Bianco da Siena, and usually sung to Vaughan Williams's tune Down Ampney). It's a pity that we won't be able to sing them together this year, but you might like to listen to them, sing them on your own (even in the bath if your family won't think you've gone mad) or just use them as you join the church is praying for his coming this Pentecost.

Sometimes the Holy Spirit comes with extraordinary gifts (such as ecstasies, visions, miracles, prophecies, speaking in tongues). For St Paul the emphasis is not so much on these as on everyday Christian life. It is said that the Spirit is not so much the strength of the extraordinary as the strength to do the ordinary in an extraordinary way. The fruits of the spirit remind us of what that might look like – love, joy, peace, patience, endurance, kindness, generosity, faith, mildness, and chastity. Once we realise this we can appreciate that the Holy Spirit is very much a part of our lives in the Catholic tradition.

The Holy Spirit is and has always been given to us in the sacraments, in the Word of God, in prayer and in works of charity. In fact, it is fair to say that while as Catholics we might not speak about the Holy Spirit much by name, he is what we mean when we talk about grace – God give me the grace to x,y,z. Through him we are drawn ever more into the person of Jesus Christ and to a share in the very life of the triune God.

In these days of prolonged sacramental fasting we can still receive the grace that God wishes to give through our prayer of desire: setting our hearts not just on the outward sign but the inner reality that they convey. Perhaps by doing so we may be doubly blessed, receiving those graces now, and in the future being soil in which God's grace may more surely take root and flourish.

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Future Planning

As it seems that many of our parish will be living with significant restrictions for some time I hope to start sharing over the coming weeks some thoughts on how we can further the life and mission of our parish.

New Opportunities

Churches Together in Godalming would like to invite you to join together for a simple service of **Night Prayer (Compline)** at 8.30pm on Thursday 21st May (Feast of the Ascension). The service will be hosted on Zoom (ID: 819 1981 7821) and led by our colleagues from St John's in Farncombe. Please join with your microphones muted. Alan Lion on 01483 420859 can help you get set up if needed. Open the app and enter the ID or click on the following link to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81919817821>

Stronghold, part of the Youth 2000 family, are holding an e-festival next weekend, particularly aimed at young people age 16-25 but open to all.

<https://www.strongholdfestival.com/e-festival>

Pray-as-you-go have some great resources on their website, including a prayer walk a wide range of *Examens*, and some videos on *Lectio divina*. <https://pray-as-you-go.org>

Prayer Breakfast with Churches Together in Godalming Saturday 23rd May via Zoom (ID: 946 391 4833) led by Maggie. Click on: <https://zoom.us/j/9463914833> to join. The Password is 2020. Starting 8.30am. Each person to provide their own breakfast!!

Praying for those we love went really well last week and will continue on Tuesday from 7.30pm to 8.00pm. 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) Full details are on the parish website, or contact Alan Lion on 01483 420859 who can help you get set up.

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 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>.

Diocesan e-news The diocese publishes a regular e-news bulletin. You can also use it to access Bishop Richard's weekly video message. Subscribe at:

<https://www.dabnet.org/news/view/319>

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>

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 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**. (23rd May – Glorious Mysteries)

Sources of Practical Support

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.

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/>

Parish Welfare Fund 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 don't hesitate to contact Fr Jonathan, in confidence. The **SVP** are also able to help.

CAFOD Coronavirus Emergency Appeal continues via cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal.

You can put something through the door of presbytery if you prefer to give that way. CAFOD have written to say thank you for the over £2,000 we sent in March.

Thank you for your regular giving. Eileen Hudson (t: 01483 208238) can help set up standing orders or make bank transfers, for those who wish. Donations for the parish can also be made through a new Just Giving facility – mention the parish against your donation and it will get to us: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/parish-offertory>

Sacraments during lockdown

Please do not hesitate to call if the sacraments are needed for those who are gravely ill.

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. Please email requests for prayer direct to Fr Jonathan: they aren't for publication.

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

Live Simply Quiz Answers

1c;2d;3b;4a;5b;6c;7b;8b;9a;10a;11b;12a;13c;14d, 15a,16b,17b,18d,19c;20c;21c;22a;23b;24d;25b
The quiz itself is in last week's newsletter.

Forthcoming Funerals

Annik Allison Friday 22nd May at Guildford Crematorium at 2.30pm. Requiem Mass from St Edmund's at 9.30am live streamed at <https://www.facebook.com/stedsgod>

Pat Cooke's funeral will take place Eashing Cemetery on Tuesday 26th May at 10.30am. Requiem Mass from St Edmund's at 9.00am live streamed at <https://www.facebook.com/stedsgod>

Pete Kelly Wednesday 27th May at Guildford Crematorium at 3.00pm. We hope that Fr David Parmiter will celebrate a Requiem Mass for him at Arundel Cathedral at 9.30am which we can be followed on YouTube. <https://tinyurl.com/y75fpbeg>

Currently funerals services are for close family and held either at the graveside or crematorium, with a larger celebration intended for a later time. I know that families greatly appreciate the prayers of the community.

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 Rheenan, 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, Annik Allison and Pat Cooke who died recently, and Francis Metcalfe, Richard Orlinski, Deacon Jim Lawler, Michele Ciccone, Mary Voller, Eugene McClinton, Anna Ciccone, Tessa Marchant-Smith, Douglas Sharpley, Sandra Rudolph, and Joan James whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

Schedule of Services for the Sixth 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.

Sunday 17th May 6th Sunday of Easter	9.00am Mass – <i>People of the Parish</i> 10.00am Liturgy of the Word online 5.00pm Evening Prayer online
Monday 18th May	10.00am Mass – Peter Kelly RIP
Tuesday 19th May St Dunstan	9.30am Mass – 7.30pm – Praying for those we love (Zoom: 810 3258 4584)
Wednesday 20th May	9.30am Mass - 7.30pm – <i>Lectio Divina</i> online
Thursday 21st May Ascension of the Lord	9.30am Mass – <i>People of the Parish</i> 8.30pm – Night Prayer (Compline) with Churches Together in Godalming (Zoom: 819 1981 7821)
Friday 22nd May	9.30am Mass – Annik Allison RIP (www.facebook.com/stedsgod)
Saturday 23rd May	9.00am Rosary online – the Glorious Mysteries 10.00am Mass – Fr Douglas Perkins RIP
Sunday 24th May 7th Sunday of Easter	9.00am Mass – <i>People of the Parish</i> 10.00am Liturgy of the Word online 5.00pm Evening Prayer online

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