



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.*

Trinity Sunday 7th June 2020

A Meditation for Trinity Sunday

O God the Father. What am I doing here? What is my purpose, my reason, my inclination? What is here to inspire me, guide me?

*"Before you were in your mother's womb I knew you,
before you came to birth I consecrated you." (Jeremiah 1:5)*

Yes, I know you created me, that I have been part of you for eternity. Surely my present confinement will do little to enhance my eternal relationship with you, my creator? "For it was you who created my being, knit me together in my mother's womb. I thank you for the wonder of my being, for the wonders of all your creation. Already you knew my soul, my body held no secret from you when I was being fashioned in secret and moulded in the depths of the earth." (Psalm 139)

O God the Son. To know you is to know the Father, as you have told us. I live my earthly journey with your teachings in my ear. Many times they confound me, highlight my inadequacies, my many weaknesses. You are helping me to know myself by loving you and my neighbours. Loving them is difficult, liking them a little easier. The temptation is to keep them from my space, my wants and my needs. To only make them part of my convenience and not theirs. You are my God of the present moment; show me how to live it despite the present confinement.

O God the Holy Spirit. You are the mystical one, the hidden one, the silent one; the harbinger for the Father and the Son. You are my guide into the future yet unknown. Through my human weaknesses and present confinement, help me to attune my inner and outer self to the purpose of that future, so that it may be fulfilled with the means of the Son and the purpose of the Father. You provide the eternal connectivity between us, the adopted ones, and our Trinitarian family.

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Deacon Jeremy, Malta.

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Virtual Pilgrimage – something to do together! The LiveSimply group are organising a “virtual pilgrimage” this month to Bury St Edmund’s and we would like to encourage you to take part by:

- Walking 109 miles, covering a section over each of 5 weeks, as part of the pilgrimage group;
- Joining the walkers for part of the journey, perhaps for a few miles or one of the social events; and/or
- **Donating to CAFOD’s Coronavirus Appeal** on the pilgrimage Just Giving Page. We have set a target of £1,000.

Of course, we are not going to *actually* walk to Bury St Edmund’s – but we will be walking the miles and thinking about the places that we would have gone through. There will be regular updates on the parish Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/stedsgod - no need to join Facebook to look). There might even be opportunities for a beer or two on the way!

We’ve chosen Bury St Edmund’s since in 1020 King Canut commissioned the building of the mediaeval Abbey there – one of the largest churches in Northern Europe, and the site of pilgrimage for St Edmund, our patron.

It will start next Sunday with a blessing for pilgrims at the end of the Liturgy of the Word. If you would like to be a pilgrim, or report your miles walked with us contact Ian (Honeysett@btinternet.com) or the parish office, or post it to the Facebook Page.

Of your charity pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Casey and Krystyna Miszko who died recently and whose funerals take place this week. Mary came to the area as part of the staff at St Dominic’s School. Krystyna lived at Bowring House, by St John’s Church.

Thanks to all those who supported the Plant Giveaway in memory of **Pete Kelly** last weekend and to Janet for organising.

There is an appreciation for **Pat Cooke** at the end of this week’s newsletter. Many have commented on the bags she had for children and I wonder if we might make some more so that we have a good supply at each of our mass centres. If you think you could help with this please let the parish office know.

Trinity Trust Team will say a few words at the end of Sunday’s Liturgy of the Word about their work in Godalming at this time.

Opening Up We are starting to prepare to open our churches for private prayer as soon as it is safe to do so, and there will be a call for volunteers early next week to help with the necessary cleaning and supervision. The Daily Mirror ran an item suggesting 15th June, but there is no official record of this, as welcome as it may be.

Praying for those we love continues 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 can be sent in advance to Fr Jonathan or added using the chat function during the time of prayer. This is hosted on **Zoom** (ID: 810 3258 4584). Contact Alan on 420859 if you need help getting set up.

Lectio Divina is a very special and fruitful way of praying with the scriptures. St John Paul II said “It is especially necessary that listening to the word of God should become a life-giving encounter, in the ancient and ever valid tradition of *lectio divina*, which draws from the biblical text the living Word which questions, directs and shapes our lives.”

Wednesday 7.30pm – 8.45pm on GoToMeeting.

As part of Laudato Si’ Week our Diocese announced that it has become the third in the country to **divest from fossil fuels**. Bishop Richard said, “Care for the world that has been given to us is an increasingly pressing need. It is therefore timely that the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton divests from fossil fuels. This positive step will contribute to the common good and, I trust, pave the way for further practical action to safeguard this and future generations.”

Do visit the parish Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/stedsgod) and give it a “Like”. You don’t need to open a Facebook account to view to page. We’ve hidden the Facebook group for the moment as a few people were finding it confusing.

Some Recommended Streaming

St Edmund's, Godalming. Services by video conference on **GoToMeeting**. ID 450-922-301. Or **by telephone** 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>.

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.

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>

Pick of the Week. New Videos from Fr Stephen Wang and the Sycamore team. Introductions to the basics of Catholic Christianity. www.sycamore.fm/videos/

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.

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.

Sacraments during lockdown

Please do not hesitate to call if the sacraments are needed for those who are gravely ill and able to receive a priest.

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, Our families, schools and their staff as they prepare to begin teaching on site after half-term, and for those who find juggling learning, work and family life difficult.

The Holy Father's Intentions for June: We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

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 Mary Casey, Krystyna Miszko, John Harte and Jeremiah Lawlor who died recently, and Madeline Newell, Joan Kitson, Marie Dunphy, Heather Flew, Catherine Wood, Freddie Burgess, Anna Barbato and Richard Keen whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

Schedule of Services for Trinity Sunday and Tenth¹ Week of Ordinary Time

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 7th June Trinity Sunday	10.00am Liturgy of the Word online 11.15am Mass – <i>People of the Parish</i> 5.00pm Evening Prayer online
Monday 8th June	10.00am Mass –
Tuesday 9th June	9.30am Mass – Jeremiah Lawlor RIP 7.30pm – Praying for those we love (Zoom: 810 3258 4584)
Wednesday 10th June	9.30am Mass – Krystyna Miszko RIP 7.30pm – <i>Lectio Divina</i> online
Thursday 11th June	9.30am Mass – Mary Carey RIP
Friday 12th June	9.00am Mass – Kevin Murphy RIP
Saturday 13th June St Anthony of Padua	9.00am Rosary online 9.30am Mass –
Sunday 14th June Corpus Christi	10.00am Liturgy of the Word online 11.15am Mass – <i>People of the Parish</i> 5.00pm Evening Prayer online

Divine Office Psalter Week 2: Weekday Readings Year II.

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

¹ It is the Tenth Week – last week's heading was wrong

Pat Cooke RIP - An Appreciation

Hilary Grey has compiled this appreciation of parishioner Pat Cooke from her own memories and by speaking to two parishioners who knew her well – David Cooke and Eileen Fleming.

David Coombs remembers: *'I first met Pat many years ago and sampled her generous hospitality through my friendship with her equally generous and equally loving husband Brian. Like so many of those I have been privileged to meet, this friendship came about because we both commuted to London. In those early days they lived in the Guildford vicinity and I only got to know them well when they moved to Mark Way and joined the Godalming parish, where Brian spent long hours helping our then Parish Priest plan for the future with so many changes already in view.*

Pat, for me was wholly unique. Nothing was ever too much trouble for her; her commitment to her faith was absolute as was her patience with her friends. For as long as I knew her, Pat read the Divine Office daily and was a dedicated member of the Carmelite Third Order, based at Aylesford. Pat was a quietly active and wholly dedicated member of the Parish for all of her years here, with a constant interest and concern for its people and its enterprises, something she continued even in later life when she was no longer able to be as involved as she would have liked.

Pat had a rare and real commitment to us all in the Parish, young and old, a devotion that will last long and quietly encompass us all. May she rest in peace.'

Eileen Fleming remembers Pat's generosity in The Catenians, offering free meals regularly and especially for the widows. She also arranged meals for the Senior Citizens which were very much enjoyed.

Hilary Grey remembers: *'Pat's husband Brian and Eileen's husband enjoyed painting sessions together. Pat was a very generous parishioner for many years, always offering help on any occasion. I remember her and Brian hosting a house group for the 'Renew Programme' with such attentive kindness to us all. Latterly, and for many years in her 70s and 80s, she would give each toddler as they came to Mass in St Joseph's a bag with pictures to colour, colouring pens and a booklet to read, all beautifully prepared each week by her. Twenty or thirty bags each Sunday, amazing! It certainly helped all of us to have a more peaceful Mass!'*

ST EDMUND'S PARISH GODALMING VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE TO BURY ST EDMUNDS

On the Feast of Corpus Christi on 14th June, our very first Parish Virtual Pilgrimage will set off for Bury St Edmunds in Suffolk, the historic resting place of St Edmund, King of East Anglia and Martyr. This is particularly appropriate because St Edmund was not only England's original Patron Saint but is also Patron Saint of Pandemics and for Protection against the Plague! And this year marks 1,000 years since King Canut founded the Benedictine Abbey there and commissioned one of the largest churches in Northern Europe in his honour. <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/bury-st-edmunds-abbey/history/>

It will be a Virtual Pilgrimage of approx. 109 miles. This means that our Parish Pilgrims from the LiveSimply group will not actually be walking the route but will be covering the miles by walking locally. Our aim is to complete the pilgrimage in 5 weeks. This will give us plenty of time to visit holy places en route and have an occasional virtual pint.

Why are we doing it? Well, for the past few years we have had very successful actual Parish pilgrimages, to Aylesford and London. That's not really possible during Lockdown so this is "virtually" the only alternative. It's also an opportunity to raise money for the CAFOD Coronavirus Appeal. Our target is £1000 over 5 weeks. In the world's poorest countries, health care systems are not coping with the coronavirus and families are going hungry because people cannot go out to earn money. CAFOD is helping protect and improve the lives of our sisters and brothers during this global emergency by providing emergency food packages, hygiene kits and training local volunteers to carry out awareness campaigns. You can find out more by going to: <https://vimeo.com/418056395> & <https://vimeo.com/418056059>

So how can you get involved? First by **sponsoring our Virtual Pilgrimage**. We will set a target of raising £200 for each of the 5 weeks. Here is the link to the justgiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Jo-Lewry1>

If we are successful in raising the money then we will record that we have completed that week's target mileage. If we don't raise the £200 each week, we will tell you how far we've got. We will keep you updated on our progress via our new Parish Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/stedsgod/> as well as via the Parish website & newsletter. We will share with you our reflections and photos of the virtual places we visit.

We will also invite you to **join us in walking**, virtually of course. (Apparently the limit of six people and two households does not apply to virtual pilgrimages). You don't have to walk the full 109 miles. Just tell us where you walked and how many miles. Simply email Ian at Honeysett@btinternet.com or post on our Facebook page. We will keep a record. At the end of the pilgrimage we will add them all up and let you know the result. Who knows, we may find we've made it to Rome – or Jerusalem!

What if we don't raise the £1000 by the end of week 5? Knowing how generous you all are, that hardly bears thinking about. But, if it should happen, we will pray even harder and keep going till we do. If we're still not there by Christmas, we may have to have a re-think!

St Edmund, pray for us.

Live Simply Group