



**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.*

The Body & Blood of the Lord (*Corpus Christi*)
14th June 2020

*O sacred feast, in which we partake of Christ:
his sufferings are remembered,
our minds are filled with his grace and
we receive a pledge of the glory that is to be ours, alleluia.*

Today's great feast helps us celebrate Christ's abiding and saving presence among us in the Holy Eucharist, and it seems really odd to celebrate it without mass together, or even without prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, when on this day above all these would be central to what we do.

The Feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord in these strange circumstances draws our attention beyond the real presence to the deeper reality of what it signifies – a share in the Passion of Jesus, the gift of the Holy Spirit drawing us into deeper friendship with Jesus, and a share even now ("foretaste and promise") of the feast of heaven which is likened to a royal wedding. Usually we share in these mysteries through receiving the sacrament – the body and blood of the Lord under the appearance of bread and wine.

Without sacramental communion we need to share in those mysteries instead through our prayer of desire – through wanting what God wants to give us. Prayer as desire, as longing for the house of the Lord, as thirsting for God, as watching in hope and expectation for the beloved to come.

Fairy tales are full of wish-making, and they can be good to return to even as adults from time to time. But the desire of Christian men and women, unlike the wish-making of boys and girls, leads to responsibility and a commitment to be active in their pursuit – perhaps to a sort of quest. A desire to share in the passion of the Lord calls us to lay down our lives for the world after the pattern of Jesus. A desire for friendship with him calls us to do those great deeds together with him that are the context in which the deepest friendships grow. A desire for a place at the wedding feast of heaven calls us to strive for a kingdom of justice, love and peace in which the poor and outcast are sought out and welcomed as honoured guests.

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Opening Churches for Private Prayer

Thank you to those who volunteered to help us do this safely. There are still a few more things to do, but we hope to have our first sessions at St Joseph's on Wednesday morning and at St Edmund's on Thursday. The times will be published on the website and sent out via Mailchimp on Tuesday, but the present plan looks something like this:

ST EDMUND'S

Monday morning, afternoon & evening
Thursday morning & afternoon
Saturday morning & afternoon
Sunday afternoon

ST JOSEPH'S

Tuesday morning
Wednesday morning & evening

I would welcome any feedback on whether the Tuesday and Wednesday morning sessions at St Joseph's should be particularly reserved for those who are clinically vulnerable. There is room for 12 or 16 at each church, so please be patient if it is busy.

Sacrament of Penance (Confession) is available by arrangement with Fr Jonathan.

Churches Together in Godalming Prayer

Breakfast on Saturday 27th June at 8.30am will be led by Fr Jonathan and hosted on Zoom (ID: 9463914833. Password: 2020). Fellowship will be provided, but you'll need to sort out your own food and drink!

Guildford Parish are opening their **online formation programmes** to other parishes in the deanery. **Discovery** and **Source**, two courses from the Canadian Catholic Christian Outreach Faith Studies series, will start on Monday and Wednesday next week. For more details and to register visit

<https://www.cpg.church/formation.html>

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.

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:

- **Donating to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal** on the pilgrimage Just Giving: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Jo-Lewry1> or by phoning 0303 303 3030. We've set a target of £200 each week, and been told that we can't move on until we've met our target!
- **Walking 109 miles**, covering a section over each of 5 weeks, as part of the pilgrimage group; or
- Joining the walkers for part of the journey or a social. If you would like to join in just drop Ian an email (Honeysett@btinternet.com).

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 updates on the parish website and Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/stedsgod).

Week 1 takes us to Ye Old Ship, Thames Ditton and. All are welcome to join us "there" for **Friday night drinks on 19th June at 7.30 to 9.00pm** on Zoom (ID: 847 4582 2131) Jo & Julian Lewry will welcome us. Do pop in and stay for as long or as little as you like. There are always stories of pilgrimages to be told and of hopes for future ones.

Feast of the Sacred Heart falls next Friday. It is one of the great feasts of the Church's year. Fr Jonathan's mass that morning will be livestreamed on Facebook and next Sunday's Liturgy of the Word will be of the Sacred Heart rather than the Sunday in Ordinary Time.

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>.

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/parishoffertory>

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.

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/>

Some **Food Vouchers** are available from the Diocese for those in need. Please speak to Fr Jonathan or Sarah in the parish office.

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, and for those who find juggling learning, work and family life difficult. Those who are worried about their jobs or livelihood.

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 Rheenan, Jean Humphrey, Maura Goodfellow, George Gelder, Jean Tyrell, Pat Wilson, Margaret Stevens and Rudolf Dorrepaal, and those in our hospitals and care homes.

The faithful departed Alec Mc who died recently, and Richard Keen, Michael Standing, Rosa Zapasnik, Catherine Drain, Pauline Harrison, Edmund Ellis and Brendan whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

Schedule of Services for Trinity Sunday and Eleventh 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 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
Monday 15th June	9.30am Mass – Pete Kelly RIP
Tuesday 16th June St Richard of Chichester	9.00am Mass – Pat Cooke RIP 7.30pm – Praying for those we love (Zoom: 810 3258 4584)
Wednesday 17th June	9.30am Mass – Wellbeing of Alec Mc Alister’s family 7.30pm – <i>Lectio Divina</i> online
Thursday 18th June	9.30am Mass –
Friday 19th June Sacred Heart	9.30am Mass – Intentions of staff & students of St John’s Seminary Streamed on Facebook (www.facebook.com/stedsgod)
Saturday 20th June Immaculate Heart of Mary	9.00am Rosary online 9.30am Mass – Celebrant’s Intention
Sunday 21st June 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am Liturgy of the Word online (Sacred Heart) 11.15am Mass – <i>People of the Parish</i>

Divine Office Psalter Week 3: Weekday Readings Year II.

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