



# 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.*

## **12th Week in Ordinary Time 21st June 2020**

***Present for us, really not just virtually.***

I went into St Edmund's school this week to reflect with Year 6 about the Feast of Corpus Christi which we kept last weekend. It was clear that they were pleased to be back at school. They had been keeping in touch with their friends by Zoom and other electronic ways, but coming back together had brought it home to them that these really aren't the same as being with your friends. And at the other end of the generational divide I know that some who have been isolated on their own these months are really appreciating the option of forming a bubble and at last having a hug with their children and grandchildren.

Opening our churches for private prayer this week has been a significant moment for many of us. Not only are they places rich with memory, but we find that Jesus is present there to greet us. Not just virtually or just symbolically, but really and truly even if we see with the eyes of faith and not of the senses. Do drop in to say a prayer or light a candle, and why not bring a friend who might like to pray or just experience the change of space and the opportunity to stop and think.

My Jesus, I believe that even before I was born, you have been with me knitting my very being, day by day, into the garment of your love, clothing me with grace every moment of my life. And on the day of my baptism you poured your love into my heart through the Holy Spirit who unites me eternally to you.

Through that same Spirit I pledge my love and adore you, present in your Most Holy Body and Blood. Though I cannot consume you in this sacred banquet let me be consumed by your complete desire for me so that my longing for you may be filled by your love alone and your mercy overflow through me into this world so in need.

On that joyful day which I do receive you in the Eucharist, may I remember that this precious gift is still but a foretaste of the holy gifts that await your holy people at your heavenly altar. There with the saints and angels, we shall see you face to face and give you perfect praise for ever. Amen.

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**Opening Churches for Private Prayer** It has been great to welcome people back to church for private prayer this week and many have spoken of how much it means to them.

Thank you to our team of volunteer stewards and cleaners. If you would like to help please let Fr Jonathan know. The usual times are now on the website and church noticeboards. There may be changes from time to time so please check the website calendar or the back page of the newsletter.

**Fathers' Day** St Edmund's will be open this Sunday from 11:30am – 12.30pm especially for anyone who would like to come and say a prayer and light a candle for their father.

**Feast of the Sacred Heart** falls next Friday. It is one of the great feasts of the Church's year. This Sunday's Liturgy of the Word will be of the Sacred Heart rather than the Sunday in Ordinary Time.

**Sacrament of Penance (Confession) or anointing of the sick** is available by arrangement with Fr Jonathan.

**Of your charity** pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Stevens who died on 16th June. Her funeral will take place on 7th July (Close family only)

**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!

**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.

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**Face coverings** Sr Mary Burke FMDM from Ladywell has emailed to say "Greetings of Peace. I hope the blessing of the Lord is still a reality for you all in spite of the many sorrows and restrictions of this time. I am currently 'shielding' and will be for a while. I would like to ask if you might appreciate some face-coverings for those who find it hard to source them and may need them. They are three layered, light cotton with gentle elastic which goes around the ears... I got the material free and it is passing the time for me. I also pray for the health and safety of the wearer as I sew them. So there is no charge except if the recipient wishes or can do a kind deed for someone else." If you would appreciate one or know someone who would please let Sarah know in the parish office.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.facebook.com/stedsgod)).

For those reading this on Friday, a reminder that 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) Do pop in and stay for as long or as little as you like.

### 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](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>.

**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](http://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 candle burning in the Lady Chapel at St Edmund's, which will remain there 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.

#### 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 Rheen, 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** Margaret Stevens & Alec Mc Alister who died recently, and Naomi, Tim, Caitlin & Isabel Embleton, Heather Flew, Mary McEvoy, Philip Monaghan, Andrew Scavolo, Charlie Huber, Anna Cowan, Frances Coan, Ronald Voller, Dorothy Leonard and Elizabeth Bowles whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

## Schedule of Services for Trinity Sunday and Twelfth 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. Please contact Fr Jonathan if you are unsure and need help joining.

<b>Sunday 21st June</b> <b>12th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am Mass – <i>People of the Parish</i> <b>10.00am Liturgy of the Word online (Sacred Heart)</b> 11:30am - 12:30pm St Edmund's open for prayer
<b>Monday 22nd June</b> <b>Ss John Fisher &amp; Thomas More</b>	9.30am Mass – <i>Naomi, Tim, Caitlin &amp; Isabel Embleton RIP</i> 10:30am – 11.30am St Edmund's open for prayer 2.30pm – 4.00pm St Edmund's open for prayer 7.30pm-8.30pm St Edmund's open for prayer
<b>Tuesday 23rd June</b>	9.30am Mass – <i>Deceased members Mc Alister family</i> 10.00am – 11.00am St Joseph's open for prayer
<b>Wednesday 24th June</b> <b>St John the Baptist</b>	9.30am Mass – <i>Doreen Rogers RIP</i> 10.00am – 11.00am St Joseph's open for prayer 7.30pm – 8.30pm St Joseph's open for prayer <b>7.30pm – Lectio Divina online</b>
<b>Thursday 25th June</b>	9.15am Mass – <i>Paul Gray</i> 10.00am – noon St Edmund's open for prayer 2.30pm – 4.00pm St Edmund's open for prayer
<b>Friday 26th June</b>	9.30am Mass –
<b>Saturday 27th June</b>	8.30am Churches Together in Godalming Prayer Breakfast (Zoom) 9.30am Mass – <i>Rev Peter Murphy</i> 11:00am – noon St Edmund's open for prayer
<b>Sunday 28th June</b> <b>Ss Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>10.00am Liturgy of the Word online (Sacred Heart)</b> 11.15am Mass – <i>People of the Parish</i> 4:00-5:00pm St Edmund's open for prayer

Divine Office Psalter Week 4: Weekday Readings Year II.  
**GoToMeeting Virtual Parish 450-922-301**  
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This week's gem from Deacon Jeremy:

## BECOMING SEEING EYES

In fact it is through our small sufferings that we are given a marvellous means of putting the vast expanse of suffering in the world to good use and making it fruitful. Nothing at a time like this is as sad as seeing the whole world going through such exceptional sufferings and going through them blindly.

However these sufferings, just like our own, are divided up and apportioned to each person. So it is a great joy for us to know that by "willing" each part of our small allotment of suffering we become the seeing eyes of the grieving, groping world.

Sometimes a single coloured vase in a room can bring out all the objects of the same colour that up to that moment went unnoticed. I find myself thinking that as he looks upon the world, God sees some small act of good will shining, and for its sake finds the dreary passivity of the whole enterprise a sacrifice worthy of acceptance.

A small suffering freely accepted gives meaning and value to the untold volumes of vast suffering throughout the world. Through it we help the world perform a valid penance. Has it ever occurred to us – so fond of news as we are and so swift at interpreting it whether with joy or gloom – have we ever thought that the fact of botching a small part of our allotted daily suffering – whether it be by getting up with bad grace in the morning, by turning up our noses at insipid food, or simply by cursing the numbing cold – is of greater significance to the real history of the world than the current disaster or victory reported on the radio?

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