



**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.*

**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5th July 2020**

Come to me all you who labour and are heavily burdened

In the seventh month of the year 445 B.C. Ezra the scribe read from the Law as the people of Israel returned to worship at the temple after their long years of exile. There was great merrymaking and they feasted for seven days (Nehemiah 8). The biblical account gives a real sense of occasion and of the joy of being back home at last.

In the Gospel for the 14th Sunday of the Year we hear Jesus speak his words of invitation, "Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

After our period of exile from Mass and while we still carry our wounds and burdens I am pleased to be able to invite you to the celebration of the Eucharist - the Mass, the memorial of the Lord's passion, and the foretaste and promise of the Feast of Heaven. The last few months have been quite a shock to the system for many of us, and it may take time to get used to coming to Mass again, but it is especially there that we will find the Lord's healing and strength.

Fr Jonathan

Getting to know you, getting to know all about you. – Deacon Jeremy

"By gum", as they say back home in Yorkshire. "It's been a long life love, all over the place we've been. Snow and ice, desert and sand, jungle and creepy crawlies, and yet you've always been there. We've migrated more times than a swallow! Then to top it all we end up with a pandemic; nowt to do except be with thee and thee with me." Me under your feet all day and me feeling trapped, confined and about as much use as a wet flannel!"

"If you don't mind love, I want to say sumit to thee. I've noticed things I have never noticed before especially about who you really are. You've let me come to you and given me rest. On many occasions you've shouldered my yoke. In these last few months I've learnt more about life, especially our life. Your gentleness and humbleness has been inspirational in helping me to get through this particular part of our life together. Most importantly my spirit is now more at rest than it has ever been. The good Lord has sure held our hands along this long and winding road. After this, eternity will be bliss. Thanks love."

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Public Masses This weekend we are pleased to be able to gather again for Mass, and after a long absence it will naturally take a while to adjust to being back, and to the more simpler form of celebration that we need to observe in these early days.

- **Mass won't be at the usual times, so please check.**
- We will observe **2m distancing** of seating rather than 1m+, at least to begin with. This will give us capacity for between 12 households at St Edmund's and 10 households (16 couples) at St Joseph's.
- To **book** please use the online form if you can, and if not then email or ring. Link to form: <https://tinyurl.com/y9qmmk2r>. We will use the details we have gathered to allocate places for the coming weeks.
- We will **clean the church** after each use.
- We will continue with a Sunday Liturgy of the Word **online**.
- There will be a list of places for **Weekday Masses**. It's likely that there will be enough space if you want to come but you might wish to check.

St John's, Farncombe I'm pleased to say that Fr James and the community there are happy to have their main service at a slightly later time. We will therefore resume Sunday Mass there at **9.00am from 26th July**, and will update the booking form nearer the time.

Opening of Churches for private prayer

With Mass resuming we will review this in the coming week. Please let us know if it is something you have particularly appreciated and would like to continue. Once we can open without a need for stewards we will aim to do so in any case.

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

Hope is Contagious St Edmund's School was inspired by a CAFOD assembly to raise funds to support their work and to create a picture proclaiming that "Hope is Contagious". You can read about it on our website here: <https://tinyurl.com/y8yvyxad>

A Draft Parish Pastoral Plan

As I mentioned in this week's email, over the last few months, and having got to know the parish a little bit more, I have had an opportunity to think about how we might live our lives in Christ together, growing in holiness and faithfulness to our mission, and have put these thoughts together in a Parish Pastoral Plan which I hope will help and guide us as we resume parish life.

In other times I would introduce it at our Sunday Masses, but given the constraints of the present age, I have shared it, commend it for your prayer and reflection and invite any questions you might have or comments you would like to make. It is still work in progress and there will be an important next stage which prioritises its various elements. I am grateful to those who have commented on earlier drafts of this document, and helped me to refine it, but any errors and omissions are mine.

I would like to thank the DR team - Alan, Jo, Sheena, Adrian, and Sarah for the way they have supported the growth and development of the parish under Fr David and in my first six months here and for their continuing friendship and wise counsel. They have rightly encouraged me to seek to build a new team which can help steer the parish in its next phase and I will try to do this over the coming months as we ease back into more regular parish life.

Many of you will know that Alan Lion has stepped back from leading the DR team and F&GP, and I would like to record in particular my gratitude and admiration for his faith-filled leadership and service to the parish over recent years. It has helped us to become more conscious of the imperative of mission, and that there is much more work to do.

I hope that this Parish Pastoral Plan will help us and I commend it to you. It can be downloaded: <https://tinyurl.com/y7eftwp6> or picked up from the back of church.

Livesimply Group next meets on **Tuesday 7th July at 8pm** on the parish GoToMeeting, usual login, everyone welcome!

Lectio Divina a very special and fruitful way of praying with the scriptures takes place online every **Wednesday 7.30pm – 8.45pm** on GoToMeeting. (We won't meet on 15 July)

Virtual Pilgrimage – something to do together! The LiveSimply group are organising a "virtual pilgrimage" this month to Bury St Edmund's in support of CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal. £1,617 raised so far. Donations can be made by visiting the pilgrimage Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Jo-Lewry1>
There are updates on the parish website and Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/stedsgod).

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>.

The Universe & Catholic Times have a special offer at the moment of 3 months delivered to your home for £18. Visit www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call 0161 820 5722 if interested.

Deacon Tom Kent, who has been serving in Guildford since March is to be ordained Priest at Arundel Cathedral at 3pm on Saturday 11th July. The ordination will be livestreamed via their website: <https://arundelcathedral.uk>.

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.parihofgodalming.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 who 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 July: Our families: We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

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 Fr John Healey, Margaret Stevens & Alec Mc Alister who died recently, and Patrick Dawson, Veronica Riddle, Alice McDermott, Christine Boyce and Pat Ambrose, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Schedule of Services for Ss Peter & Paul and Fourteenth Week of Ordinary Time

Saturday 4th July	10.00am Mass (St Joseph's) – Frank & Matthew Brown RIP 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)
Sunday 5th July 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>People of the Parish</i> 10.00am Liturgy of the Word online 11.30am Mass (St Joseph's) 4:00pm – 5:00pm (St Edmund's) open for prayer with Exposition
Monday 6th July	10.00am Mass (St Edmund's)* 10:30am – 11.30am St Edmund's open for prayer 2.30pm – 4.00pm St Edmund's open for prayer 7.00pm-8.00pm St Edmund's open for prayer
Tuesday 7th July	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's)* 10.00am – 11.00am St Joseph's open for prayer
Wednesday 8th July	9.15am Mass (St Joseph's)* - Alec McAlister RIP 10.00am – 11.00am St Joseph's open for prayer 7.30pm – 8.30pm St Joseph's open for prayer 7.30pm – <i>Lectio Divina</i> online
Thursday 9th July	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's)* 10.00am – noon St Edmund's open for prayer
Friday 10th July	12.30pm Requiem Mass – Margaret Stevens RIP (family only)
Saturday 11th July St Benedict	10.00am Mass (St Joseph's) – Tom Kent 3.00pm Ordination of Rev Tom Kent livestreamed from Arundel 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)
Sunday 12th July 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>People of the Parish</i> 10.00am Liturgy of the Word online 11.30am Mass (St Joseph's) 1.00pm Baptism (St Joseph's) 4:00pm – 5:00pm St Edmund's open for prayer (t.b.c.)

*The churches will close after Mass for cleaning, before re-opening for private prayer.
Divine Office Psalter Week 2: Weekday Readings Year II.

**For details of how to book a place at Mass please visit
www.stedsgod.com/Coronavirus**