



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.*

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 19th July 2020

"The Past is history, the Future is mystery. The most important bit is the Present. And why is that? Because it is a PRESENT!!"

Sociologists in the past have told us that 45% of people worry about what has been, 45% of what is to come, and only 10% about the here and now, the present. Viewing the social scene today that analysis may no longer reflect the reality as a great many young people, and not so young, are inclined to say, 'to hell with the past, that's gone and the future can sure take care of itself; let's make hay while the sun shines!' Recent scenes of post-Covid partying probably support that prognosis!

And yet many of us, one hopes and prays, realise that over time there is more to life than just the present. Our knowledge and experience of our past help us to maximise how we live the present moment and so prepare ourselves for the unknowns of the future.

Perhaps the reason Jesus uses Parables to teach is that they encapsulate how important all three time frames are in helping us to live as our God would like us to. A Parable is perhaps the outer covering to the inner meaning of the Past, the Present and the Future. Above all they help us to recognise the image of God in the "Other", no matter how unpalatable the "Other" may be! The crème de la crème of course is that they represent the eternal mystery of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit and believe it or not OURSELVES!

Deacon Jeremy

Responses for Mass

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

PSALM RESPONSE:

O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord.
If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me,
I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.

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Public Masses It has been so good to welcome people back to Mass this last week. After a long fast it has been a reminder of just how important it is in our lives and for the world. The Sunday obligation continues to be dispensed so please do not feel guilty if you don't feel ready to come back just yet – we will all adjust at our own speed and that's quite appropriate.

- **Mass won't be at the usual times, so please check.**
- We will continue to observe **2m distancing** of seating rather than 1m+.
- We will **clean the church** after each use.
- We will continue to celebrate Sunday Liturgy at the 10am Saturday Mass, and with Sunday Liturgy of the Word **online**.
- It's likely that there will be enough space at **Weekday Masses** if you want to come but you might wish to check.
- **St John's, Farncombe** we will be resuming Sunday Mass here at **9.00am from 26th July**. Due to the slightly later start, **Mass at St Joseph's will start at 12 noon** (and not 11.30 am) from next Sunday.
- We are using a booking system for weekend Masses, using an online form: <https://tinyurl.com/y9gmmk2r> You only need fill out the form once as we will use the information you provide to help us allocate places for the coming weeks. However, if your preferences change – e.g. in view of the 9am St John's/12 noon St Joseph's options - please do fill out the form again, or email or phone the parish office.

It is likely that there will be reduced provision of Mass over the **August Bank Holiday** weekend to allow Fr Jonathan to take a break. At present many of our priests who would usually supply are either engaged elsewhere or taking Covid-19 precautions.

Churches are open for private prayer on Sundays (4-5 pm) at St Edmund's and Wednesdays (10-11 am) at St Joseph's. A big thank you to all those who have helped with the stewarding and cleaning.

Sacrament of Penance (Confession) or Anointing of the Sick are available by arrangement with Fr Jonathan. Guidelines have now been issued on Communion for the housebound and we hope to resume this later in the month.

First Holy Communions and Confirmations 2020. Plans are in hand for these celebrations which we hope will take place from September, and we will keep you updated.

First Holy Communion 2021 Registration for this is now open. The form can be found on the website at <https://stedsgod.com/fhc>. If you have children who wish to make their First Holy Communion this summer or in the coming year, please do try to get back into the habit of coming to Church – even if only to light a candle at first – after our long break. It will help your children and be a source of God's help and grace in these challenging times.

Draft Parish Pastoral Plan

I wrote recently about 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 current constraints I have shared it online, commend it for your prayer and reflection and look forward to receiving your questions, comments and input. Please do make some time to read the plan: you can pick up a copy at the back of church, or download a copy: <https://tinyurl.com/y7eftwp6> The plan is a work in progress and there will be an important next stage which prioritises its various elements.

Lectio Divina This is a very special and fruitful way of praying with the Scriptures and takes place online every **Wednesday 7.30pm – 8.45pm** on GoToMeeting.

Lourdes virtual pilgrimage This year the Lourdes Pilgrimage takes place virtually from 25th to 30th July, and details of all the virtual events – including those for families and Redshirts (years 10&11) can be found at www.ablourdes2020.org

CAFOD/DEC Appeal CAFOD has joined with the UK Disasters Emergencies Committee to help millions of people whose lives are at risk, as coronavirus spreads across refugee camps and countries suffering conflict. You can donate at cafod.org.uk/coronavirus to help CAFOD scale up its coronavirus response through our global Church family.

Our **Parish Virtual Pilgrimage** finishes this weekend and has raised £2,322 (at time of writing). A **big thank you** to everyone to contributed or participated. So one last push and call for donations via *just giving*:
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Jo-Lewry1>

Some Recommended Streaming

St Edmund's, Godalming. Sunday Liturgy of the Word 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.

Walsingham

<http://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream>

CAFOD Children's Liturgy continues at <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>.

Congratulations to **Fr Thomas Kent**, ordained priest last Saturday and appointed to the parish of Guildford.

CTiG prayer breakfasts have moved online! The next event takes place on Saturday 25th July at 8.30am via Zoom.

Gift Aid Envelopes for 2020/21 are now available to collect after Mass. Thank you to all who contribute financially to our parish, and to Eileen for her diligence in administering the Gift Aid Scheme.

Contactless Giving We are considering getting a contactless giving terminal for the parish. Please let us know if you think this might be helpful for you.

Sources of Practical Support

LOAF (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, and in particular for Stella Holmes, Kenneth Goater, David Dixon, Josefa Orlinska, Jock McKenna, Peer Casey and Kathleen Still whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

Schedule of Services for Sixteenth Week of Ordinary Time

Saturday 18th July	10.00am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Alexander Moore RIP</i> 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>For the people of the parish</i>
Sunday 19th July 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – Rev Giovanni Prandini 10.00am Liturgy of the Word online 11.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – Rev John Howard 4:00pm – 5:00pm (St Edmund's) open for prayer
Monday 20th July	10.00am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Martin Goodridge RIP</i>
Tuesday 21st July	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Margaret Stevens RIP</i>
Wednesday 22nd July St Mary Magdalene	7.30am Mass (St Edmund's) 10.00am – 11.00am St Joseph's open for prayer 7.30pm Lectio Divina online
Thursday 23rd July St Bridget of Sweden	No services today
Friday 24th July St Sharbel Makhluf	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – Nick Bielak
Saturday 25th July St James	10.00am Mass (St Joseph's) 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)
Sunday 26th July 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am Mass (St John's, Farncombe) 10.30am Liturgy of the Word online 12.00pm Mass (St Joseph's) 4:00pm – 5:00pm St Edmund's open for prayer

Divine Office Psalter Week 4: Weekday Readings Year II.

For details of how to book a place at weekend Mass:
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