



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.*

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 26th July 2020

Four years ago, because of the call in our time to “reflect in a more profound way on the dignity of Woman, on the New Evangelisation and on the greatness of the Mystery of Divine Mercy”, Pope Francis raised the celebration of St Mary Magdalene (22nd July) to a Feast. Last week we used the new preface written for the feast for the first time. It’s a really good and clear text and sums up so well what it is to be a faithful disciple – the way of living to which we are called. It stands as a reminder that Mary Magdalene was not simply one of the women who followed Jesus and the twelve, but is given the central role of bringing them the gospel of the resurrection – in the words of St Thomas Aquinas she is an “apostle of the apostles”.

'It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, to glorify you in all things, almighty Father, whose mercy is not less than your power, through Christ our Lord.

He appeared in the garden and revealed himself to Mary Magdalene, who had loved him in life, witnessed him dying on the Cross, sought him as he lay in the tomb, and was the first to adore him, newly risen from the dead.

He honoured her with the office of being an apostle to the Apostles, so that the good news of new life might reach the ends of the earth.

And so, Lord, with all the Angels and Saints, we, too, give you thanks, as in exultation we acclaim...'

Responses for Mass

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

PSALM RESPONSE:

Lord, how I love your law!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

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Update on Buildings An email update on parish buildings went out this week and printed copies are available at the back of church. It confirms what would be possible in developing St Joseph's and tentatively raises the question of whether an option of developing St Edmund's should be explored. Fr Jonathan welcomes your feedback and any questions you may have.

Public Masses It has been so good to welcome people back to Mass over the last few weeks. 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+.
- **Face coverings** are not mandatory, but will be encouraged when in Church with others from next week.
- 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.
- We are using a booking system for weekend Masses, using an online form: <https://tinyurl.com/y9qmmk2r> 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. We will keep this under review.

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 once stricter shielding finishes at the end of the month.

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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.

Dominican's, Oxford are gaining a reputation for their good daily homily <https://www.youtube.com/user/Godzdogz>

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

Virtual Pilgrimage A big thank you to all who took part in or supported our virtual pilgrimage which raised £2,717 for **CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal**.

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.

Fr Michael Perry had a fall last month and has been living at St Joseph's nursing home in Littlehampton since his discharge from hospital. His current address is St. Joseph's, East Street, Littlehampton, West Sussex, BN17 6AU.

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.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 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 Rheenan, 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 Agnes Grey, Edith Blaikie, Elsie Rapley, Mary Flight and James Coleman whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

Schedule of Services for Seventeenth Week of Ordinary Time (Year A)

Saturday 25th July (St James)	10.00am Mass (St Joseph's) 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) <i>– Gertrude Magdalene Vane-Tempest RIP</i>
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) – People of the Parish 4:00pm – 5:00pm St Edmund's open for Exposition
Monday 27th July	No services today
Tuesday 28th July	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's)
Wednesday 29th July St Martha	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) 10.00am – 11.00am St Joseph's open for prayer 7.30pm Lectio Divina online
Thursday 30th July	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's) <i>– Charles, Julia & Martha Harding RIP</i>
Friday 31st July St Ignatius Loyola	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – Katie Ewing
Saturday 1st August (St Alphonsus Ligouri)	10.00am Mass (St Joseph's) 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)
Sunday 2nd August 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am Mass (St John's, Farncombe) 10.30am Liturgy of the Word online 12.00pm Mass (St Joseph's) – Nick Waight RIP 4:00pm – 5:00pm St Edmund's open for prayer

Divine Office Psalter Week 1: Weekday Readings Year II.

For details of how to book a place at weekend Mass:
please visit <https://stedsgod.com/Coronavirus>

Online activities are held on GoToMeeting 450-922-301