



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.*

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2nd August 2020

Food events occur quite frequently in Jesus' short three-year ministry. When they do occur, they are very clearly significant as they portray Jesus' underlying message, a message that says: 'I am the source of your sustenance.' The beauty and subtlety of his message however, is that he is not referring to our physical sustenance, important though it might be to the people with him, but to our spiritual sustenance.

The Wedding Feast at Cana was the first such recorded event; and perhaps the final one was not the Last Supper, vitally important though it was, but maybe the Breaking of Bread at the intimate supper he had with the two Disciples he met on the road to Emmaus? This was the very first Mass after his Resurrection, the Mass that tells us that he is the Bread of Life! Fr Dennis Billy C.Ss.R, in his thoughtful book: *Meeting Jesus on the Road to Emmaus*, encapsulates the real meaning of our spiritual sustenance when he describes the Mass and its foundation by Jesus, as an enactment of Banquet, Presence and Suffering. Let us contemplate the possible meaning of these three theological cum spiritual ingredients.

- **Banquet** emphasises 'Community'. We come together, to share, to offer and to participate.
 - **Presence** emphasises the reality of 'Being'; a spiritual faith-filled reality that offers eternal sustenance.
 - **Suffering** emphasises the need to live and be strengthened by its many challenges.
- Food, Love, Eternity, for Thought Indeed!! (Deacon Jeremy)

Responses for Mass

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

PSALM RESPONSE:

You open wide your hand, O Lord; you grant our desires.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

I am the bread of life, says the Lord; whoever comes to me will not hunger and whoever believes in me will not thirst.

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Sunday Parish Angelus? As we move towards the autumn and settle into new routines, and as more return to weekend Mass, Fr Jonathan would welcome your feedback on whether to adjust our Sunday schedule so that Mass is at say 9.00am & 10.40am, and an online Parish Angelus at noon. The Angelus could include one of the Sunday readings, a thought for the day and some bidding prayers and provide an opportunity to catch up before Sunday lunch with some "prosecco and prayer".

Lectio Divina This is a very special and fruitful way of praying with the Scriptures and takes place online every **Wednesday 7.30pm – 8.30pm** on GoToMeeting.

August Art Competition A bit of holiday fun for our younger parishioners with a weekly painting and drawing competition based on the miracles of Jesus. Parents can read the story, then the children can interpret it as they like and use any medium. Each week one picture will be chosen as the outright winner and will get a virtual rosette (and maybe an actual treat from their parents!) There are two age categories: 2-6 years and 7-10 years, and one entry per child. The miracle for this first week is the feeding of the five thousand (Matt 14:15-21). Entries will be posted on our website; please email them to: honeysett@btinternet.com

Remembering Pilgrimages Through August there will be an opportunity to remember past pilgrimages (and maybe look forward to new ones) on the parish Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/stedsgod>). We will start with (i) Italy and then (ii) the Holy Land, (iii) Lourdes and Fatima and (iv) other places. *Pray that our hearts will be illuminated with the grace of the Holy Spirit and that we may be ever obedient to God's commandments.*

Update on Buildings An email update on parish buildings went out recently 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.

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

Public Masses Thank you to everyone for your patience during this transition period while we adjust to coming back to Mass. It has been so good to welcome everyone and to appreciate 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 aren't ready to come back just yet – we will all adjust at our own speed and that's quite appropriate.

A few points to note:

- **Mass times are changeable, so please check**
- We will continue to celebrate Sunday Liturgy at the 10am Saturday Mass, and with Sunday Liturgy of the Word **online at 10.30am**
- **Face coverings** At the time of writing the government have just announced that face coverings will become mandatory in places of worship from 8th August. We await further details of what this will mean for readers and the presider. Meanwhile, this weekend all those attending Mass are encouraged to wear a face covering to help get used to it.
- We will **clean the church** after each use and continue to observe **2m distancing** of seating rather than 1m+
- 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. Please also email or phone the parish office with your preferences.

Being a good neighbour Please remember to act considerately towards our neighbours. If you notice something that needs taking care of on our property or theirs please speak with the parish office or Fr Jonathan before sorting it out.

There will be reduced provision of Mass over the **August Bank Holiday** weekend to allow Fr Jonathan to take a break.

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.

Sacrament of Penance (Confession) or Anointing of the Sick are available by arrangement with Fr Jonathan.

Draft Parish Pastoral Plan

Fr Jonathan wrote recently about a Parish Pastoral Plan to help and guide us as we resume parish life. Please do make some time to read it: you can pick up a copy at the back of church, or download a copy: <https://tinyurl.com/y7eftwp6>

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.

Blackfriar'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>.

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.

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 August:

The Maritime World: We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

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 Conrad Real, Paul Hanson, Rudolf Orlinski, Damian Norris, Peter Byrom whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

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

Saturday 1st August (St Alphonsus Ligouri)	10.00am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Members of the Scout Movement</i> 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)
Sunday 2nd August 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am Mass (St John's, Farncombe) – <i>People of the Parish</i> 10.30am Liturgy of the Word online 12.00pm Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Nick Waight RIP</i> 4:00pm – 5:00pm St Edmund's open for Exposition
Monday 3rd August	No services today
Tuesday 4th August St John Mary Vianney	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>for priests & vocations to priesthood</i>
Wednesday 5th August	10.00am – 11.00am St Joseph's open for prayer 12.00pm Funeral Mass Fr John Healey (Arundel Cathedral online) 7.30pm Lectio Divina online
Thursday 6th August Transfiguration of the Lord	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's)
Friday 7th August	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>For relief from the pandemic</i>
Saturday 8th August (St Dominic)	10.00am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>In thanksgiving</i> 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)
Sunday 9th August 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am Mass (St John's, Farncombe) 10.30am Liturgy of the Word online 12.00pm Mass (St Joseph's) 1.00pm Baptism (St Joseph's) 4:00pm – 5:00pm St Edmund's open for prayer

Divine Office Psalter Week 2: 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
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