



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.*

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9th August 2020

The Gospel this Sunday contains an epiphany: Jesus is revealed as God, and with their little faith the disciples recognise this and worship him.

Jesus comes to the disciples in the fourth watch of the night, probably sometime just before dawn. They have been fighting with headwinds ever since he left them the previous evening. And when Jesus meets them, he reveals his divinity to them saying "It is I" and urges them, as he and the prophets before him so often did, not to be afraid. At the end they do him homage, just as did the magi before the crib.

It is interesting, I think, that all this happens not after the feeding of the multitude but in the fourth watch of the night. Jesus left the disciples the previous evening and spent the night in prayer while they battled against headwinds. They have not despaired as they do on other occasions, but it has clearly been a hard time. It is sometime after 3am, and probably close to the first light of dawn, that he comes to them.

As many people struggle at the moment with what is becoming a long night and find themselves against strong headwinds this Gospel reminds us that Jesus is God. He comes with all the strength and power over things that threaten us of the one who is the Lord of Creation. That this encounter happens only after the disciples have had the experience of a hard night should give us hope and courage. The dawn will come, and when it does our Saviour will be revealed and our hearts will be filled with joy. In the meanwhile, our little faith will be enough, and the Lord will hold us firmly by the hand and pray to his Father on our behalf.

Responses for Mass

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

PSALM RESPONSE:

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

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Sunday Parish Angelus and revised Mass times? It's likely that from 5th September we will adjust our Sunday schedule so that Mass is at say 9.00am & 10.30am, and an online Parish Angelus at noon. The Angelus might include one of the Sunday readings, a song, a thought for the day and some bidding prayers and provide an opportunity to catch up before Sunday lunch with some "prosecco and prayer". Please let Fr Jonathan know this weekend if you have any thoughts on this change.

Blessing of Students and Teachers will take place at all Masses on 5th & 6th September. There are many in our parish who work or learn in our schools, colleges and universities. The first weekend in September will be an opportunity for us to celebrate their work and to ask God's blessing on them for the year ahead. If you are a teacher, teaching assistant, tutor or lecturer please let the parish office know if you would like to come to Mass that weekend so that we can ensure you are included.

Update on Buildings An email about our 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.

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

Churches are open for private prayer, often with Exposition 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 help with the stewarding and cleaning.

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

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**
- There is a basket for the **Collection** at the entrance. Thank you for your financial support for the parish.
- We will continue to celebrate Sunday Liturgy at the 10am Saturday Mass, and the Sunday Liturgy of the Word **online at 10.30am.**
- **Face coverings** should be worn in Church unless legally exempt. Please remember to remove and replace them using the ear loops.
- 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.

There will be reduced provision of Mass over the **August Bank Holiday** weekend to allow Fr Jonathan to take a break from 23rd August to 4th September. Deacon Jeremy will be available through this time to provide any pastoral support that may be needed and to lead a few Liturgies of the Word and Holy Communion.

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

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.

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>.

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 read the story, and children interpret it as they like using 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 second week is Jesus changing the water into wine at Cana (John 2:1-11). Entries will be posted on our website; please email them to: honeysett@btinternet.com

Remembering Pilgrimages Throughout August we are remembering past pilgrimages (and maybe looking forward to new ones) on the parish Facebook page; this week we are focussing on the Holy Land.

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.

The **SVP** are also able to help: 07990 717067

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.

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 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 Cecilia Leathem, Fr John McSheehy (Parish Priest 1969-79), Frank Ings, Robert Fiorentino, Denis da Roza, Alfred Scicluna, Tim Holford and Mary Sherwood, whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

**Schedule of Services for
Nineteenth Week of Ordinary Time (Year A)**

Saturday 8th August (St Dominic)	10.00am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>In thanksgiving</i> 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Celebrant's Intention</i>
Sunday 9th August 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am Mass (St John's, Farncombe) – <i>Private Intention</i> 10.30am Liturgy of the Word online 12.00pm Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>People of the Parish</i> 1.00pm Baptism (St Joseph's) 4:00pm – 5:00pm Exposition (St Edmund's)
Monday 10th August St Lawrence	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Cecilia Leathem RIP</i>
Tuesday 11th August St Clare	No services today
Wednesday 12th August St Jane Frances de Chantal	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>John Steele RIP</i> 10.00am – 11.00am Exposition (St Joseph's) 7.30pm Lectio Divina online
Thursday 13th August	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's)
Friday 14th August St Maximilian Kolbe	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's)
Saturday 15th August	10.00am Mass (St Joseph's) 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)
Sunday 16th August Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.00am Mass (St John's, Farncombe) 10.30am Liturgy of the Word online 12.00pm Mass & Confirmation (St Joseph's) 4:00pm – 5:00pm St Edmund's open for prayer (t.b.c.)

Divine Office Psalter Week 3: 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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