



**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.*

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
6th September 2020**

Reflection on Educating the Emotions – Beauty

'A morality that looks upon feelings as something naturally dangerous and untrustworthy is a morality that despises beauty and looks upon it as a side issue. I am inclined to think that the worst feature of modern life is its failure to believe in beauty. For human life beauty is as important as truth – even more important – and beauty in life is the product of real feeling! The strongest condemnation of modern industrial life is not that it is cruel and materialistic and wearisome and false, but simply that it is ugly and has no sense of beauty. Moral conduct IS beautiful conduct. If we want to make the world better, the main thing we have to do is to make it more beautiful. Nothing that is not inherently beautiful is really good. We have to recapture the sense of beauty if we are not to lose our freedom. And that we can only do by learning to feel for ourselves and to feel, really! This is not a side issue. It is the heart of the problem of modern civilization. We shall never be saved by science, though we may be destroyed by it. It is to art and religion that we must look; and both of these depend on freedom of feeling. Our science is the best thing we have, but it is not good enough for the task that lies before us, because it is only concerned with the things of the mind. There are signs – small signs – of a revival of interest in and reverence for beauty amongst us. But it is a small thing yet. I, for one, would pin my hopes to it rather to anything else.'

John Macmurray (1891-1976)

Responses for Mass

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

PSALM RESPONSE:

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts'.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God.

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Blessing of Students and Teachers will take place at all Masses this weekend. There are many in our parish who work or learn in our schools, colleges and universities and this is 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 Fr Jonathan know before Mass starts so that we can ensure you are included.

Weekend Mass times from 6th September

- **Sunday Mass times** are 9.00am (St John's, Farncombe), 10.30am (St Joseph's). Mass on Saturday continues at 10.00am (St Joseph's, Milford) and 6.00pm (St Edmund's, Godalming)
- **Online Parish Angelus** at noon, with one of the Sunday readings, some bidding prayers, a chance to catch up with 'prosecco & prayer'.

Mass arrangements

- We are using a **booking system** for weekend Masses, with an online form: <https://stedsgod.com/Coronavirus>. 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. You can also email or phone the parish office with your preferences.
- **Face coverings** should be worn in Church unless exempt (such as children under 11)
- **Seating at St Joseph's** will probably move to every other bench, so distanced at 1.5m (with mitigation), providing some additional safe capacity
- We will **clean the church** after each use and continue to observe social distancing
- There is a basket for the **Collection** at the entrance. Thank you for your financial support for the parish.
- The Sunday obligation continues to be dispensed so please don't feel guilty if you aren't ready to come back just yet.
- **Churches will re-open for private prayer** in September

Fr Chris Dobson will celebrate Mass in the parish next weekend as Fr Jonathan will be away (12th/13th September).

First Holy Communion Celebration Mass

We look forward to welcoming many of the children of the parish to the table of the Lord at FHC Masses on 20th and 27th September.

First Holy Communion 2021 Registration for this is now open. The form can be found on the website at <https://stedsgod.com/fhc>.

Confirmation Preparation for students in Years 10+ will begin in the New Year.

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

Update on Buildings Fr Jonathan will be reporting back to the parish on possible next steps in the weeks ahead so if you would like to contribute your views please email or get in touch asap. Copies of Fr Jonathan's July Buildings Update are available at the back of church.

Parish Pastoral Plan Please make some time to read the draft of Fr Jonathan's Parish Pastoral Plan. You can pick up a copy at church, or download from: <https://tinyurl.com/y7eftwp6>

Coming Up...

Ride & Stride 12th September Sponsored Ride/Walk around local churches in aid of Surrey Churches (including ours). For details contact Ian honeysett@btinternet.com or see the parish Facebook page.

Alpha Online New courses start this autumn, on a weekday morning and a weekday evening. Full details and registration forms can be found on the home page of the website. For more information please contact Sarah in the parish office.

Sycamore There has been some interest in this series introducing our Catholic Christian faith and we are looking at offering it online in the parish <https://www.sycamore.fm>.

Parish Quiz Night on 10th October

Something social and fun in the parish, even if it's on Zoom! To register your team email Ian

honeysett@btinternet.com and please make a minimum donation of £5 per person to the CAFOD harvest appeal <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Jo-Lewry1>

The Season of Creation has become a regular part of September and it extends to 4th October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. We will join with this in a Novena to Saint Francis this month, for a world under threat. There are nine brief reflections asking St Francis of Assisi to pray for us and our world, based on his beautiful Canticle of the Sun. The novena prayer can be found at:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Novena-to-St-Francis>

Next online CTG Prayer Breakfast is on Saturday 26th September at 8:30 am. To join: <https://zoom.us/j/9463914833> and using password 2020. Each person to provide their own breakfast!

An online preached Zoom retreat *'Rebuild My Church: New Wine - New Wineskins after Covid-19'*, led by Fr Eamonn Mulcahy. Sunday 27th September to Friday 2nd October, two talks per day at 10:30am and 4:30pm, reflecting on the challenges of re-envisaging the following of Jesus in a post-Pandemic world. Suggested donation £150, bursaries available. More information: admin@christian-retreat.org

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 a list of items to donate: <http://www.parishofgodalming.org.uk/ourchurch-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 and its impact on our lives and on the economy.

The Holy Father's Intentions for September: to respect the planet's resources. We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered but shared in a just and respectful manner.

The sick and those who care for them including - Betty Matthews, 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 Elizabeth O'Donnell, Richard Pilkington, Vincenzo Bivona, Carolyn Horner, Catherine Owen and Joan Nantwich, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Schedule of Services for
23rd Week of Ordinary Time (Year A)**

Saturday 5th September	10.00am Mass (St Joseph's) 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)
Sunday 6th September 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am Mass (St John's, Farncombe) – People of the parish 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) 12.00pm Angelus online 1.00pm Baptism (St Joseph's) 4:00pm – 5:00pm St Edmund's open for prayer
Monday 7th September	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's)
Tuesday 8th September Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's)
Wednesday 9th September St Peter Claver, Priest	5.30pm Mass (venue tbc; phone 01252 702230 or check Calendar on www.stedsgod.com) 7.30pm Lectio Divina online (GoToMeeting)
Thursday 10th September	9.30am (St Edmund's)
Friday 11th September	No services today
Saturday 12th September	10.00am Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion (St Joseph's) 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)
Sunday 13th September 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am Mass (St John's) 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)

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
www.stedsgod.com