



**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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
13th September 2020**

Try to love your wounds; they carry the secret of your new power.

Your wounds, in the long run, can make you stronger. Is your current suffering healing you or damaging you, making your heart stronger or weaker? Life breaks all of us, but many learn to grow at the broken places. The place of the wound is the place of healing. Learn how to turn the stumbling blocks of your life into stepping stones to your new freedom. A huge secret of happiness is knowing how to accept, to use and thus transform your pain, your humiliations, tensions and past injustices. If you resist, deny and fume in angry emotions, you stay stuck in narrow ways, victimised by your own thoughts.

This is not going to be easy. Loving your wounds is a tall order. Yet every world religion, every wise counsel, places the cross of suffering at the centre of its teaching, about acquiring a happier heart.

Is not the cup that holds your wine the very cup that was burned in the potter's oven? Look deep into your heart and you shall find it is only that which has given you sorrow that is giving you joy. – Kahlil Gibran.

Daniel O'Leary

Responses for Mass

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

PSALM RESPONSE:

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Gospel Acclamation:

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The chalice of blessing that we bless is a communion in the Blood of Christ;
and the bread that we break is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.

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Welcome to Fr Chris Dobson who will celebrate Mass in the parish this weekend as Fr Jonathan is away.

Alpha Online Registration for this programme is now open: visit the parish web site (www.stedsgod.com) and click on the *Register For Alpha* button on the Home Page. If you have any questions, please contact Nicki and Alan Lion (01483 420859 / alion@btinternet.com). Please try to make every effort to reach out to ANYBODY and EVERYBODY. Participation online is easy. It's a great opportunity to reach those who we would not normally reach. We even have a chance to reach young people through Youth Alpha. Pray for the course, those inviting people, those running the course and, most importantly, those taking part. May the Holy Spirit bless and guide us.

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 allocate places for the coming weeks. You can also email or phone the parish office.
- **Face coverings** should be worn in Church unless exempt (such as children under 11)
- 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.

First Holy Communion Celebration Mass

We look forward to welcoming 34 of the children of the parish to Holy Communion at Masses on 20th and 27th September. Please pray for these children and their families – that the Lord will help them to grow in love for the Eucharist. The 10:30am Mass will not have space for other parishioners on those weeks. You might like to stream Mass from Guildford or to come to Mass on a weekday if you are able.

First Holy Communion 2021 Registration for this is now closing. Preparation begins on 19th September. The form can be found on the website at <https://stedsgod.com/fhc>.

Opening of church on Sunday afternoons for private prayer will take a break and we'll look at resuming this later in the year.

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

Wednesday Word children's activity sheet for each Sunday. Currently free online at <http://www.wednesdayword.org/school/index.htm>

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

Update on Buildings Fr Jonathan will be reporting back to the parish on possible next steps in the weeks ahead.

Coming Up in the Parish...

Online Parish Angelus at noon will resume on 4th October. We would like to include a short piece from someone each week, sharing an important part of their journey of faith. If you might be prepared to speak for a few minutes on this please contact Fr Jonathan.

The Season of Creation has become a regular part of September and it extends to 4th October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi, named as long ago as 1979 as the patron saint of those who promote 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://tinyurl.com/y65o82t6>

Parish Quiz Night on 10th October

Something social and fun in the parish, even if it's on Zoom! To register email honeysett@btinternet.com and make a minimum donation of £5 per person to the CAFOD harvest appeal at: <https://tinyurl.com/y33xte2t>

All Saints Party We are thinking of holding an "All Saints" Party for children on 31st October 4.00–5.30pm with some fun games and activities on line and an opportunity to dress up as your favourite saint. If you might be able and willing to help with this please contact Fr Jonathan.

Next online CTG Prayer Breakfast is on Saturday 26th September at 8:30 am. Zoom ID: 9463914833, password: 2020. Each person to provide their own breakfast!

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>

October is the month of the Rosary.

November is the month of Holy Souls.

Coming up further afield...

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

Stress in Your Marriage? – This has been a very difficult year for many couples. Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This programme has helped 6,000 couples who were experiencing difficulties in their marriage in the past year alone. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 12th to 15th November 2020, visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk, call 0788 7296983 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com.

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. Their members, motivated by their faith, are committed to meaningful and long-term befriending. Inspired by the message of the Gospels they seek and find those in need and offer them sincere friendship. They visit them on a regular basis and offer additional practical support such as food, furniture or financial help where needed.

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/>

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 those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Schedule of Services for 24th Week of Ordinary Time (Year A)

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)
Monday 14th September Exaltation of the Holy Cross	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Celebrant's Intention</i>
Tuesday 15th September Our Lady of Sorrows	8.00am Mass (St Edmund's)
Wednesday 16th September Ss Cornelius & Cyprian	9.30am (St Joseph's) – <i>Jean Sandford RIP</i> 7.30pm Lectio Divina online (GoToMeeting)
Thursday 17th September St Robert Bellarmine	9.30am (St Joseph's) – <i>Aidan Lawlor</i>
Friday 18th September	No services today
Saturday 19th September	10.00am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Myles Byrne RIP</i> 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Florence Lydia Sherman RIP</i>
Sunday 20th September 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am Mass (St John's) 10.30am First Holy Communion Mass (St Joseph's) – For the People of the Parish 2.00pm First Holy Communion Mass (St Joseph's)

Divine Office Psalter Week 4: 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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