



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
and as a sign lifted up for the peoples.*

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time 20th September 2020

Do you want to make a huge difference in the world, like Albert McMakin?

'I heard about a man called Albert McMakin. He was 24 years of age, he was a farmer, he'd just become a Christian and he was really excited. So, he heard that there was this event going on where someone was speaking about Jesus, and he decided he would invite all his friends. And he'd got this old van, and there was one guy he really wanted to come. He was a farmer's son, and he really wasn't interested. This guy had lots of girlfriends, he was a very good-looking guy. And he thought, 'How am I going to get him to come?' So eventually he said to him, 'Look, would you drive the van?' And the guy said, 'Okay, well, I'll drive the van. I'm not particularly keen to come in, but I'll drive the van'.

'And he came along and drove the van. He found, much to his surprise, that he was interested in what was going on. He went back night after night after night. And on the last night the speaker said, 'Look, if you want to give your life to Jesus, come to the front.' And this farmer's son got up and went to the front. Since that day, that person has spoken to 210 million people in person about the Christian faith. He's been the friend and confidant of nine American Presidents and was invited by Queen Elizabeth II to a private meeting. And he's spoken — not live, but through television and so on — to half the world's population. His name was Billy Graham. We can't all be Billy Grahams, but we can all be Albert McMakins! We can all be the one who says, 'Come and see' and brings our friends to Christ.'

Please invite somebody to the parish Online Alpha Programme this week. To register, go to the parish website (www.stedsgod.com) and click on the 'Register for Alpha' button on the home page. Any queries, please contact Nicki and Alan Lion on 01483 420859 alion@btinternet.com

Responses for Mass

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

PSALM RESPONSE The Lord is close to all who call him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

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Arrangements for Mass

- We now have something like 180 households wishing to come to Mass on a weekend, which is wonderful. But it does mean that it's moving more towards having a place every other week. If you would like to change the Mass to which we are allocating you, please let us know. There is greater demand for places at 6pm and 9am.
- If you have not yet asked to be added to the lists for Mass you can do so online with our form (<https://stedsgod.com/Coronavirus>) or by contacting Sarah in the parish office.
- **As cases rise again, please take care when outside church not to gather in groups of more than 6 and to observe social distancing.**
- The Sunday obligation continues to be dispensed so please don't feel guilty if you aren't ready to come back just yet.
- 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.

First Holy Communion Celebration Mass

We look forward to welcoming 34 of the children of the parish to Holy Communion at Masses this weekend and next. 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 come to a weekday Mass if you are able.

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

Wednesday Word children's activity sheet for each Sunday. This is currently free online and available 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. This week will be at the **earlier time of 7.00pm.**

Coming Up in the Parish...

Online Sunday Parish Angelus will resume at noon 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.

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 please make a minimum donation of £5 per person to the CAFOD harvest appeal at: <https://tinyurl.com/y33xte2t>

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

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 from **this Thursday 24th**, 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>

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 online 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. Please let Fr Jonathan know if there are graves you would like blessing in Eashing or elsewhere.

Coming up further afield...

Alton Day of Renewal 24th October on Zoom, 'How can we, like Mary, use the words of Scripture to praise God?' with Mgr John Armitage. (Always good to listen to.)
<https://www.altonrenewal.com/2020.html>

Stress in Your Marriage? – This has been a very difficult year for many. Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, cold, conflicted, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Many 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 or to register for the next virtual weekend on 12th to 15th November, 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 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 Mary Read, Anthony Wallerstein, John Gibbs, Lorna Henry, Thomas Brenninkmeijer, Margaret Monk, Violet Wright, Salvatore Barbato, Patrick McElroy, Jean Sandford, Reginald Hurt, Lucyna Czuchnicka, Audrey Burke, Francis Gomez, Patricia Hayes, Malachi O'Donnell, Sally Davey, Celestino Locurto, Florence Gallaher, Valerie Millington, Ethne Clark, Mary McCann, Luigi Ferrucci, and Edward Winder whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Schedule of Services for the Twenty-Fifth Week of Ordinary Time 20th September 2020

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 (F)</i>
Sunday 20th September 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am Mass (St John's) 10.30am First Holy Communion Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>People of the parish</i> 2.00pm First Holy Communion Mass (St Edmund's)
Monday 21st September ST MATTHEW	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Frank & Matthew Brown RIP</i>
Tuesday 22nd September	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Denis Dunne RIP</i>
Wednesday 23rd September ST PIUS OF PIETRELCINO	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Tom Rogers & Robert Gilmour RIP</i> 7.00pm – <i>Lectio Divina (GoToMeeting)</i>
Thursday 24th September OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's)
Friday 25th September	No Mass today
Saturday 26th September	10.00am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Celebrant's Intention</i> 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)
Sunday 27th September 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am Mass (St John's) 10.30am First Holy Communion Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>People of the Parish</i> 2.00pm First Holy Communion Mass (St Edmund's)

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