



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-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time 4th October 2020

One of the things I am privileged to do is to take part in the Joint Liturgical Group – a national ecumenical body that meets twice a year to share and learn from each other's experiences of prayer and worship. At a recent conference of ours the Methodist minister Calvin Samuel spoke particularly clearly about (intercessory) prayer. He reminded us of how prayer:

- **Refocuses our sights** so that we can see from God's perspective.
- **Rejuvenates our spirits** and puts us into contact with our soul mate and source.
- **Renews our salvation-relationship with God** for if you spend enough time with someone you pick up their attributes.
- **Effects change in us** so stay away from prayer if you don't want to change.
- **Rearranges our situation** because it brings the power of God to it.

This week we listen again to St Paul's eloquent and reassuring words to the Philippians – *There is no need to be afraid, but if there is anything you need pray for it.* He reminds us that it is through bringing all that we need and care about before God in prayer that we will find the peace that he wishes us to enjoy.

Our asking God for what we need expresses our relationship with him. Asking declares that we believe that he can grant what we ask, and that we wish to share in his granting it because we ask. In other words that we are happy to enter more deeply into that loving covenant relationship with him and not simply be passive recipients of what we need to flourish and thrive.

As I said at some of our Masses last weekend, when I invited us to join together this month in praying the Rosary – it is through prayer that we will overcome this virus and its effects and by virtue of our prayer that all the other efforts will bear their desired fruits.

RESPONSES FOR MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

PSALM RESPONSE The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION I chose you from the world to go out and bear fruit, fruit that will last, says the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Though many, we are one bread, one body, for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.

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Alpha Online – starting this week!

The start of the Online Alpha course is getting closer. From registrations to date, it looks like we will be running one online course on **Tuesday evenings** and another online course on **Thursday mornings**. This week's gospel is a call to action. Please use this course as an opportunity to respond to that call, either by joining the course, or by inviting somebody to the course, or both. To register, please go to the parish web site (www.stedsgod.com) and click on the Register For Alpha button on the Home Page. For queries contact Nicki and Alan Lion on 01483 420859 / alion@btinternet.com.

Saturday 3rd October is the **Solemnity of the Dedication of St Edmund's Church** in Godalming. This takes precedence over the Sunday and the prayers and readings will be of the Solemnity. (The Dedication of St Joseph's is observed on 18th March).

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.

From Pope Francis Last Wednesday, to mark the 1,600th anniversary of the death of St Jerome, Pope Francis issued a wonderful letter on devotion to Sacred Scripture. <https://tinyurl.com/y634v4l3> If you would like to experience the intimacy of Sacred Scripture why not try joining us for *Lectio Divina* on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm for an hour? (Online on GoToMeeting.)

This weekend Pope Francis will sign another letter, *'Fratelli Tutti'*, on fraternity and social friendship, reflecting on all those ways in the bond of affection between all men and women must be expressed through kind deeds, forms of assistance, works of justice and generous action in times of need. There is a *liveSimply* group in the parish who meet on a monthly basis to encourage us to grow in our stewardship of creation and in our care for one another. Contact jolewry@aol.com for more details, and the parish office to be added to the *liveSimply* monthly e-newsletter.

CAFOD's Family Fast Day 9th October.

Help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. Please pray for all those affected and donate online at cafod.org.uk/give or by using one of the envelopes and putting it in the collection basket or send it direct to CAFOD. We will have a contactless machine at each mass if you would like to donate by card. Thank you in advance for your generous support for those living in poverty around the world who desperately need food and clean water.

St John Henry Newman The Holy Father has granted a request that this be celebrated as a Feast in England on 9th October each year. Mass that day will be at 12.30pm at St Edmund's.

Parish Clergy

Deacon Jeremy has been given permission by Bishop Richard to step back from his active roles in the parish. We wish him and Annabella every grace and blessing as they embark on this next phase of life and thank him for his service in our parish. We are delighted that he will continue to be part of our parish and to assist at the Altar from time to time when he is with us for Mass.

Fr Michael is not able to return to his flat in Milford and will be staying at St. Joseph's in Littlehampton. I am sure he will miss the many friends he made in Godalming over the last 26 years and will be missed by us too. We will arrange for a card from the parish, but I know he also appreciates hearing directly from his friends here. His address is: Rev M. Perry, St Joseph's Nursing Home, East Street, Littlehampton, West Sussex, BN17 6AU. Telephone 01903 711325.

Confirmation Preparation for students in Years 10+ will begin in the New Year. Please pray for our young people who will be confirmed on 11th October in Arundel. The Mass at 3pm will be livestreamed from the Cathedral website.

Parish Quiz Night will be postponed until 2021 when hopefully we can meet together in person. If you'd like to join an online quiz on 10th October you can join CAFOD's 'Harvest Like No Other' quiz at 7pm
<https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>

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.

October is the month of the Rosary. There will be an opportunity to pray the rosary 20 minutes before weekday Masses. There are some handy pocket cards available at the back of church with the mysteries of the rosary and its prayers. Please take one if it will help you pray the rosary this month.

November is the month of Holy Souls. Blessing of graves in Milford will take place after the 9.30am Mass on 2nd November. Please let Fr Jonathan know if there are graves you would like blessing in Eashing or elsewhere.

There will be an additional evening Mass at 7.30pm on All Souls which Fr Jonathan will celebrate in Latin.

Station Mass Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass at St Joseph's, Guildford at 7.30pm on Thursday 12th November for those of the deanery who have died this year, and especially those who have died during the pandemic.

School Admissions If you need a SIF signing for school admissions please email Fr Jonathan with your phone number and he will arrange an appointment with you at the Presbytery.

The Evangelist This year's edition of the magazine from St John's Seminary is now available. Contact the parish office or see Fr Jonathan at Mass at St Edmund's for a copy.

London Jesuit Centre is running a variety of online activities such as daily retreats (on 30th October and 20th November), and a monthly book club. There's more information on their website: www.londonjesuitcentre.org

Alton Day of Renewal (ADoRE) Next meeting on Zoom is on 24th October, 10 am to 12.45pm: 'My Spirit rejoices in God my Saviour'. The speaker is Mgr John Armitage.

Our friends in Burkina Faso Many members of our parish have received the latest newsletter from Les Amis-Burkina Faso. If you are not on their mailing list but would like to read the newsletter, then visit the website <https://www.les-amis-bf.org.uk/> and click on 'Newsletters'.

Second Collections? We are very grateful for the support that you give to the parish by standing order or through the collection basket at the back of church. We also hope that you will support the work of CAFOD through their collections in October and Lent. There are a number of other causes that are usually supported by second collections. Since we currently have a 'rolling' congregation we are grouping them this year. If you would like to give to any of the following (and we hope you might support one or two) please put your offering in an envelope, write the desired cause on it and place it in the collection basket between now and half term: Holy Places, Peter's Pence, Education of Future Priests, Home Mission, and World Missions.

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 Intention for October:

The Laity's Mission in the Church: that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

The sick and those who care for them

including - Derek & Nancy Drapper, 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, in particular for Marica Zulj & Sr Chiara FMDM who died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Schedule of Services for the Twenty-Seventh Week of Ordinary Time 4th October 2020

Saturday 3rd October DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH	10.00am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Kevin Gallagher RIP</i> 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 4th October 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am Mass (St John's) 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>FMDM Sisters Intentions</i> Noon Angelus (GoToMeeting)
Monday 5th October	No Mass today
Tuesday 6th October St Bruno	9.30am* Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit (St Joseph's) <i>– for the fruit of our Online Alpha</i>
Wednesday 7th October Our Lady of the Rosary	9.30am* Mass (St Joseph's) – Frank & Matthew Brown RIP 7.30pm – <i>Lectio Divina (GoToMeeting)</i>
Thursday 8th October	7.00pm* Mass (St Edmund's)
Friday 9th October St John Henry Newman	12.30am* Mass (St Edmund's)
Saturday 10th October	10.00am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Kevin Gallagher RIP</i> 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 11th October 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am Mass (St John's) 10.30am Mass with Baptism (St Joseph's) Noon Angelus (GoToMeeting) 3.00pm Mass with Confirmation (Arundel Cathedral)

*In the month of October the Rosary is prayed 20 minutes before weekday Mass

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