

# 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-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time 11th October 2020

### MIND YOUR FINGERS - CLANG

This Sunday, the 11th of October, is the start of 'Prisons Week.' The clanging of a prison cell door can be a defining moment in a person's life. It is perhaps the ultimate noise that signifies the end of the wonderful gift of freedom, something from then onwards that can only be dreamed about. There are of course a great many different kinds of prison, each door with its own unique sounding 'clang'.

Last week we celebrated the Harvest. Starvation is a prison like no other as it may have imprisoned you through no fault of your own. To starve in a world of plenty reflects the human made imbalances of how the planet we live on is mismanaged and abused. For those in the Starvation Prison there are no 'Eat by Dates' just, 'At any Date'!

Then there is the prison of addiction with each particular addiction having its own particular 'clang' to its own particular prison door.

Then there is the prison of the Body and Mind. Many find themselves confined in an inadequate body or dysfunctional mind where the clanging never seems to stop, and their imprisonment is life-lasting.

Finally, there is the ultimate prison of self-importance, generated by a belief in the infallibility of one's own opinion. The horror of this type of prison is that they are self-made. Jesus called people who made prisons like this 'Pharisees' and 'Sadducees'. The foundations of such prisons are made from self-love and an inability to consider the 'Other.'

*A former inmate of a Nazi Concentration Camp was visiting a friend who had shared the ordeal with him. "Have you forgiven the Nazis?" he asked his friend. "Yes". "Well, I haven't. I am still consumed with hatred for them.". "In that case," said his friend gently, "they still have you in prison."*

(Fr Antony De Mello).

Please, never stop praying for those who are 'imprisoned', including ourselves maybe! If we can help them to find the key to their prison door, then we will be doing the work that Jesus wants us to do.

Deacon Jeremy

### RESPONSES FOR MASS

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

**PSALM RESPONSE** In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** When the Lord appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

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### **All Saints Childrens' Celebration**

COVID restrictions permitting we will have a go at meeting in person rather than online. The celebration will take place socially distanced at St Edmund's Church on 31st October 4.00pm–5.00pm with some activities and an opportunity to dress up as your favourite saint. If you would like to take part please let the parish office know so that a place can be booked for you. (Children should be accompanied by their parents.)

**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.

### **Parish Annual Accounts and 2020**

**Forecast** These were due to be presented at a parish AGM which was cancelled in lockdown. They are appended to this newsletter. Fr Jonathan would like to express his thanks, and that of the parish, to Rory Flynn our treasurer, and Eileen Hudson our Gift Aid coordinator, for their work on our behalf, and to each and every person who supports the parish financially through collections, donations or standing orders.

**Buildings?** An update on buildings went out by email this week and has been uploaded to the newsletter section of the website. Printed copies are available at the back of church.

**Finance Committee** Fr Jonathan would welcome suggestions from the parish of people who might serve on the Parish Finance Committee ("F&GP"). He would particularly welcome offers from anyone who might be prepared to assist the parish in helping us keep on top of our health and safety obligations.

**Online Sunday Parish Angelus** at noon. Come together for half an hour for prayer and a bit of a catch up. We are using GoToMeeting at the moment but may move to Zoom as numbers grow so that we can chat in smaller groups. Bring a cup of coffee with you, or even a glass of prosecco.

**New Diocesan Website** The new diocesan website has just been launched. Do go and have a look. <https://abdiocese.org.uk>

**Confirmation emails re places at weekend Mass** If you aren't receiving a mid-week email from the parish office to confirm if you have or haven't been offered a place at weekend Mass, please check your junk folder as some parishioners are finding this is where parish emails end up. To avoid this happening to parish emails, please add the address to your list of contacts: [godalming@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:godalming@abdiocese.org.uk)

**Befriending and supporting the bereaved** Now more than ever there is the need for our communities to come together to offer pastoral and loving support to the bereaved, especially for those who are isolated, lonely and vulnerable. The diocese offers an excellent training programme which will run for the seven Tuesdays through January and February 2021. If you feel this is something you are called to, please speak to Fr Jonathan or contact the parish office.

**CAFOD's Family Fast Day** was on Friday of last week. The focus of their current appeal is the relief of those who have been most affected by the Coronavirus in developing parts of the world. Please pray for all those affected and donate online at [cafod.org.uk/give](https://cafod.org.uk/give) or by using one of the envelopes and putting it in the collection basket or send it direct to CAFOD. *This weekend 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.

**Supporting local charities in advent.** The *lives* simply group would like suggestions of local charities to promote during advent. Last year we supported Guildford Action and the Number 5 Project, both local homeless charities. Please send your suggestions to the parish office by 30th October.

**Celebrating our volunteering** It would be good to celebrate the wide range of charities we have a connection with through parishioners, many of whom serve as Trustees or volunteers doing some really great work for the coming of the Kingdom. Perhaps you could let us know of any you actively support.

**Fr Michael** has now moved to St. Joseph's in Littlehampton and we are arranging a card for him. If you would like to include a greeting, please use one of the sticky labels available at the back of church before or after Sunday Mass over the next couple of weeks and these will be added in. His address is: Rev M.Perry, St Joseph's Nursing Home, East Street, Littlehampton, West Sussex, BN17 6AU. Telephone 01903 711325.

**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.

**Blessed Carlo Acutis** is being beatified in Assisi on Saturday 10th October at 4pm. This young Italian man was born in London in 1991 and died aged 15 but only after using the internet and his passion for the Eucharist to share his vibrant faith. It's not only the policemen who are getting younger!

**Lectio Divina with Bishop Richard** Bishop Richard is leading a Zoom retreat on Saturday 31st October, 11am-1pm. He will explore the history and practice of *Lectio Divina* - a special way of praying with the scriptures that has been a part of the Church's life since the earliest times. You can find out more at <https://www.christian-retreat.org/our-programme/lectio-divina>

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

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

**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. There are a number of 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, 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 William Phillips, Bridget Pound, Franciszek Mrozinski, Jan Tanczyn, Michelina Solano, and Paul Kreciglowa whose anniversaries occur at this time.

## Schedule of Services for the Twenty-Eighth Week of Ordinary Time 11th October 2020

<b>Saturday 10th October</b>	<b>10.00am Mass (St Joseph's)</b> <b>6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>People of the Parish</i></b>
<b>Sunday 11th October</b> 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>9.00am Mass (St John's)</b> <b>10.30am Mass with Baptism (St Joseph's)</b> <b>Noon Angelus (GoToMeeting)</b> <b>3.00pm Mass with Confirmation (Arundel Cathedral)</b>
<b>Monday 12th October</b> ST WILFRID	No Mass today
<b>Tuesday 13th October</b> ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR	<b>9.30am Mass (St Joseph's)</b>
<b>Wednesday 14th October</b>	<b>9.30am* Mass (St Joseph's) –</b> 7.30pm – <i>Lectio Divina</i> (GoToMeeting)
<b>Thursday 15th October</b> ST TERESA OF JESUS	<b>9.30am* Mass (St Edmund's)</b>
<b>Friday 16th October</b>	<b>12.30pm* Mass (St Edmund's)</b>
<b>Saturday 17th October</b> (St Ignatius of Antioch)	<b>10.00am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Leslie Phillimore RIP</i></b> <b>6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)</b>
<b>Sunday 18th October</b> 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>9.00am Mass (St John's)</b> <b>10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)</b> <b>Noon Angelus (GoToMeeting)</b>

\*In the month of October the Rosary is prayed 20mins before weekday masses.

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## **Parish Financial Report – Summer 2020**

This report details the Parish finances as of 31 August 2020 and includes the summary accounts for 2019 that would have been presented at the parish AGM at the start of the summer.

Our reserves are reasonably healthy with a bank balance of some £66,000 (at 30 June 2020) although that is expected to fall to approx £50,000 by year-end. The net bank balance has been falling gradually over recent years and it would be appropriate for the parish to consider fund raising in due course to support its mission into the future.

I am happy that we carry a certain deficit at present, and in particular while offertory giving is depressed by the pandemic. The possibility of selling of a site and undertaking building works carries a significant risk for our parish finances and for its mission for the next 30 years and beyond and it is important that we get this right. Handling this well will provide a clear shared vision on the basis of which we can seek to build financial support for our mission. Meanwhile, it is appropriate that we continue normal encouragement to consider donations, Gift Aid and standing orders, and a reminder that the parish (and our share of the work of the diocese as a whole) is funded almost entirely by these donations and not from a central church source.

I would like to thank those who sat on the Parish Finance Committee (“Finance & General Purposes Committee”) during the period to which these accounts relate for their support and advice to myself and to Fr David before me: Alan Lion, Rory Flynn, Margaret McClinton, Sean Leathem, Damian Wheeler, Arthur Gomez. I would also like to thank Eileen Hudson for her work as Gift Aid coordinator, which enhanced the value of offertory giving and other donations by nearly £19,000.

As I am still fairly new to the parish I would welcome recommendations of parishioners with appropriate skills whom I might approach to ensure that the parish continues to receive prudent counsel and support on the stewardship of its material goods. Details of the remit of parish finance committees can be found on the <https://abdiocese.org.uk/administration-finance/finance>

If you have any questions or comments on the financial statements please do raise them. I would intend that the Parish Finance Committee will meet before the end of the year.

Please pray for all of our benefactors, past and present, through whose generosity we are able to gather to do the Lord’s work.

*Fr Jonathan How*

Parish Priest

## **2019 Accounts**

### *Income*

- Offertory & Collections of £82,600 was similar to the previous year at £84,100. Donations and Legacies of £13,400 (2018: £5,100) includes a donation of £10,000 towards the cost of the TV screens at St Joseph’s and associated audio-visual expenses.

- Tax Rebates of £18,900 on Offertory and Collections were in-line with 2018. We are able to claim Gift Aid on only a part of our loose cash collection. We would encourage parishioners who pay tax and who do not already do so to consider Gift Aiding their contributions, which would allow the parish to claim an additional 25p for every £1 given.
- Other income includes rent from the Polish Community for their use of St Joseph's.
- Both the 2020 Forecast and the 2019 Actuals have one-off income being
  - 2020: a refund from the Diocese of £2,431 for a duplicated item in the 2019 accounts
  - 2019: an insurance reclaim of £1,930 for the boiler repair at St Joseph's.

### *Expenditure*

- Personnel covers the support of the priest (including the offerings at Christmas and Easter) and the remuneration of the Parish Assistant.
- Liturgy and Pastoral includes our annual grant of £15,000 to Trinity Trust Team.
- Establishment and property include £6,200 for utilities, £3,500 contribution to St John's, Farncome, Insurance £3,200, Council tax £2,100, equipment servicing £3,770, grounds maintenance £2,400. Building maintenance was restricted to mainly smaller items.
- The Diocesan levy has increased by some £7,000 to £25,500 per year. The levy is our share of the central costs of the Diocese. Around 1/3 of this is used to support clergy (training, retirement, chaplaincies, sickness), 1/3 is used for formation & education and 1/3 for the other central costs (finance, HR, safeguarding, etc). The full accounts for the diocese were approved by the Trustees this week and will be available shortly.
- The increase in expenditure over the base period 2017 reflects (a) the cost of the TV screens and related electrical works, (b) other safety related works (Quinquennial related) at St Joseph's and St Edmund's and (c) the Alpha/DR costs.

### **2020 Forecast**

- The full year forecast (as of 31 August 2020) reflects a projected deficit (excess of expense to revenue) of some £26,000 compared with a budget deficit of £8,000, a variance of £(18,000).
- The single item which contributes most of this decline in the Parish finances is the impact of the lock-down on the Cash Offertory since end-March. While Masses have recommenced the Cash Offertory has been scaled back along with the associated Tax Rebates.

### **Summary**

- Income and expenditure for 2019 resulted in a deficit of around £1,000.
- The 2020 full year forecast is a deficit of some £26,000, the year-end 2020 cash position is expected to be approx £50,000.
- While the lock-down was eased end-June and Masses have resumed the ongoing impact of the latest Government changes is not known at this time. Further work will be necessary to better understand the shape of the Parish needs and its future plans to ensure that the Parish financials can meet these needs in what is likely to be turbulent economic times.

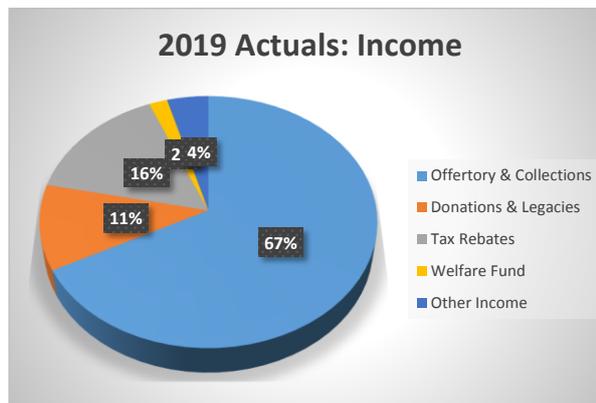
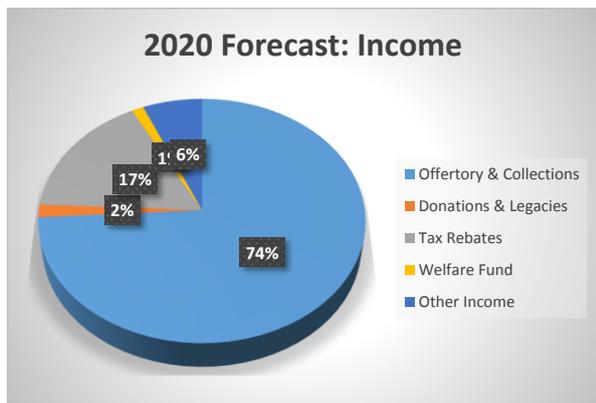
### Graph Data - Total Income

#### 2020 Forecast: Income

Offertery & Collections	67,000
Donations & Legacies	1,500
Tax Rebates	15,000
Welfare Fund	1,149
Other Income	5,795
<b>Total</b>	<b>£90,444</b>

#### 2019 Actuals: Income

Offertery & Collections	82,569
Donations & Legacies	13,408
Tax Rebates	18,905
Welfare Fund	2,348
Other Income	5,288
<b>Total</b>	<b>£122,518</b>



### Graph Data - Total Outgoings

#### 2020 Forecast: Outgoings

Personnel	-20,000
Domestic / Travel	-7,500
Office / Equipment	-6,750
Liturgy & Pastoral	-22,000
Establishment / Property	-34,000
Welfare Fund	-1,149
Transfer to Diocese	-25,568
Other Expense	-800
<b>Total</b>	<b>-£117,767</b>

#### 2019 Actuals: Outgoings

Personnel	-23,936
Domestic / Travel	-7,602
Office / Equipment	-10,760
Liturgy & Pastoral	-27,220
Establishment / Property	-27,518
Welfare Fund	-2,348
Transfer to Diocese	-23,924
Other Expense	-224
<b>Total</b>	<b>-£123,532</b>

