



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*

Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time 50th Anniversary of the Canonisation of the Martyrs of England and Wales 25th October 2020

This weekend we step out of the usual cycle to honour the Martyrs of England and Wales – and especially those of our brothers and sisters who were formally recognised as saints 50 years ago. They died because they refused to let go of the gift of faith they had received – and in particular for their knowing of the presence of Jesus in the Mass, their being part of a universal 'catholic' church and for their rejoicing in real communion with the Saints and especially the Mother of God. Fortunately, we no longer live in such challenging times and there is genuine friendship and communion with other Christians (many of whom have suffered under persecution too).

But COVID has made it more difficult for us to access the Mass and the visible life of the local church. In some ways we are now experiencing some of those difficulties that they endured. We, like them, have had to find new ways to sustain our spiritual lives. And like them, many have recognised a deep joy when they have been able to come back to Mass.

Martyrs of England and Wales. Pray for us.

Autumn Months

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we welcome the autumn months,

may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colours of the leaves remind us of the wonder of your creation.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.

May the harvest from the fields

remind us of the abundance we have been given and bounty we are to share with others.

May the dying of summer's spirit

remind us of your great promise that death is temporary, and life is eternal.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. [Author unknown]

RESPONSES FOR MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON These who are clothed in white robes are they who have survived the time of great distress and have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb, alleluia.

PSALM RESPONSE Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION We praise you, God, we acknowledge you to be the Lord; the noble army of martyrs praise you, O Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON To the victor I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of my God, alleluia.

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This Sunday is the **50th Anniversary of the Canonisation of the Forty Martyrs**

They have much to offer us in their example of courage and faith and desire for the Eucharist. All our Masses are of the English Martyrs. The texts can be found in some Missals at the 4th May. The readings are – Isaiah 53:3-11; Psalm 15; Hebrews 11:33-12:2; John 17:11-21.

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 4.00 pm - 5.00 pm** 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.

November is the month of Holy Souls. **Blessing of graves at Eashing** takes place at 3.00 pm on Sunday 1st November.

Blessing of graves at Milford takes place after the 9.30 am Mass on 2nd November.

To manage social distancing please gather near the appropriate grave at the appointed time and Fr Jonathan will come close to bless it and pray. Please let Fr Jonathan know if there are graves elsewhere in the parish you would like blessed.

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

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

Advance Notice – owing to other commitments there will be no morning Mass on **Saturday 7th November.**

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

St John's Seminary, Wonersh It was announced last week that after 130 years the work of priestly formation will cease at St John's Seminary. Our parish has had links with the Seminary since its foundation. Please pray for the current community and for vocations to priesthood and religious life. For more details visit www.wonersh.org

The Cellar Café reopens this week at a new venue in the Waverley Borough Council offices, opposite Waitrose, and is now the home of the Community Fridge. Come along for a friendly welcome and cup of tea.

Christmas Angels - a message of hope Churches Together are planning a project for Advent which will place (covid-safe) angels around the town, near the schools for individuals in our community to find. Each angel will bring a message of hope for the one who has found it. This will hopefully prove to be something positive and uplifting for our community in these difficult times. A pattern is available at the back of church. Get knitting!

Online Sunday Parish Angelus at noon. Come together on GoToMeeting for half an hour for prayer and a bit of a catch up. Bring a cup of coffee with you, or even a glass of prosecco!

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

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 would assist the parish in keeping on top of our health and safety obligations.

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, who can become 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.

Supporting local charities in advent The *livesimply* 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.

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 at the Presbytery.

"Thoughts To Pray With" Deacon Jeremy will be providing a Reflection or two every month, copies of which will be available on yellow paper in a blue file tray at the back of each church. Please feel free to take a copy.

Stress in Your Marriage? This has been a very difficult year for many. Retrouvaille is a programme 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. Retrouvaille has helped 6,000 couples 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 12-15th November, visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or call 07887 296983.

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.

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

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 the 13th December. Retired Priests' Fund, Cathedral Maintenance Fund, World Communications Day, Day for Life, and Apostleship of the Sea.

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 Brian Matthews, Norah Adams, Richard Allison, Jean Black, Julie Lodge, Nick Waight, Eisner Kulik and Anne-Marie Barnsdale whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Schedule of Services for the Thirtieth Week of Ordinary Time 25th October 2020

Saturday 24th October	10.00am Mass (St Joseph's) 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)
Sunday 25th October VOTIVE MASS OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS	9.00am Mass (St John's) – <i>Charles McDonald RIP</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>For the people of the parish</i> Noon Angelus (GoToMeeting)
Monday 26th October	No Mass today
Tuesday 27th October	9.30am* Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Nick Waight RIP</i>
Wednesday 28th October SS. SIMON & JUDE	9.30am* Mass (St Joseph's) 7.30pm – <i>Lectio Divina (GoToMeeting)</i>
Thursday 29th October	9.30am* Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Laura Fisher RIP (F)</i>
Friday 30th October	12.30pm* Mass (St Edmund's)
Saturday 31st October	10.00am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>David Coombs' Relatives & Friends</i> 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)
Sunday 1st November ALL SAINTS	9.00am Mass (St John's) – <i>People of the Parish</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Doreen Rogers RIP</i> Noon Angelus (GoToMeeting) 3.00pm Blessing of Graves (Eashing Cemetery)

*In the month of October the Rosary is prayed 20 minutes before these weekday Masses.

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