



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*

Solemnity of All Saints 1st November 2020

As the leaves fall, the evenings darken and the year draws to a close our attention turns to the ending of things and to our communion with those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. The prayers and invitations for Christian Funerals express some of this communion – “Lord, for your faithful, life is changed not ended” and “the ties of friendship and affection which knit us as one throughout our lives do not unravel with death”.

Ancient Roman practice was to gather in cemeteries for commemorative meals at the tombs of their departed families. They called them *refrigeria* (from which we get refrigerator). If you visit Roman cemeteries – such as in the catacombs, under St Peter’s in Rome or out at Ostia Antica, it becomes easy to imagine families gathering in the small courtyards with those who have gone before and enjoying one another’s company. In the First Eucharistic Prayer we still pray that the departed will come to a place of refreshment (*refrigerium*), light and peace. Apostles too proclaim that they are ones who ate and drank with Jesus after his resurrection from the dead.

Throughout the Christian world this week people will gather in cemeteries to be with the faithful departed, to remember them and look forward to being gathered with them in the Father’s kingdom. And most importantly to pray for them – not out of fear, but as sharing in the prayer of Jesus to his Father for all his children – that they come safely home.

Even if your own family are not buried nearby I would encourage you to visit a cemetery in November, and to pray for those whose bodies or ashes are buried there, trusting that someone else will do the same for your own family and friends where their remains lie. These places are expressions of our faith and hope that those who have died are in a sense still close to us while we all await the ending of all things and the coming in glory of our one Lord and Saviour.

Eternal rest give unto them O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

RESPONSES FOR MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

PSALM RESPONSE Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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November is the month of Holy Souls

Blessing of graves at Eashing from 3.00pm on Sunday 1st November.

Blessing of graves in Milford after the 9.30am Mass on Monday 2nd November.

Blessing of Graves at Nightingale Cemetery from 2.00pm on Sunday 8th November.

It is important that we manage this responsibly this year as you may gather as families (not more than 6) but we may not gather as a parish, nor allow the different to meet up. We shall observe the blessings by praying one small group at a time.

Fr Jonathan will come close to the grave to bless it and pray. Please feel free to direct him to any other graves of the faithful departed that you wish to be blessed.

Mass on All Souls will be at St Joseph's, Milford, at 9.30am and in Latin at St Edmund's, Godalming, at 7.30pm.

Saturday 7th November owing to other commitments there will be no 10 am morning Mass next Saturday.

Remembrance Sunday We will have a minute's silence at 10.30 am Mass on Sunday 8th November to honour all who died in war.

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

Confirmation Preparation for students in Years 10+ will begin in the New Year. It would be helpful to know who and how many might wish to participate. Please let the Parish Office know if you would like your son or daughter to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Fr Jonathan will be away for a few days this week. Lectio Divina will resume on Wednesday 11th November.

Also, the Online Sunday Parish Angelus didn't seem to be meeting a need and will disappear from the calendar.

A&B Diocesan Website has relaunched. Do go and have a look. <https://abdiocese.org.uk>

Opening St Joseph's in icy conditions We would like to form a group of volunteers who would be willing to be on call to clear snow at St Joseph's in the event of heavy snowfall. If you can offer to help, please get in touch with Fr Jonathan or contact the parish office.

Please also let us know if you would like to be on a phone list in case of weekday Mass cancellation, for example on a snow day.

Pope Francis TED talk – Pope Francis recently gave a TED talk on responding to cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. (In Italian but with subtitles available) He suggests three areas of focus, which can be helpful if we are overwhelmed by the range of issues at stake:

- *Education – about care of our common home and the realisation that ecological problems have their origins in human needs;
- *Food and Clean Water as the basis of other human rights; and
- *Sustained transition away from harmful forms of energy generation.

Watch at: <https://tinyurl.com/yy4d73ln>

Our parish *Livesimply* group aims to put Pope Francis' message to care for Creation in to practice by focussing on the three principles: to */livesimply*, sustainably and in solidarity with the poor, and encouraging us to reflect on the impact of our actions on the environment and on our relationships. The group meets this week on Thursday 5th November at 8pm and new members are welcome. Please contact: jolewry@aol.com

Christmas Angels - a message of hope

For Advent, Churches Together will place (covid-safe) angels around the town and 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, which is something positive and uplifting for our community in these difficult times. A pattern is available at the back of church. Get knitting!

Cellar Café has reopened in a new home 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.

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.

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. Retrouvaille 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 12 to 15 November, visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk call 0788 7296983 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com

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

Prayer for 'Those Who Journeyed With Us'

Rest in Peace

Lord, be good to them,
And show them all your love.
Lord, be kind to them,
And grant them peace above.
Lord be merciful to them,
With all my heart I pray.
Lord, be gracious to them,
For the good that they have done.
Lord, be gentle to them,
For sufferings undergone.
Lord, may we meet again at last,
When heaven's crown's been won.

By Fr Patrick Sayles SSC

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.

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 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, in particular for Tim Little and Bonnie Martin who died recently and for Robert Gray, Ellen Holman, Doreen Rogers, Agnes Wright, John Norton, Fr Bernard Rowley (former Parish priest), Anna Warner, Phyllis Dunn, Emma Scavolo, Michael Savedra and Joseph Smith, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Schedule of Services for Solemnity of All Saints
Commemoration of All Souls
and Thirty First Week of Ordinary Time
1st November 2020**

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> 3.00pm Blessing of Graves (Eashing Cemetery)
Monday 2nd November ALL SOULS	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>for those who died this last year</i> 10.15am Blessing of Graves (Milford Cemetery) 7.30pm Missa Pro Defunctis (St Edmund's, in Latin)
Tuesday 3rd November ST MARTIN DE PORRES	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Tom & Helen O'Kelly RIP</i>
Wednesday 4th November ST CHARLES BORROMEO	No Mass today
Thursday 5th November	No Mass today
Friday 6th November	7.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Holy Souls</i>
Saturday 7th November	6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)
Sunday 8th November 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am Mass (St John's) – 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>For those who died in war</i> 2.00pm Blessing of Graves (Nightingale Cemetery)

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