



**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*

**Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
8th November 2020**

Be still and know

If you have ever seen me walking you will know that I tend not to hang around. On one Alpine trip with a friend we were making good progress up the steep path from the valley to a high mountain hut, along the side of the river gushing with the pale grey cloudy water that had come from the glacier, when he stopped me and said, "Have you seen that waterfall? Isn't it something!"

He was right. It was stunning. But I have to confess that I had missed it. I was so pleased with how well we were moving and perhaps already sinking into the beer that we would order when we arrived that I hadn't received the gift that this wonderful scenery was.

Lockdown 2.0 has put a stop to our gathering for Mass for a few weeks. This time, however, we are blessed to have our churches open for private prayer. And maybe through that God will bless us in ways we could never have imagined. Now is a good time to come into the church and pray before the Blessed Sacrament, whether exposed in a monstrance or simply there in the tabernacle. Every time we come to Mass, we share in the awesome mystery of Christ giving himself in love for us, dying and being raised to life by the Father. But we can all too easily miss out on what is going on. Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is important for us because it draws us more deeply into the mystery of the Mass. Individuals, parishes and dioceses that have made it part of their lives have been transformed and found new life through it.

It is not complicated either. It requires no special skill beyond an ability to be still for perhaps 10 minutes at first. It is open to all. Timothy Radcliffe, drawing on St John Vianney, once described the practice of Eucharistic Adoration to a hall full of 10,000 young people as "Spiritual Sunbathing", and it is as simple as that – just sitting and soaking up God's love in the presence of Jesus. Me looking at him and him looking at me. In love. Try it.

Fr Jonathan

*Lord Jesus Christ,
you gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of your suffering and death.
May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood
help us to experience the salvation you won for us
and the peace of the kingdom
where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.
Amen.*

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St Edmund's Parish is part of the Arundel and Brighton Diocesan Trust, Registered Charity No.252878.

We are open! Our churches will be open for private prayer this week as follows:

St Edmund's each day from 10.00am – 4.00pm for private prayer and on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 5.45pm-6.45pm with the Blessed Sacrament exposed.

St Joseph's on Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10.00am-12.00pm; and with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday and Thursday from 6.00pm-8.00pm, Saturday 3.00pm-5.00pm and on Sunday 8th November 2.00pm-4.00pm.

Please sign in or scan the QR code on arrival, and before leaving please wipe down your seat with one of the wipes provided.

Sunday Liturgy Online at 10am is now on Zoom: **863 5827 7653** password **2020**

Sacrament of Penance is available by arrangement.

Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass for those who have died in the last year at St Joseph's, Guildford at 7.30pm on Thursday 12th November, and the Mass will be livestreamed at www.cpg.church/live All names will be placed in a basket by the altar. If you have any family, friends or others you would like to be included by name please email them to office@cpg.church.

Exposition for The Feast of St Edmund King and Martyr 20th November 2020. As we cannot have a parish Mass this year, there will be an extended period of exposition, ideally from 10.00am to 7.00pm. If you are able to commit to an hour, please sign up using the Doodle link <https://tinyurl.com/y4z2hfck>. If an option is full it means that we already have three people coming. You are welcome to come as well, but you might like to consider filling a slot at another time.

Vigil of Christ the King 21st November for the ending of the pandemic with Bishop Richard online from Arundel Cathedral 6.30pm – 8.30pm.

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

Baptism We are getting ready for Baptisms after lockdown and are arranging a couple of preparation sessions which provide an opportunity to reflect on the gift of Baptism while meeting other couples with young children. **Please contact the parish office in the next couple of weeks if you are thinking of Baptism before Easter 2021 and have not yet completed a form.** If you are expecting a child in the coming months you might also like to take part.

Preparation 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.

Could you write a message to the brave? CAFOD is asking supporters to write messages of hope to Human Rights Defenders and Environmental Activists around the world who risk everything to defend our brothers and sisters and protect our common home. More than 300 Defenders have been killed in the last year and many face death threats and intimidation. Messages of hope let them know that they are not alone and will make a huge difference. You can write an online message or send a card, (by 7th December) and all the details are here: <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Latest-campaigns/Messages-to-the-brave>

Reusable face coverings Did you know that disposable masks contain micro plastics which pollute water and harm wildlife? Reusable alternatives are a better option and are simple and easy to make, as on this film clip <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nspIdvqrlnw> If you're not a 'sewing type', Jan Honeysett is offering to make one for you! Please donate your cotton fabric, washed and ready to use, and she will make it for free or ask for a small charge per mask to go towards CAFOD. Maybe there are other parishioners who would like to help Jan? Her email is: honeysett@btinternet.com

CAFOD Harvest Appeal Many thanks for your generous donations especially in these difficult times. The appeal raised a total of **£974.30** of which £412 was donated via the contactless machine. Thank you all.

Support for prisoners Many prisoners have suffered additional hardship during the pandemic through a reduction in services and home visits. The *livesimply* group is arranging a collection of items which have been requested to support prisoners at Send and Coldingley: **Christian CDs** (contemporary or classical), **DVDs of inspiring Christian stories; Wool; and Craft materials.** If you are able to donate these items there are collection boxes at both of our churches; or, to arrange for someone to pick them up from you, please phone Nicki Lion 07757 281829.

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!

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' recent TED talk on responding to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor (in Italian with subtitles) suggests three areas of focus, which can be helpful if we are overwhelmed by the range of issues:
*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>

Second Collections We are very grateful for the support that you give to the parish. If you would like to give to any of the causes we usually support with second collections - *Retired Priests' Fund, Cathedral Maintenance Fund, World Communications Day, Day for Life, and Apostleship of the Sea* - please put your offering in an envelope, write the desired cause on it and place it in the offertory basket when you next visit church.

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

November: Let us pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind... may it 'be human'.

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 Mgr Barry Weymes, Fr Jeremy Lear CJ, Tim Little and Bonnie Martin who died recently and for Theodore Pilch, John Reilly, Ita Avenell, John Foster, Edward Barnard, Leo Donnelly, Margaret Cox and Joseph Redmen, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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

**Church Opening and Times of Prayer
Thirty Second Week of Ordinary Time
8th November 2020**

**Mass is currently celebrated in private for the intentions given and for all the living and the dead.*

St Edmund's Church is open daily for private prayer 10.00am – 4.00pm

Saturday 7th November	*6.00pm Mass – <i>Wellbeing of Lynette Murphy</i> 3.00pm-5.00pm Exposition (St Joseph's)
Sunday 8th November 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	*9.00am Mass – <i>For the People of the Parish</i> 10.00am Liturgy of the Word Online Zoom: 863 5827 7653 / 2020 2.00pm-4.00pm Exposition (St Joseph's)
Monday 9th November CONSECRATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	*9.30am Mass – <i>John Reilly RIP</i> 10.00am-12.00pm Exposition (St Joseph's)
Tuesday 10th November ST LEO THE GREAT	*9.30am Mass – <i>Riccio Family</i> 5.45pm – 6.45pm Exposition (St Edmund's) 6.00pm-8.00pm Exposition (St Joseph's)
Wednesday 11th November ST MARTIN OF TOURS	*9.30am Mass – <i>Marsh Family RIP</i> 10.00am – 12.00pm Exposition (St Joseph's) 7.30pm-8.30pm Lectio Divina online GoToMeeting 450-922-301
Thursday 12th November ST JOSAPHAT	*9.30am Mass – <i>Melvyn Rundle RIP</i> 5.45pm – 6.45pm Exposition (St Edmund's) 6.00pm-8.00pm Exposition (St Joseph's)
Friday 13th November	*8.00am Mass – <i>Ann & Humphrey Lloyd</i> 10.00am – 12.00pm Exposition (St Joseph's) 5.45pm – 6.45pm Exposition (St Edmund's)
Saturday 14th November	*9.30am Mass – <i>Alexander Moore RIP</i> 3.00pm-5.00pm Exposition (St Joseph's)
Sunday 15th November 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	*9.00am Mass – <i>For the People of the Parish</i> 10.00am Liturgy of the Word Online Zoom: 863 5827 7653 / 2020 2.00pm-4.00pm Exposition (St Joseph's) tbc.