



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*

Second Sunday of the Year **"Come and See"**

The call of the first disciples in St John's Gospel is one of those exemplary stories. It reminds us of some key parts of our own becoming disciples – apprentices – of Jesus. It is true not only of the start of discipleship but of each time that we embark on a new part of our life in Christ.

- In John the Baptist and Andrew we see that the process is mediated. John pointed. Andrew took Simon. God knows that we need prompting. We need someone to help us cross the key threshold. It is as true of growing in faith and life as it is of embarking on any new adventure.
- The new disciples do not know what they are looking for or what they want. They start walking after Jesus because they are curious. Something about him has caught their attention and they want to know more.
- The invitation that Jesus makes is simple – come and see. And so they go and stay with Jesus. For St John this activity is at the heart of what it is to be a disciple. Later on in the Gospel, on the night before he dies Jesus urges his disciples to abide in him, make their home in him, to remain in him. All of these are translations of the same word which tries to express a permanent staying with. Not just a sleepover, or couch surfing but an enduring relationship.

At the start of this new year I would encourage you to consider what new paths and what new way of living the Lord might want to open up for you. They probably won't be clear, but that doesn't stop us from entering more deeply into living with him in order to find out.

This week, alongside our Sycamore sessions, we welcome some of those who have discerned that God may be calling to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church and a number of others seeking to deepen their life in Christ. Please pray for them as they embark on this journey of discovery. The invitation is also open to you to just "Come and See", to dip your toe in the water discretely and in a safe space. We start on Tuesday, and there's nothing like a deadline to help.

Mass Responses for the Second Sunday of the Year

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

PSALM RESPONSE: Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us.

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Mass during Lockdown

In contrast with earlier lockdowns, places of worship remain open and coming to them is a permitted reason to come out of the house. This is a welcome privilege and should be used prudently and with due caution, moderation, and discretion, both out of concern for the health of others and how the wider public will perceive our helping the wider efforts to prevent infection.

The main focus of parish activity for the coming weeks has moved online, while still providing opportunities to come to in Mass in person.

10.30am Sunday Online Liturgy of the Word replaces the Mass of that time. It gives an opportunity to meet up with others, to sing a little and share some of our prayers with one another. It takes place on Zoom (ID: 846 7892 5944, Passcode: 2021)

The **9.00am Sunday Mass** has moved to St Edmund's to facilitate **live-streaming** on YouTube. You will find a link at the end of the welcome message on the parish website or by going to: <https://tinyurl.com/ya47rkkw>.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion We have been using a prayer written by Diana Macalintal. It can be downloaded (in English or Spanish) at <https://tinyurl.com/y3wk4r4a>. There are copies at the back of the church.

Coming to Mass

If you would like to come to Mass on a weekday there is no need to book, and as we expect numbers to be much lower at weekend Mass until things improve, we have moved **weekend Mass booking** to Eventbrite: <https://tinyurl.com/y7gntvex>

Guildford parish do a very good livestream that many find helpful and can be found at <https://www.cpg.church/live.html>

Sunday of the Word of God falls this year on 24th January. There will be a blessing of readers at all Masses and in the Online Liturgy of the Word that weekend.

The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** begins on Monday 18th January. Reflections and prayer resources can be downloaded from <https://tinyurl.com/y4fjk8fj>.

Churches Together United Service also takes place (online) next Sunday, 24th January at 10.30am as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The theme is *Abiding in Christ*, based on John 15:9 – *Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit*. At a time when many are feeling cast adrift and uncertain, it will be good to be reminded that regardless of whatever is going on around us we remain firmly rooted in Christ.

Many of the local ministers will be taking part and there will, as always, be children's work provided by the amazing Trinity Trust Team. The service will go live on YouTube at 10.30am on the Churches Together website: www.godalmingchurches.org and the service will be available on the Homepage.

SOME THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO:

CAFOD Walk for Water Following the success of the virtual pilgrimage last summer we will be joining in with CAFOD's new project on 20th February and throughout Lent. More details next week.

Restarting Childrens' Liturgy If you might be able and willing to help please let Sarah know in the parish office and we will fix an online meeting of those interested to progress the planning.

Relaxed masses? Did this seem a good idea? Let us know.

New Altar Servers? Any children or adults interested in starting to serve Mass later this year please contact Fr Jonathan.

Diocesan Online Mission for Lent "Invited" for more details see <https://tinyurl.com/y3tna7uu>

Year of St Joseph Pope Francis has proclaimed a Year of Joseph to mark the 150th anniversary of the declaration of the Joseph as patron of the Universal Church.

Confirmation Preparation for students in Years 10+ will begin once we can meet in person. The sacrament will be celebrated in October 2021. Please let the Parish Office know if you would like your son or daughter to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Sycamore is an informal course about the Catholic faith and its relevance for life today. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. It has been produced by the very talented Fr Stephen Wang in London, who has a real gift for sharing the depth and richness of the Catholic tradition and its compassionate and life-giving vision. He helps us to see how these truths can be recognised in our lives and in the longings of our hearts. Each session includes a short film and opportunities for discussion.

We will be running the first five sessions on Zoom on Tuesday evenings starting on 19th January 2021 (Join at 7.30pm for 7.45pm prompt start). **To register please visit <https://tinyurl.com/y6hq5r4f> by the end of Sunday 17th January.**

At the start of this new year, and in the difficult circumstances of lockdown, this is a good opportunity to explore some of the basics of the Christian faith from a Catholic perspective.

I would like to extend a **particular invitation to anyone who reads this newsletter who is not Catholic** and would like to know more about how we see the world and God at work in it and in us. Maybe this last year has made you more curious. Maybe no one has ever invited you to learn more. Maybe it's been on the cards for 40 years but the time has never seemed right. Whatever the reason, you will find a warm welcome and an opportunity to explore the Catholic faith in the company of others on the same journey, and sympathetic guides. You are very welcome to speak with me before registering, should you wish.

I believe that many in our parish will find Sycamore helpful for their journey in faith. I do look forward to the time when we can run the sessions over a meal together, but in the meanwhile I'd like to encourage everyone in the parish to have a think about giving it a go as some spiritual food during this lockdown.

We will meet on **Zoom**:
<https://tinyurl.com/y6ydcwv5>

Useful resources during the pandemic

LOAF (Love One Another Fellowship)

This team of parish volunteers offers practical help. The helpline number is 07593 121430.

SVP members offer regular visits, friendship and practical support to those in need. The helpline number is 07990 717067.

Godalming Food Bank provides vital support. No referral required. 01483 418741.

Parish Welfare Fund If you need a bit of help or know someone who is struggling please don't hesitate to contact Fr Jonathan, in confidence.

Call to Prayer for the NHS. Churches Together in England are joining the Baptist Union in a call to prayer for the NHS on Friday 22nd January. The live-streamed Mass that day is part of our contribution.

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 January: For human fraternity: May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

The sick and those who care for them

including – Arden Holford, Sylvia Reilly, Derek & Nancy Drapper, Betty Matthews, Cliff Hutchinson, Alan Berry, Nicolle Ernoult, 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 Rene Smith and Archbishop Philip Tartaglia who died recently and for Danny Furlong, Robert Wilson, Andrew Barnard, Lilian Legg, Jan Heksel, Kathleen Wheeler, Malcolm Ogilvie Forbes, John Bunting, Jesus Lopez, Patricia Hedley, Vera Bowens, Irene Routledge, Barbara Selley, Grace Coulber, Dorothy Lacey-Smith, Peter Clark, Teresa Bontoft, Sidney Gale, James McGrath, Bill Frayne, Winifrid de Guignand, Eric Frei, David Goodfellow, Helen Gatford, Halina Lada-Walicki, Barbara Hutchinson, Ellen Simpson, Trixie Moore, Denis Flanagan, Margharita Jackson, Mary Dorsett and Delia Purvis whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Schedule of Masses Second Week of Ordinary Time 2021

Saturday 16th January	10.00am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Private Intention</i> 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>For the people of the parish</i>
Sunday 17th January SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am Mass (St Edmund's)* - <i>Halina Lada Walicki RIP</i> 10.30am Liturgy of the Word online Zoom: 846 7892 5944 / 2021
Monday 18th January	<i>No public Mass today</i>
Tuesday 19th January	9.30am Mass (Live-stream only)* – <i>Daniel Byrne RIP</i>
Wednesday 20th January	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Jesus Lopez RIP</i> 7.30pm-8.30pm Lectio Divina online GoToMeeting 450-922-301
Thursday 21st January ST AGNES	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Gertrude Magdalene Vane-Tempest RIP</i>
Friday 22nd January	9.30am Mass (Live-stream only)* – <i>In time of pandemic</i>
Saturday 23rd January	10.00am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>For the Unity of Christians</i> 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)
Sunday 24th January THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME "OF THE WORD OF GOD"	9.00am Mass (St Edmund's)* 10.30am Liturgy of the Word online Zoom: 846 7892 5944 / 2021 10.30am Churches Together in Godalming United Service for Christian Unity Week (www.godalmingchurches.org)

Sunday Year B. Weekday Cycle I.
Psalter Week 2.

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St Edmund's Church is open each day, usually from 10am to 4pm

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