



# 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*

## **Fifth Sunday of the Year**

*Looking forward to Lent?*

If I'm honest, the prospect of a season of self-denial and giving things up isn't particularly attractive at the moment. I'm still consoling myself with Christmas goodies. The chocolate, cheese and wine is being transferred from the sideboard to my waist and I'm in no mood to do anything about it while it is cold and damp. And yet the "joyful season of Lent" begins in 10 days' time, and I think we all know that if we don't think about it now then it will be half-way through before we settle into anything and then we get distracted by the major March feasts. So perhaps this weekend we might have a little think about what Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving might mean this year. The best Lent usually has a little of each, not just one of the three.

Prayer is where everything in our lives begins. It matters less how we pray than that we pray, or at least make a concerted effort to do so. If you fancy something new to try then I'd recommend a daily *examen* (a web search will give lots of good resources to explain it), or *Lectio Divina*. Be smart with your prayer plan. Remember that you are probably trying to change a well-established pattern of the day, so plan ahead about when and where you will do it.

Fasting, or self-denial, is about helping us to experience that "man does not live on bread alone". The discipline of COVID restrictions are penitential enough for most of us. So, my recommendation for this year would be to take on some small act of self-denial, just as a daily reminder that it is a different time of year.

Almsgiving is that work of charity which flows from our prayer and self-denial. It is a good time to review our giving to the poor. Some ideas for this year: include something for the foodbank each time you shop; make contact with someone who is isolated by phone or letter; if you are not spending what you usually do on going out or holidays might you benefit from giving some of that to provide clean water in Africa; take part in CAFOD's Water Walk each day.

### **Mass Responses for the Fifth Sunday of the Year**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

PSALM RESPONSE: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! He took our sicknesses away, and carried our diseases for us. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.

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**Of your charity,** pray for the repose of the souls of: Fr Martin Jakubas whose funeral will take place in Haywards Heath on 15th February; Peggy Macfarlane, whose funeral will take place on 22nd February; and Marie Batty and Derek Drapper who also died in this last week. May they rest in peace.

### **Mass during Lockdown**

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.

**The main focus of parish activity for the present has moved online,** while still providing opportunities to come to Mass.

**10.30am Sunday Online Liturgy of the Word** replaces the Mass of that time. An opportunity to meet up with others, to sing a little and share some of our prayers with one another. Zoom ID:846 7892 5944, pwd:2021.

The **9.00am Sunday Mass** has moved to St Edmund's to facilitate **live-streaming** on YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/ya47rkkw>

**Mass booking** There is no need to book for weekday Mass, and **weekend Mass booking** is via Eventbrite: <https://tinyurl.com/y7gntvex>

**St Edmund's Church is open daily** for private prayer from 10am to 4pm.

**Prayer for Spiritual Communion** We are using a prayer written by Diana Macalintal: <https://tinyurl.com/y3wk4r4a> There are printed copies at the back of the church.

**Mass livestreamed from Guildford parish** Many find this helpful and the link is: <https://www.cpg.church/live.html> The parish also offers online family liturgy every Sunday: [www.cpg.church/familyliturgy](http://www.cpg.church/familyliturgy)

**Sycamore** Despite the challenges of tech good numbers are enjoying coming together to watch and discuss the Sycamore videos. The fourth session is at 7.30pm on Tuesday on Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/y6ydcwv5>. (ID: 963 2836 7031, password 031209)

### **"Invited" Lent Diocesan Online Mission**

Bishop Richard is encouraging us to join in with a Diocesan online mission this Lent. There will be a video each week with questions for prayer and reflection followed by small groups on Zoom each Thursday evening. It will be a good opportunity for some inspiring input and to share our journey of faith with people from across our diocese. For more details and to **register** please visit: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited>

**Ash Wednesday** will see Mass at 7.30am and 10.00am and a "drive in" option for receiving ashes.

**Stations of the Cross** will take place on Fridays in Lent, mainly online.

**Lent Resources for Children** We have copies of colouring books for Stations of The Cross and the Easter Story for younger children and an Activity Book for children age 7-12 available at the back of St Edmund's Church. Please feel free to pop by and collect if you would like them for your family. A small contribution is requested to cover the cost.

**CAFOD Walk for Water** Are you a keen walker? Looking for a challenge this Lent? Join CAFOD's walk for water challenge and walk 10,000 steps a day, for 40 days, in solidarity with all those who do not have access to a safe water source. Whether you hop it, skip it, run it, jump it, dance it or stomp it. It doesn't matter how you do it, just as long as you put your heart and soul into it! Sign up at <https://walk.cafod.org.uk> and go the distance this Lent to help end water poverty. Jo and Julian Lewry have signed up for this challenge: so please do join them and sponsor them at <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/Jo-LewryW4W>

There is also an option to join the **Big Walk for Water on Saturday 20th February**. Sadly, we can't walk together, but whether alone or in your bubble, and whether in your garden or further afield, we can walk in solidarity with those who have to walk for water every day. For more information email [jolewry@aol.com](mailto:jolewry@aol.com) and to sponsor: [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stedmundsgodalming](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stedmundsgodalming)

**School Governors** play a vital role in ensuring good education for children. If you feel you could contribute in this way to future generations please speak with Fr Jonathan. We are always looking for good governors for St Edmund's, and there is a particular need at St Joseph's Special School in Cranleigh.

**Donations to the Food Bank** There is an urgent need for tinned meals (eg meatballs, chilli, sausages and beans) and tinned vegetarian meals (eg vege versions of ravioli, sausages, meatballs etc), Canned vegetables. Wet wipes, size 5/6 nappies, pasta (not macaroni). Please drop off items in the collection boxes at church; and/or make a cash donation to fund online food shopping. Email: [stmarkscentre@googlemail.com](mailto:stmarkscentre@googlemail.com)

**Year of St Joseph** Pope Francis has proclaimed 2021 as Year of Joseph to mark the 150th anniversary of the declaration of the Joseph as patron of the Universal Church.

### **Financial support for the parish**

Thank you to those who support the parish by regular giving. To arrange a standing order, or to sign up for Gift Aid, please contact Eileen Hudson on 01483 208238 or [eileen.hudson@gmail.com](mailto:eileen.hudson@gmail.com). There will be a second collection next weekend for the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund.

**Safeguarding Training** Thank you to all who are bringing their safeguarding training up to date and helping us to meet our compliance deadline of 31st March. This will make an important contribution to ensuring that we do not miss any opportunities as a church to prevent harm that might otherwise arise to the children or adults at risk that we have the privilege to serve.

**URGENT /livesimply message** Despite recent promises from the UK government that it will no longer support fossil fuels overseas, there are worrying loopholes and exemptions in their policy document which will compromise efforts to address the climate crisis. The [open consultation](#) closes at 11.45pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February, so please email your views asap with the subject line:

**Aligning UK international support for the clean energy transition**, to: [aligning\\_uk\\_intl\\_support@beis.gov.uk](mailto:aligning_uk_intl_support@beis.gov.uk)

**Ladywell Convent** is recruiting for a **Pastoral Lead** For more information contact [recruitment@ladywell.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@ladywell.org.uk)

**Online retreats this month at Worth Abbey and the House of Prayer:**  
<https://www.christian-retreat.org/our-programme>  
<https://worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats>

### **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.

**How about a chat?** In these winter days as we wait for the vaccine to release us from social distancing, we are all the more in need of friendship and human contact. If you or anyone you know, would like a weekly chat with a friendly fellow parishioner, please get in touch and we can arrange for one of the LOAF team to phone for a regular chat.

#### **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 February:**

For women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

#### **The sick and those who care for them**

including – Jim Stanton, Arden Holford, Nancy Drapper, Betty Matthews, Cliff Hutchinson, Alan Berry, Nicole 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 Derek Drapper, Peggy Macfarlane, Pauline Mason, Fr Martin Jakubas and Marie Batty who died recently, and for Ella Doughton, Pasqualino Landino, David Bleddyn, Bruno and Eric R, and Fr Jim Maguire whose anniversaries occur at this time.

## Schedule of Masses Fifth Week of Ordinary Time 2021

<b>Saturday 6th February</b>	<b>10.00am Mass (St Joseph's)</b> – <i>Vincent Merino</i> <b>6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)</b> – <i>People of the parish</i>
<b>Sunday 7th February</b> FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>9.00am Mass (St Edmund's)*</b> – <i>Fr Jim Maguire RIP</i> <b>10.30am Liturgy of the Word online</b> Zoom: 846 7892 5944 / 2021
<b>Monday 8th February</b>	<i>No public Mass today</i>
<b>Tuesday 9th February</b>	<b>9.30am Mass (Live-stream only)</b> – <i>Jeremiah Flynn RIP</i>
<b>Wednesday 10th February</b> ST SCHOLASTICA	<b>9.30am Mass (St Joseph's)*</b> – <i>Fr Doug Morris RIP</i> <b>7.30pm-8.30pm Lectio Divina online</b> GoToMeeting 450-922-301
<b>Thursday 11th February</b> OUR LADY OF LOURDES	<b>12.30pm Mass (St Edmund's)</b> – <i>Private Intention</i>
<b>Friday 12th February</b>	<b>11.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)</b> –
<b>Saturday 13th February</b>	<b>10.00am Mass (St Joseph's)</b> – <i>Doreen &amp; Tom Rogers RIP</i> <b>6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)</b> – <i>People of the parish</i>
<b>Sunday 14th February</b> SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>9.00am Mass (St Edmund's)*</b> – <b>10.30am Liturgy of the Word online</b> Zoom: 846 7892 5944 / 2021

Sunday Year B. Weekday Cycle I.  
Psalter Week 1.

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