



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*

Sixth Sunday of the Year

The compassionate one

The translation we have says that Jesus “felt sorry” for the leper. It really doesn’t capture the depth of engagement. Other translations say that Jesus was “moved with pity” (ESV), or that he had compassion (Douai-Rheims). The underlying Greek word (*splanchnistheis* – don’t try it after a couple of drinks) makes it clear that this was something that Jesus *felt in his gut*. There was something literally visceral about this feeling. Gut-wrenching. It is not unique to this encounter – it seems to be the main way in which the evangelists talk about the pity or compassion of Jesus. Jesus’s response is to touch the leper, and free him from the social distancing and the nasty disease that afflicted him.

The Good News for us is that this is how we are seen in our weakness, need and fragility by the Lord. He allows himself to share in our distress, to be unsettled by it, and responds by bestowing the healing that we so much desire.

The Good News for others is that the art of discipleship begins with trying to see as Jesus sees. To see with the compassionate eyes of the Father who sees the distress of his children and comes to be with them and carry them safely home. Age seems to inevitably weaken our natural vision, but the eyes of compassion can become stronger as the years pass if we commit to growing in holiness. When we pray, the Holy Spirit grows in us a little bit more, making us more like Christ and able to see with his eyes. When we practice noticing those around us, their needs and their condition, and allow ourselves to be vulnerable and *feel in our gut* with them we will then live as the sacraments of the crucified and risen Christ that we are made by Baptism.

As we move into the season of Lent perhaps we might open ourselves up to experiencing anew this great love and compassion of the Father, shown through his Son. I am sure that, as we struggle through this long winter that this is the gift that God most wishes to give each of us to renew our hope and joy.

Mass Responses for the Sixth Sunday of the Year

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

PSALM RESPONSE: You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.

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This Week

"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>

Lourdes Pilgrimage There is a second collection for the Pilgrimage Fund this weekend. It helps those who might not otherwise be able afford the pilgrimage to go to Lourdes.

Ash Wednesday A few places are still available for Mass at 7.30am. (10.00am is fully booked.) Also a "drive in" distribution of ashes at Milford between 11.00am and noon.

Requiem Mass for Fr Martin Jakubas on Monday at noon will be livestreamed from Haywards Heath. <https://tinyurl.com/ljbxsvc4> Fr Martin will be buried after Mass in Eashing, returning to the parish from which he came.

Peggy Macfarlane's Requiem will take place in Milford on the 22nd February at 1.30pm. There will be a few places for parishioners to join her family and carers. Streaming details and invitations to those attending in person will follow next week.

CAFOD family fast day is on Friday 25th February Envelopes are available at church for you to make your donation.

Sycamore The last of this pilot series will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday on Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/y6ydcwv5>. (ID: 963 2836 7031, password 031209). We will take a break for *Invited* and if there is interest will run some more sessions later in the year.

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.

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.

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/y7qntvex>

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

Livesimply group invite you to sign CAFOD's petition to the Prime Minister to ensure that the communities hardest hit by the climate emergency are listened to at the COP26 talks in November. Visit: <https://tinyurl.com/1uj1mf3z>

Taking Stock - Godalming's Climate Engagement Event takes place online on Saturday 20th February. There are free workshops throughout the day covering all things eco. To find out more and to book visit: <https://tinyurl.com/3un5m2tv>

"And when you give alms"

CAFOD Walk for Water 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. Sign up at <https://walk.cafod.org.uk> and go the distance this Lent to help end water poverty. Jo and Julian have signed up - please do join or sponsor them:

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/Jo-LewryW4W>

There is also an option to join the **Big Walk for Water on Saturday 20th February**.

For more information email jolewry@aol.com and to sponsor:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stedmundsgodalming

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

Les Amis – Burkina Faso This charity, which has such a strong connection with our parish, supports hundreds of vulnerable women, children, refugees and disabled people, all living in extreme poverty and hardship. Please consider making a donation if you are able to; the information is at: www.les-amis-bf.org.uk. Nearly all charities are in need of funds in these times and *Les Amis* is no exception. Thank you to all those in the parish who support them through the year by their prayers and giving.

Kasanka has often been the focus for Lenten Alms in the parish. At the moment we are trying to spread out our appeals and there will be more about Kasanka after Easter.

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.

Ladywell Convent is recruiting for a **Pastoral Lead** For more information contact recruitment@ladywell.org.uk

'The Lent Journey' Weekend Retreat 26-28th February, Worth Abbey Online, led by Fr Peter Williams OSB. Also, Finding Silence 2: The Prayer of Meditation (online day retreat) on Saturday 20th February. <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, Roger Stephens, Arden Holford, 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 Derek Drapper, Peggy Macfarlane, Pauline Mason, Fr Martin Jakubas, Fr Edward Stachurski and Marie Batty who died recently and Vince Ellul, Vincent Fagan, Dorothy Hedley, June Hatcher, Joan Huber, Joao Pinheiro, Heinz Zillekens, Desiree Cron, Sarah Street and Breda Pamment whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Schedule of Masses Sixth Week of Ordinary Time 2021

Saturday 13th February	10.00am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Doreen & Tom Rogers RIP</i> 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>People of the parish</i>
Sunday 14th February SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am Mass (St Edmund's)* – <i>Mervyn Juliff RIP</i> 10.30am Liturgy of the Word online Zoom: 846 7892 5944 / 2021
Monday 15th February	<i>No public Mass today</i>
Tuesday 16th February	9.30am Mass (Live-stream only)* – <i>Alexander Moore RIP</i>
Wednesday 17th February ASH WEDNESDAY	7.30am (St Edmund's)* – <i>Tony Evans RIP</i> 10.00am (St Joseph's) – <i>Private Intention</i> 7.30pm-8.30pm Lectio Divina online GoToMeeting 450-922-301
Thursday 18th February	8.00am Mass (St Edmund's)
Friday 19th February	7.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Harry & Marie Mason RIP</i>
Saturday 20th February	10.00am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Tom Rogers RIP</i> 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>People of the parish</i>
Sunday 21st February FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	9.00am Mass (St Edmund's)* – <i>Derek Drapper RIP</i> 10.30am Liturgy of the Word online Zoom: 846 7892 5944 / 2021

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

*Livestreamed on YouTube – <https://tinyurl.com/ya47rkkw>

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

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