



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*

Third Week of Lent – Looking forward to St Joseph

One hundred and fifty years ago Pope Pius IX proclaimed St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark this important anniversary Pope Francis has declared 2021 to be a "Year of Joseph". In his letter *Patris Corde* ("With a father's heart") he offers some intimate reflections on St Joseph as one very close to our human experience, and I would encourage you to use them in your prayer and Lenten reading.

Pope Francis writes that his "desire to do so increased during these months of pandemic, when we experienced, amid the crisis, how our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked. People who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines, or on the latest television show, yet in these very days are surely shaping the decisive events of our history. Doctors, nurses, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caregivers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests, men and women religious, and so very many others. They understood that no one is saved alone... How many people daily exercise patience and offer hope, taking care to spread not panic, but shared responsibility. How many fathers, mothers, grandparents and teachers are showing our children, in small everyday ways, how to accept and deal with a crisis by adjusting their routines, looking ahead and encouraging the practice of prayer. How many are praying, making sacrifices and interceding for the good of all'. Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

We are blessed in having one of our churches dedicated to St Joseph. As we prepare to keep his feast on 19th March, I would like to encourage you to deepen your understanding of him and, through prayer, to experience his fatherly care.

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Mass Responses for the Third Sunday of Lent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

PSALM RESPONSE: You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son: everyone who believes in him has eternal life. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

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"Invited" Lent Diocesan Online Mission

The first episodes seems to have been very well received. The next will go live on Monday [here](#). Do have a look. If you didn't register but would like to join one of the diocesan discussion groups please contact Fr Jonathan. For more details visit: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited>

Walk for Water Update

There are now 11 teams signed up in the parish and we have raised £1,665 so far; there are photos and news items on Facebook. If you're looking for a challenge this Lent it's not too late to sign up and join in and walk 10,000 steps a day for the remainder of Lent in solidarity with all those who do not have access to a safe water source. And if you're not a walker, please think about sponsoring them through the Team page: <https://tinyurl.com/t42da233>.

Funerals. The funerals of Marie Batty and Derek Drapper take place this week. Jim Stanton's will be on 17th March. May they rest in peace.

Easter Triduum. Plans are being made about keeping the Easter Triduum while significant COVID restrictions remain. Keep an eye out for the mailchimp coming out this week which will include some details and a link to book a place.

Confessions. Fr Jonathan will be available after 10.00am Mass at Milford on Saturday 13th, 20th and 27th. We will have a look at holding a parish penitential service once the main COVID restrictions are relaxed.

Year of Joseph The Diocese of Charlotte has collected a lot of prayers and devotions to St Joseph at <https://yearofstjoseph.org>. Pope Francis's letter *Patris Corde* can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/5cscs2zw>.

Novena for Maria I would like to invite everyone in the parish to join in praying one of the prayers to St Joseph each day from 11th to 19th March, inclusive, for the wellbeing of Maria Chacaltana and all those in severe need. You might use one of the traditional novena prayers from the website or Pope Francis's one here in the newsletter. Maria is a young girl in the parish who is being treated for a significant cancer.

Stations of the Cross (online) next Friday at the slightly later time of 5.30pm. Zoom ID: 846 7892 5944 / password 2021.

Colour and Shape Children's liturgy For those of you with young families, the Diocese has created this online children's liturgy on [YouTube](#). It's a great resource to help your children whilst we are unable to provide children's liturgy.

Coming out of Lockdown

As we slowly come out of lockdown we will shift the balance of parish activities towards more opportunities to gather in person.

Please note that it is not until 29th March that we will be able to gather in small groups outside (rule of 6), so we will be very careful while making the most of the opportunity to celebrate the liturgy together. We should be able to do a bit more once we reach stage 3, including increasing capacity from the current 16 households (with 2m distancing).

In response to the wishes of a significant number of people the online Liturgy of the Word will continue on Sundays at 10.30am for at least the next few weeks.

If all goes well, from **28th March** the 9.00am Mass will move back to **Farncombe**.

All weekend masses up to and including that weekend will be booked through **Eventbrite**: <https://tinyurl.com/y7gntvex>

Daily Mass and Evening Prayer livestreamed from Guildford parish The link is: <https://www.cpg.church/live.html> and online family liturgy is offered every Sunday: www.cpg.church/familyliturgy

Evening Prayer in Lent Fr Jonathan will be joining with Evening Prayer and Exposition from Guildford on the Sundays in Lent at 6.30pm.

The **livesimply group** thank you for supporting Fairtrade fortnight, and ask you to continue to **Pray without Ceasing for the Climate** as world leaders prepare to meet in June in Cornwall, and in Glasgow at COP26 in November. Both events are hosted by the UK government and we pray there is a political will to fight for the needs of the poor, who are disproportionately affected by the climate crisis.

Confirmation Preparation We have postponed preparation for confirmation until we can meet face to face. As the time for this is approaching please ensure that you have contacted the parish office if you would like to take part in the preparation and consider further God's invitation to be strengthened by this sacrament for life as a disciple of the Lord.

Feasts in March In addition to St Joseph on the 19th, we keep in the coming weeks the Solemnity of Dedication of our church in Milford on 18th, the Annunciation on the 25th. There will be Mass on each of these days at St Joseph's Milford. Please book on Eventbrite if you would like to attend as space is limited, and otherwise available on a first come first served basis.

Accompanied Prayer/Retreats during Lent There are several retreats taking place at the House of Prayer, hosted on zoom, over the next few weeks and weekends. More information or to book any of these events visit: www.christian-retreat.org

"And when you give alms"

Donations to the Food Bank There is an urgent need for many items ranging from instant mash to crumpets, and tinned meals to toiletries, and there is a full list at <https://www.parishofgodalming.org.uk/our-church-of-st-marks/food-bank/> Please drop off items in the collection boxes at church; or leave a cash donation for food shopping.

Les Amis – Burkina Faso Their recent newsletter was appended to last week's newsletter. (28th February 2021)

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.

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 contact Fr Jonathan, in confidence.

Parish Knitting Group This is a new group in the parish and we're knitting for seafarers, dementia patients and RSH special care baby unit. We can provide patterns, and there are knits for all levels of ability. We'd love to hear from anyone who would like to join. Even if you haven't tried knitting before, perhaps lockdown might be the time to start? It's known to be therapeutic activity and increase feelings of usefulness. If anyone has wool to donate, please also get in touch.

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 March: that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

The sick and those who care for them including – Lizzie Laverty, Margaret Silvester, 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 Paddy Laverty, Roger Stephens, Jim Stanton, Derek Drapper, Marie Batty and Peggy Macfarlane who died recently and Hilda Stratfield, Kathleen Jones, Ferrante Manganoni, Frederick Stowell, Michael Evans, Jim Wheeler and Winifred Hammett whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Schedule of Masses Third Week of Lent 2021

Saturday 6th March	10.00am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Andy Williams RIP</i> 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 7th March THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	9.00am Mass (St Edmund's)* – <i>Tony Diaz RIP</i> 10.30am Liturgy of the Word online Zoom: 846 7892 5944 / 2021 6.30pm Evening Prayer & Exposition online (www.cpg.church)
Monday 8th March	<i>No Mass today</i>
Tuesday 9th March	10.00am Requiem Mass (St Edmund's – <i>family only</i>)* – <i>Marie Batty RIP</i>
Wednesday 10th March	6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Private Intention</i> 7.30pm-8.30pm Lectio Divina online GoToMeeting 450-922-301
Thursday 11th March	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Jacqueline Nag RIP</i>
Friday 12th March	12.00pm Requiem Mass (St Joseph's – <i>family only</i>) – <i>Derek Drapper RIP</i> Livestream https://schmittat.uk/live/2021-03-12_dd/ 5.30pm Stations of the Cross online Zoom: 846 7892 5944 / 2021
Saturday 13th March	10.00am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Alexander Moore RIP</i> 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 14th March FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT "LAETARE SUNDAY"	9.00am Mass (St Edmund's)* – <i>For our mothers, living and dead</i> 10.30am Liturgy of the Word online Zoom: 846 7892 5944 / 2021 6.30pm Evening Prayer & Exposition online (www.cpg.church)

Sunday Year B. Weekday Cycle I.
Psalter Week 3.

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

St Edmund's Church is open each day, usually from 10am to 5pm

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