



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*

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn pass on to you.

There is a basic human need to remember and make present important aspects of the past. I confess to being an avid viewer of *Antiques Roadshow* and items regularly come up that link families of today to the lives of their forebears: items that are cherished as part of the family. There is something powerful about the annual gathering at the Cenotaph and War Memorials. Over the last week or so there has been some discussion about how we might remember the last 12 months, those who lost their lives and those who lived through it generously and courageously. We see the same need in the desire to remember rightly the role of colonialism and slavery in our pasts.

These days of Easter have the saving death of Christ at their heart: that he died to save us from and restore a manifestly broken world; that the Father raised him to new life; that we are invited to share in these same mysteries. St Paul, writing to the Christians at Corinth explains passionately to them that the Eucharist (the Mass) is the memorial that Jesus Christ himself gives us of his saving passion, death and resurrection. Yes, the Mass is a meal, it is a gathering with friends, a time for quiet prayer and a time (when we can) for joyful hearts to sing out. But behind all of these is the hard fact that it is the effective remembering of the death of the Lord: that one central event in human history made present, made effective for us here and now.

The prayer over the gifts for Maundy Thursday adds to this picture. This ancient prayer tells that what we do in gathering to celebrate Eucharist is a sharing in that same saving work of Jesus, "for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption *is* accomplished". We are not simply recipients of its effects but summoned to share in its continuing unfolding. The last 12 months have caused many of us to think again about the place of the Mass in our lives. Perhaps as we celebrate the Easter Mysteries in these days, we might renew our engagement with this precious memorial of our Lord's saving work, that we might always hold the death of the Lord deep in our hearts.

Mass Responses for Easter Sunday

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The Lord is truly risen, alleluia. To him be glory and power for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.

PSALM RESPONSE: This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed: let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

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Easter Triduum

Mass of the Lord's Supper 8pm; Good Friday Liturgy 3.00pm; and Easter Vigil 8.30pm will all be live streamed on YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/ya47rkkw>. Details of these will be uploaded to the website alongside the newsletter.

Parish Stations of the Cross Good Friday at noon on Zoom 846 7892 5944 / 2021.

Coming slowly out of lockdown

Weekend Masses after Easter will be 10.00am Saturday at St Joseph's, 6pm at St Edmund's (live-streamed), 9am at St John's and 10.30am at St Joseph's. While numbers are relatively low we will continue to book using Eventbrite. Booking for Low Sunday will open up over Easter so that we can give preference to anyone who has missed out on Easter Weekend.

As infection rates are relatively low in the area we have moved to 1.5m distancing at St Joseph's. We will keep this under review, mindful that not everyone has been vaccinated yet. Please sit as directed to ensure that we maintain this. Please also take care not to kneel when someone in front of you is sitting.

Lectio Divina continues on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm. NB this now takes place on Zoom: 846 7892 5944 / 2021.

CAFOD Walk for Water Congratulations!

Thank you to Anna, Jude, Dean, Helen, Janet, Francis, Ali, Angela, Mary, Sarah, Philippa, Colette, Adrian, Catherine, Gabriella, Jo, Julian and the Sisters at Ladywell for taking part in CAFOD's Walk for Water of 10,000 steps a day for the 40 days of Lent. Our fabulous walkers have completed 2,570 miles and raised £2,755 which is fantastic - well done. Although the challenge has been completed and we can have a well-earned rest, Abdella who lives in Ethiopia has to keep walking for 10 hours each day or his family will not have water to drink! So, if you haven't donated yet you still can by clicking the link below and then clicking on one of the teams just giving pages. It would be great if we could make it to £3000! Thank you for your support. <https://tinyurl.com/t42da233>

Way of the Cross from Rome

The meditations and prayers this year have been written by children and young people from the city of Rome. Broadcast from the Vatican at 20:00 BST on Good Friday. The text is available at <https://tinyurl.com/rx8jnuvm>

St Edmund's Easter Egg Hunt This free and fun event takes place in local parks and fields on **Easter Sunday, Monday and Tuesday**. Plenty of Easter egg prizes. To register please email Nicki and Alan alion@btinternet.com or phone G. 420859.

Parish Forum – 4th May 8.00pm on Zoom. The first of what we hope will become a regular opportunity to talk as a parish about our life together in Christ and being faithful to our Mission.

Confirmation Preparation Bishop Richard is planning to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on the afternoon of 10th October 2021. Any young people currently in Year 10 or above who would like to explore this sacrament please make contact with Fr Jonathan as we will be making a start in the coming weeks.

St Edmund's School Congratulations to the children on some really wonderful Easter Cards and Easter Prayers. Fr Jonathan enjoyed visiting school this week and presenting prizes to the winners on behalf of the parish. We hope to feature the designs on the parish website and Facebook next week.

Prayer Retreats during April and May at the House of Prayer: the schedule of retreats, individual and group, is at www.christian-retreat.org Information: admin@christian-retreat.org or 0208 9412313.

Catholic Directory online is a useful resource if you would like to find a livestreamed Mass anywhere in the UK: <https://www.CatholicDirectory.org>.

Heading for the Hills? Fr Jonathan would be happy to provide some help and advice to any families planning holidays in the UK this year and thinking of including some walking in the mountains.

Collections over Easter

The Easter Offering goes to support the priests of the parish. You can Gift Aid your offering by using an appropriate envelope allowing us to claim 25% of the value of your donation from HMRC. To keep things simple there are some new envelopes at the back that can be used to do this: if you have a current Gift Aid declaration just fill in your name, and if not please complete all the details on the envelope. If you have a box of numbered Gift Aid envelopes these also include one that can be used at Easter.

If you are donating at Farncombe, please use a St Edmund's envelope and not one for St John's!

We hope to have contactless terminals available for those who might wish to give by card.

Good Friday There will be a retiring collection for the support of the sacred sites in the Holy Land. This is important for those Christian communities at a time when pilgrims are few.

Maundy Thursday donations to the foodbank Any late donations may be left at the back of St Edmund's. Cheques or bank transfer to St Mark's Community Centre. Sort code 40-22-12, account number 91277766.

Regular financial support for the parish Thank you to those who support the parish by regular giving. Donations to the parish by bank transfer can be made to 'RCD AB Godalming' sort code 40-05-20, account number 41077481. If you would like to arrange a standing order, or to sign up for Gift Aid, please contact Eileen Hudson on 01483 208238 or eileen.hudson@gmail.com.

Reclaim Our Common Home The *Livesimply* group reminds us of the need to rebuild after the pandemic in a way that makes the world a fairer place and tackles some of the major global issues of our time from climate change to unjust debts. To help us do this CAFOD invites you to join a training session on 10th April from 11.00am to 12.30pm to help us organise an online meeting with our local MP. If you would be interested in joining them for this initiative please email Jo at jolewry@aol.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.

Live-streaming Guildford Parish offer an established programme of live-streamed liturgy, including for children. They can all be accessed from their website

<https://www.cpg.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 April: We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

The sick and those who care for them including – Joan Dalton, Margaret Szalajda, Anne Stephens, Warren McMillan, Margarita Crawford, Irene Grant, 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 Rheen, Jean Humphrey, Maura Goodfellow, George Gelder, Jean Tyrell, Pat Wilson and Rudolf Dorrepaal, those in our hospitals and care homes and those who carry their illnesses privately.

The faithful departed in particular for Tim Green, Fr Brian Taylor, Michael Pactat and Jerzy Burger, who died recently and Martin Crosby, Fr Tony Clarke (Parish Priest 1980-1990), Joan Glithero and Terry Bailey whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Schedule of Liturgies Easter Week 2021

Saturday 3rd April HOLY SATURDAY	10.00am Morning Prayer and Office of Readings (www.cpg.church) 8.30pm Easter Vigil (St Edmund's)†* – <i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 4th April EASTER SUNDAY	9.00am Mass (St John's)† 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)† – <i>Celebrant's Intention</i> 12.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)†* – <i>Warren McMillan</i> 6.30pm Evening Prayer & Exposition online (www.cpg.church) <i>The Easter Triduum ends with Evening Prayer of Easter Sunday</i>
Monday 5th April EASTER MONDAY	10.00am Mass (St Joseph's)† – <i>Alexander Moore RIP</i>
Tuesday 6th April EASTER TUESDAY	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Pamela Scott RIP</i>
Wednesday 7th April EASTER WEDNESDAY	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Derek Drapper RIP</i> 7.30pm-8.30pm Lectio Divina online Zoom: 846 7892 5944 / 2021
Thursday 8th April EASTER THURSDAY	9.30 am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Geoff Matthews RIP</i>
Friday 9th April EASTER FRIDAY	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Frank & Matthew Brown RIP</i>
Saturday 10th April EASTER SATURDAY	10.00am Mass (St Joseph's)† – <i>Lynne Allison RIP</i> 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)†* – <i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 11th April SECOND 'LOW' SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)	9.00am Mass (St John's)† 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)† –

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

†**Booking Essential** – available places are on Eventbrite

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

Quicklink for Parish Zoom – <https://tinyurl.com/apfvd674>

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

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