



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 Week of Easter
11th April 2021**

As the Father sent me, so am I sending you

Sometimes when we look at the scriptures we notice new things, or realise that we have mashed up different parts of the Gospel in our minds: Mary Magdalene, faithful disciple and apostle of the Apostles is often confused with a repentant woman; and the commissioning of today's gospel with the power of the keys. St John's Gospel is skilfully written and rewards a careful reader. The evangelist is not named and refers to himself as the beloved disciple, intending that figure as standing for every disciple. At other times he makes reference to 'the disciples', and we can appropriately understand ourselves as drawn into the narrative in this way too.

So, in the gospel today we are those disciples who are gathered in the upper room, whose faith is more than a little bit fragile and in need of reassurance. We are those disciples on whom the Holy Spirit is breathed and are those disciples who are sent. This sending and the gift of the spirit that supports it do not come out of the blue. Jesus has already spoken with his disciples about being sent and about the role and sending of the Holy Spirit.

The sending of the disciples is a fundamental sharing in the (excuse the latin term) *missio Dei* – the sending of God. God has shown himself to be outgoing. Not in the sense of being extroverted, but in the sense of always seeking to reach out. He does so firstly in the work of creation and then in the still greater work of salvation when he sends us his Son. All of this simply because it pleases him that others might share in his life and love. We know this because this is what he has taught us.

He sent his Son so that we might have life in all its fullness, and he sends us from the same source and for the same purpose, and he fills us with the same Spirit. We are not asked to simply tell about Jesus, but to share his life and his work, and through it the life of the Trinity. All it needs is for us live the mystery of Easter in our lives.

Mass Responses for Second Sunday of Easter

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

PSALM RESPONSE: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

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Coming slowly out of lockdown

Weekend Masses after Easter are 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 not too high we will continue to book using Eventbrite. <https://tinyurl.com/4fdsnshv>

As infection rates are relatively low in the area we have changed to 1.5m distancing at St Joseph's and St Edmund'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, and take care not to close the space by kneeling when someone in front of you is sitting.

Sycamore After good interest in our January pilot and following on the diocesan mission, *Invited*, we are now thinking about how best to follow through with some more Sycamore. Online? Small groups once we can meet again in person? A larger group in person in St Joseph's? If you can help and/or host a group of 6 at home, please let Fr Jonathan know in the next couple of weeks. It would be good to build a small team to take this forward for as many as possible.

Parish Forum Tuesday 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. The agenda will include a report on parish finance for 2020 and an invitation to reflect on our vision.

Confirmation Preparation There will be an initial meeting online for parents and candidates at 7.30pm on 20th April. Preparation will start in May. Any young people currently in Year 10 or above who would like to explore this sacrament please make contact with Fr Jonathan as soon as possible.

Matt Blake from the Trinity Trust Team will be moving away from Godalming shortly. He has made a significant contribution to the life of our parish, and especially to our young people, and we would like to make a small presentation to him. If you wish to contribute, please put your donation in a marked envelope and pass to Fr Jonathan by next Sunday (18th April).

Lectio Divina will take place on *Tuesday* this week at 7.30pm on Zoom: 846 7892 5944 / 2021. It will return to its usual Wednesday slot next week.

Missio - the Pope's Charity Whilst much of Nick de Caestecker's activity in emptying Red Boxes in 2020 was curtailed, the parish still raised £1,187 through Red Boxes and donations to Missio and Mill Hill Missionaries. They, and the communities they serve, live in such difficult circumstances, made even harder by COVID 19, and they are so grateful that we are supporting them through prayer and our generous donations. They have asked Nick to pass on their thanks and to let us know that they pray for us all. If anyone has boxes to be emptied (or would like one to fill) please contact Nick on 07985 096233 or nickdec1@btinternet.com Also, if you would like to donate to Missio by standing order please let Nick know. More information about Missio at <https://missio.org.uk/>

Plant Giveaway 30th April to 2nd May

After the success of this event last year, held in memory of Pete Kelly RIP, the *livesimply* group are organising another 'plant giveaway' over the May bank holiday w/e. If you are able to support this event with donations of seedlings and plants from your garden please let Janet Quinlan know on 01252 702156.

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.

New envelopes are available at the back of church which can be used to Gift Aid donations. If you have a current declaration just fill in your name, and if not please complete all the details on the envelope. New boxes of numbered envelopes are available for those who use them. 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.

Thank you!

Easter Offering Fr Jonathan would like to thank everyone in the parish for their kind contributions to the Easter Offering and the many other cards and greetings he received.

Easter Egg Hunt Arranged by LOAF on behalf of the parish, the Easter Egg Hunt took place on Easter Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at Minister Fields and Broadwater Lake. Between 70 and 100 young people took part. Thirteen gold discs were found, and the winners of the Easter Egg hamper were the Nelson family. Over 100 other prizes were won. Most importantly, all participants expressed their enjoyment of the event. Some were so keen that they visited both locations! The greatest number of discs found was 55 by the Murphy family. Well done to everybody who participated.

LOAF Many thanks to all the LOAF volunteers who helped shine some of Christ's light this Easter through telephone calls, cards, bouquets and the Easter Egg Hunt.

CTiG Pilgrim Trail This event was much enjoyed with many people visiting our church on Good Friday. Answers to the quiz are at: <https://www.godalmingchurches.org/>

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 with 10,000 steps a day for the 40 days of Lent. Our walkers completed 2,570 miles and raised £3,360 which is fantastic, well done.

Catholic Bibles for prisoners The chaplain at HMP Downview has written to thank us for the copies we have donated to the prisoners.

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.

Patsy Stanton and family would like to thank the many kind parishioners who sent condolences following Jim's death.

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 – Audrey Hockey, Mark Hewitt, 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 Rheenan, 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 HRH Prince Philip, Joan Dalton, Tim Green, Fr Brian Taylor, Salvatore Ferrucci, Michael Pactat and Jerzy Burger, who died recently and Salvador Barbato, Jan Orlinski, Fred Butcher, Pat Murrery, Lilian Dutfield, Frank Matthews, Mike Keen, Eva Crane, Hannah Clark and Mgr Jim McConnon whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Schedule of Liturgies Second Week of Easter 2021

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)† – <i>HRH Prince Philip RIP</i> 6.30pm Evening Prayer & Exposition online (www.cpg.church)
Monday 12th April	<i>No Mass today</i>
Tuesday 13th April	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Private Intention</i> 7.30pm-8.30pm Lectio Divina online Zoom: 846 7892 5944 / 2021
Wednesday 14th April	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Joan Dalton RIP</i>
Thursday 15th April	9.30 am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Lt Col Ted Hodgetts RIP</i>
Friday 16th April	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's)
Saturday 17th April	10.00am Mass (St Joseph's)† 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)†*
Sunday 18th April THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00am Mass (St John's)† 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)† – <i>People of the Parish</i> 6.30pm Evening Prayer & Exposition online (www.cpg.church)

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

†**Booking Essential** – available places on Eventbrite (<https://tinyurl.com/4fdsnshv>)

***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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