



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 Easter - 18th April 2021

During the season of Easter the readings at Mass take us through the Acts of the Apostles, the story of the first church, as it continues the mission of Jesus and fulfils the prophesy he makes at the end of St Luke's Gospel. It is an appropriate time for us as a parish to reflect on who we are and why we are. I would therefore like to open a discussion about how we might articulate this and reflect on some of the things I shared with you last year.

I come that they may have life and have it abundantly.

This possible tagline comes from John 10:10. A few translations talk about fullness of life, but abundance has, I think, a rather more dynamic sense. It translates the Greek word *perisson*, which carries a sense of excess or exceeding expectation, rather like the way in which a well-known brand makes *exceedingly* good cakes.

***In our parish, Jesus Christ calls and forms his disciples,
everyday saints, who are filled with the abundant life that he showers on them
and whose joy is made complete as they call others to share that same life.***

This is a first draft of a vision statement. It tries to make it clear that the primary agent is Jesus Christ, who works through our parish and talks about us as his disciples. Discipleship describes us as apprentices learning from and becoming like their master. It is a concept that is absolutely central to Christian self-understanding in the 21st century and is prominent in church teaching going back to the Second Vatican Council. It derives from the Gospels themselves and the Lord's mandate at the end of Matthew's Gospel. The concept of everyday saints is something that Pope Francis uses to make real for us the universal call to holiness of the Council. It is a reminder that holiness is at heart something simple and to which we are all called. (See too Pope Benedict's address to school children in Twickenham in 2010.) It goes on to speak of the "abundant life" as that which the disciples receive. It concludes with a missionary mandate, drawing on the way in which St John opens his first letter.

Mass Responses for Third Sunday of Easter

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

PSALM RESPONSE: Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

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Coming slowly out of lockdown

Weekend Masses after Easter have more or less resumed their usual times. 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 agenda will focus mainly on parish finances for 2020 and comments on the draft vision on the front page of this newsletter. Comments and suggestions on the vision can be made by email to Fr Jonathan, or preferably on the 'padlet' <https://tinyurl.com/5xezk9tb>

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 contact Fr Jonathan as soon as possible.

Matt Blake from the Trinity Trust Team will be moving away from Godalming this week. 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 Sunday evening (18th April).

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. If anyone has boxes to be emptied or would like help with a standing order please contact Nick on 07985 096233 or nickdec1@btinternet.com More information about Missio at <https://missio.org.uk/>

Plant Giveaway 30th April to 2nd May

After the success of this event last year, the *livesimply* group are organising another 'plant giveaway' over the May bank holiday w/e, also in memory of Pete Kelly RIP. Donations of seedlings and plants are needed to make this a success so if you are green fingered and able to contribute, please let Janet Quinlan know asap on 01252 702156.

Second Collection next weekend on 'Good Shepherd Sunday' to help support the education of future priests of the diocese.

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.

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

Watch this space....!

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.

LOAF Many thanks to all the LOAF volunteers who helped shine some of Christ's light this Easter through telephone calls, cards and bouquets; and for organising the Easter Egg Hunt on behalf of the parish. Approx. 100 young people took part, and everyone had a good time. Well done to everybody!

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

Kasanka 2021 How important is water to you to keep healthy? Washing your hands clean prevents infection and sickness.

Programme of Prayer Retreats at Worth Abbey: <https://worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats>
For enquiries, email: toc@worth.org.uk
For retreats at the House of Prayer in Molesey visit: www.christian-retreat.org.

Walking the Parables of Jesus This will be performed at Wintershall this year from 28th June to 3rd July, instead of The Life of Christ, and will be a really special new experience. There will be five parable scenes with the audience walking from scene to scene, and limited numbers to allow more space for social distancing; so it's advisable to book early. For more information: 01483 892167 Or visit <https://tinyurl.com/e6yx24j8>

Please sign the Climate Change Petition
This year the UK will host the largest gathering of world leaders ever to take place on British soil: the 'COP26' climate talks in Glasgow in November. With the eyes of the world on the UK, we must urge the Prime Minister to make sure communities hardest hit by the climate emergency are listened to at COP26. Please sign our petition <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/73304/petition/1>

50 years of Lay Community of St

Benedict Bishop Richard will be giving a talk about his Benedictine journey, having been an oblate of Pluscarden Abbey since his seminarian days, on 25th April at 8pm. Join: <https://tinyurl.com/ddrh2u9s>

For more information visit:

<http://www.laybenedictines.org/fifty>

Some sources of practical support

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.

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 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 Henry Stilwell, HRH Prince Philip, Joan Dalton, Tim Green, Salvatore Ferrucci, Michael Pactat and Jerzy Burger, who died recently and Edith Houston, Peter Allen, Gordon Monk, Sisto Ferrucci, Albert Whitbourne, Giovanni Silano, Richard Shee, Aleksander Prosniewski, Anne Acquaye, Evelina Bivona, Anna Weidner, Kitty Bishop, Maria Warner and Mary Casey whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Schedule of Liturgies Third Week of Easter 2021

Saturday 17th April	10.00am Mass (St Joseph's)† – 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)†* – <i>Private Intention</i>
Sunday 18th April THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00am Mass (St John's)† - <i>People of the Parish</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)† – 6.30pm Evening Prayer & Exposition online (www.cpg.church)
Monday 19th April	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Henry Stilwell RIP</i>
Tuesday 20th April	8.00am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Private Intention</i>
Wednesday 21st April St Anselm of Canterbury	9.30am Parish Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Michael Pactat RIP</i> 2.00pm Funeral Service (St Joseph's) – <i>Michael Pactat RIP</i> 7.30pm-8.30pm Lectio Divina online Zoom: 846 7892 5944 / 2021
Thursday 22nd April	<i>No Mass today</i>
Friday 23rd April SOLEMNITY OF ST GEORGE	12.00pm Requiem Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Jerzy Burger RIP</i> <i>Family and their guests only please</i>
Saturday 24th April	10.00am Mass (St Joseph's)† – <i>Frank & Matthew Brown RIP</i> 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)†*
Sunday 25th April FOURTH 'GOOD SHEPHERD' 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 3.

†**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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