



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*

Pentecost – 23rd May 2021

Why are you a man of hope?

Because I believe that God is born anew each morning.

Because I believe that he is creating the world at this very moment. He did not create it at a distant and long forgotten moment in time.

It is happening now: we must be ready therefore to expect the unexpected from God.

The ways of providence are by nature surprising.

We are not prisoners of determinism, nor of the sombre prognostications of sociologists.

God is here, near us, unforeseeable and loving.

I am a man of hope, not for human reasons nor from any natural optimism.

But because I believe the Holy Spirit is at work in the Church and in the world, even where his name remains unheard.

I am an optimist because I believe the Holy Spirit is the spirit of creation.

To those who welcome him, he gives each day fresh liberty, renewed joy and trust.

The long history of the Church is filled with the wonders of the Holy Spirit.

Think only of the prophets and saints, who, in times of darkness, have discovered the spring of grace and shed beams of light on our path.

I believe in the surprises of the Holy Spirit.

This reflection on hope and the Holy Spirit by **Cardinal Leon Suenens** (1904-1996) is from his book *A New Pentecost* (1974). Suenens was former Archbishop of Brussels-Malines, Belgium, and one of the fathers at the Second Vatican Council. His influence on the Council was notable and he was close to Pope John XXIII.

Mass Responses for Pentecost Sunday

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

PSALM RESPONSE: Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

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Pentecost Sunday On this Day of Prayer for the Church the Bishops of England and Wales have issued a Pastoral Letter on the environment which concludes:

'In all our human endeavours, we need the presence of the Holy Spirit, "the Lord, the Giver of Life", whose gift to the Church and the world we celebrate again at Pentecost. Let us keep this Feast with that enduring hope that we can begin to repair the damage we have done and provide a healthy home for future generations. Our hope will be strengthened by our prayer. May our constant request be that the Holy Spirit guide us, strengthen our resolve and 'renew the face of the earth'.

Laudato Si' Week (16th to 25th May) ends on Monday on the sixth anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical. The week has celebrated the great progress the global Church has made in its ecological conversion journey during the past six years and offers a clear road map for the decade ahead. Much remains to be done, but we rejoice and celebrate the steps we have taken so far, and we look to the future with hope. To follow the events visit <https://laudatosiweek.org/>

Open Air Songs of Praise on Pentecost Sunday at 3-3.45pm at the Godalming United Church, outside on the grassed area behind the church, organised by CTiG. On this wonderful feast day, it is a chance to get together to praise the Lord, with the added blessing of being able to sing! There will be seating available for those who require it.

Booking weekend Mass We are continuing to use Eventbrite whilst numbers are not too high: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/st-edmunds-parish-30558842926>

Rosary prayer to end the pandemic This May we are encouraged to make an extra effort to pray the rosary for an end to the pandemic. Walsingham's daily livestream is at 8pm. <https://www.walsingham.org.uk>

Walking the Parables of Jesus at Wintershall on 2nd July and 3rd July. Book now for this powerful biblical outdoor drama, staged in the beautiful grounds of Wintershall near Bramley. Phone 01483 892167 or visit: www.wintershall.org.uk

Baptism Preparation The next round of preparation sessions starts on 19th June. If you would like your child to be baptised, please contact Fr Jonathan asap so that you are in time to join the new course.

Colour and Shape is a social network, originating in our diocese so that families can discover their unique rhythm of prayer, learn how to accompany their children confidently on their journey to discovering their own relationship with God, and find friends along the way. For more information visit: www.colourandshapeonline.com

'Parliament in our Parish' meeting with Jeremy Hunt MP on 18th June at 3.45pm on zoom, organised by our parish */livesimply* group. This is to discuss the impact of the climate crisis on the poorest communities around the world, and to ensure our concerns are at the heart of the G7 and COP26 climate talks this year. The more there are of us the better, so please contact Jo jolewry@aol.com if you are interested in joining the meeting.

Kasanka Appeal The Kasanka school community urgently need to replace their borehole water pump with an efficient solar-powered pump and we are trying to help them raise £2,400. We know how important water is for our health and by making a donation we can express our own gratitude for access to clean water.

THANK YOU to everyone who has donated and helped us raise over £1,300 so far.

To contribute: pick up a Kasanka envelope at church; donate using the contactless devices at Mass; or bank transfer to 'Zambia RD' a/c no: 00754226, sort code: 60-09-04 (and ensure 'Kasanka' is your reference).

Spiritual Refreshment After many months of lockdown you may feel it's time to make a retreat in person, and there are some wonderful opportunities available: the **House of Prayer in Molesey** is now open for in person retreats: www.christian-retreat.org; **The London Jesuit Centre** www.londonjesuitcentre.org offers both weekday and Saturday retreats; and **Worth Abbey's 'Open Cloister'** offers a selection of online retreats: toc@worth.org.uk <https://worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats>

Online talk with CAFOD'S Director

Christine Allen 26 May at 7.30pm, Cost £5. Christine will explore ways in which G7 and COP26 talks could make a difference to our world, especially to the lives of people who live in poverty, as we seek to recover and heal after the pandemic.

Book: 01428 642161 or online:

<https://tickets.haslemerehall.co.uk/sales/genres/event/s/talk-2021---a-year-of-opportun/streaming-ticket>

The Parish Pastoral Team met recently.

Key projects identified for the next few months are: a short online series of Sycamore in June/July, gearing back up for childrens' liturgy, forming a families team, and rebuilding our welcoming and hosting teams at Mass. More on these in due course. The team comprises Fr Jonathan, Angela Gilmour, Ian Honeysett, Jo Lewry, Sarah Stilwell, Eleanor Streatfield and Adrian Wyn-Griffiths, and will meet each half term.

A Prayer at Pentecost

O God, Trinity of love, from the profound communion of your divine life, pour out upon us a torrent of fraternal love. Grant us the love reflected in the actions of Jesus, in his family of Nazareth, and in the early Christian community.

Grant that we Christians may live the Gospel, discovering Christ in each human being, recognising him crucified in the sufferings of the abandoned and forgotten of our world, and risen in each brother or sister who makes a new start.

Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty, reflected in all the peoples of the earth, so that we may discover anew that all are important and all are necessary, different faces of the one humanity that God so loves.

Amen

[This ecumenical prayer for all Christians is from Pope Francis' encyclical Fratelli Tutti]

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

Contactless terminals and new format envelopes are available at the back of church.

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 people around the world.

The Holy Father's Intention for May: That those responsible for financial services may work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

The sick and those who care for them

including – Andrew Herrington, Helena Burger, Audrey Hockey, Mark Hewitt, Margaret Szalajda, Anne Stephens, Warren McMillan, Margarita Crawford, Irene Grant, Lizzie Laverty, Margaret Silvester, 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 Fr Jan Gora and Sr Anne Kavanagh who died recently and Joan James, Maria Knight, Mary Barnard, Frank Herrington, Maggie Moore, Frank Brown and Deidre Richardson whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Schedule of Liturgies Week 8 of Ordinary Time

Saturday 22nd May	10.00am Mass (St Joseph's)† – 1.30pm – 4.30pm First Confessions (St Edmund's) 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)†* – People of the Parish
Sunday 23rd May PENTECOST	9.00am Mass (St John's)† – 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)† – 6.30pm Evening Prayer & Exposition online (www.cpg.church)
Monday 24th May <i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's) –
Tuesday 25th May <i>St Bede the Venerable</i>	No Mass today
Wednesday 26th May <i>St Philip Neri</i>	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – Col William Ibbetson RIP 7.30pm-8.30pm Lectio Divina online Zoom: 846 7892 5944 / 2021
Thursday 27th May OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – Frank & Matthew Brown RIP
Friday 28th May	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's) –
Saturday 29th May	10.00am Mass (St Joseph's)† – 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)†*
Sunday 30th May THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	9.00am Mass (St John's)† – People of the Parish 12 noon Baptism (St Joseph's) 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)† – 6.30pm Evening Prayer & Exposition online (www.cpg.church)

Sunday Year B. Weekday Cycle I. Psalter Week 4.

†**Booking Essential** – available places on Eventbrite (<https://tinyurl.com/7vnxztc4>)

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

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

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