



# 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*

## Trinity Sunday 30th May 2021

### **The Offering of the Faithful** (The offertory procession)

The liturgy works through 'signs perceptible to the senses' and one of those signs that we have missed since the start of COVID restrictions is the offering of the faithful, or offertory procession as it is often known. As we can now restore it I thought I would offer a short reflection on it.

The earliest accounts of the celebration of the Eucharist make reference to an offering by those who are present, whether of bread and wine and/or gifts for the poor and the church. By the end of the first millennium (according to the *Ordines Romani*) it had become quite an elaborate ceremony (as it is today in many African churches). And in later middle ages, when Mass was most often celebrated by a single priest, the gifts were simply placed on the altar at the start and this expression of the faithful disappeared. In the reform of the liturgy in the twentieth century this element came to be recognised once again as an important outward sign of the inward offering being made by the faithful as part of their participation in the Eucharist. Indeed, the General Instruction indicates that "Even though the faithful no longer bring from their own possessions the bread and wine intended for the liturgy as in the past, nevertheless the rite of carrying up the offerings still retains its force and spiritual significance."

The gifts presented are the outward expression of our participation in the sacred action: offering the immaculate victim, not only through the hands of the priest, but together with him, we learn to offer ourselves. As one commentator writes, "We cannot receive the self-offering of Christ in the Eucharist if we do not give of ourselves so that others may live. This is only just and right, giving our eucharistic celebration an integrity that it would not otherwise have. The prophetic tradition was adamant that divine worship without justice to the neighbour was no worship at all. Neither one nor the other is sufficient; only both together will do."

If you are asked to assist with this action, please don't be shy!

### **Mass Responses for Trinity Sunday**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

PSALM RESPONSE: Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; the God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION: When we eat this bread...

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

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**Next Sunday** is the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (*Corpus Christi*). It is one of the feast days which remains transferred to the Sunday. There will be an hour's **adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 5pm** at St Edmund's on Sunday afternoon.

**Sycamore** A new series of Sycamore sessions on Zoom will start on **Tuesday 8 June** & run weekly for 5 weeks. Participants are asked to join from 7.45pm so that we can start the session at 8pm. It will finish between 9.00 & 9.30pm. Anyone is welcome to join – you don't need to have attended the first 5 sessions. The format of the evening will be: introduction; video (all through – no breaks this time); discussion groups (just one rather than 3 short discussions as before) & then feedback & summary.

The themes this time will be: The Bible; The Gift of Faith; The Power of Prayer; Finding True Freedom & The Meaning of Love.

To join, please email Ian Honeysett at: [Honeysett@btinternet.com](mailto:Honeysett@btinternet.com). We plan to run some more in the autumn with options both online and in person.

**Walking the Parables of Jesus at Wintershall.** Richard Grey has 30 tickets available for **29th June** and is happy to host a parish group. 9.45am-2.30pm (including a stop for a picnic lunch). If you would like to join in with this please call him on 01252 702230. Public booking is open for 2nd & 3rd July: tel 01483 892167 or visit: [www.wintershall.org.uk](http://www.wintershall.org.uk)

**Bumps and Babes** This regular group has been a great support in the parish for new parents and we are exploring how we can resume in September. If this is something that you are interested in or could help with please do come to a meeting on **Monday 14th June at 10.30am** at St Joseph's Church to help plan how we might take this forward. New helpers particularly welcome.

**Children & Families** Fr Jonathan would like to gather together those in the parish interested in supporting activities for children and families to plan some opportunities for them for the coming year. Please drop him an email if you would like to take part. Many hands could make this quite an exciting development in our parish.

**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.

**First Holy Communion 2021/22** There will be a meeting at St Edmund's Church at 7.30pm on 1st July for parents who would like to prepare their children for the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist in the coming year (First Holy Communion). If you **Please register on Eventbrite.**

### **Trying to live more sustainably**

Last week we heard our bishops speak about the need to take personal responsibility for the care of our common home. We are blessed in the parish to have a *LiveSimply* group who publish a regular e-newsletter and offer initiatives which can help us live more sustainably. If you don't get this newsletter and would like to receive it please contact Sarah in the parish office. The group has their next meeting on 3rd June at 8pm on Zoom 846 7892 5944 / 2021 and anyone interested is very welcome.

**'Parliament in our Parish' meeting with Jeremy Hunt MP** on 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jolewry@aol.com) if you are interested in joining the meeting.

**Kasanka Appeal – Final week.** 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 £1,500 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).

**Booking weekend Mass** We are continuing to use Eventbrite whilst numbers are not too high: <https://tinyurl.com/7vnxztc4>.

**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](http://www.colourandshapeonline.com)

**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:

**House of Prayer in Molesey** is now open for in person retreats: [www.christian-retreat.org](http://www.christian-retreat.org);

**The London Jesuit Centre** [www.londonjesuitcentre.org](http://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](mailto:toc@worth.org.uk) <https://worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats>

**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.

**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](mailto:eileen.hudson@gmail.com)

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

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The parish office is closed this week for annual leave. Fr Jonathan will be on a First Aid course Thursday & Friday this week.

## 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 June:**

The Beauty of Marriage. Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

### **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 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 Mary O'Sullivan and Sr Anne Kavanagh who died recently and Arthur Kelly, Kathleen Laskiewicz, Fr Maurice Pledger (former Parish Priest), Molly Barton, Andrew Hynes, Michael Weston and Matthew McCann whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sr Anne's funeral will take place this Thursday, and Mary O'Sullivan's the following Thursday.

## Schedule of Liturgies Trinity Sunday and Week 9 of Ordinary Time

<b>Saturday 29th May</b>	<b>10.00am Mass (St Joseph's)†</b> – <i>Private Intention</i> <b>6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)†*</b> – <i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>Sunday 30th May</b> THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	<b>9.00am Mass (St John's)†</b> – <i>Private Intention</i> <b>10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)†</b> – 12 noon Baptism (St Joseph's)
<b>Monday 31st May</b> Visitation of the BVM	<i>No Mass today</i>
<b>Tuesday 1st June</b> St Justin	<b>9.30am Mass (St Joseph's)</b> – <i>Private Intention</i>
<b>Wednesday 2nd June</b>	<b>9.30am Mass (St Joseph's)</b> – Sr Anne Kavanagh FMDM RIP <b>7.30pm-8.30pm Lectio Divina online</b> Zoom: 846 7892 5944 / 2021
<b>Thursday 3rd June</b> St Charles Lwanga & Comps	<b>7.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)</b> – <i>Private Intention</i>
<b>Friday 4th June</b>	<i>No Mass today</i>
<b>Saturday 5th June</b> <i>St Boniface</i>	<b>10.00am Mass (St Joseph's)†</b> – <b>6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)†*</b>
<b>Sunday 6th May</b> BODY AND BLOOD OF THE LORD	<b>9.00am Mass (St John's)†</b> – <i>People of the Parish</i> <b>10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)†</b> – 12.15pm Baptism (St Edmund's) <b>5.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (St Edmund's)</b> <b>5.30pm Evening Prayer &amp; Benediction (St Edmund's)*</b>

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

†**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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