



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*

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 13th June 2021

He explained everything to his disciples when they were alone

I remember Fr Tony Ford, one of our lecturers at Wonersh, who would frequently remind us that anything written in black and white and in straight lines was unlikely to capture the whole truth. The philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein has something similar to say about how the most important things can often only be indicated (shown). This is something that those who engage with poetry, music and art also appreciate – that these forms will often convey something far deeper, far more real, than a simple factual description.

Jesus taught in parables. The gospels tell us that he did, and they report many of the ones he told. It was undoubtedly part of his style. But not everyone understood them. He will have known this and his persistence reflects his conviction that this was the best way of getting through to them.

The ending of the Gospel today suggests that the parable was the opening of a conversation with Jesus, not its conclusion or total content: he would unpack them with his disciples when they were alone.

The same holds true for us. The parables, and indeed the scriptures as a whole, are the starting point for the Lord's conversation with us. It is only when we sit with them in quiet prayer, or listen attentively to them proclaimed in the liturgy that we start to speak heart to heart. The recognition of this is one of the reasons why the practice of *lectio divina* has come to the fore in our spiritual tradition in recent decades. It is that place in which the Lord helps us to understand the revelation of himself, the mystery of the Father's love, and the response to which he calls us.

We are supposed to be both enlightened and puzzled by the parables, but most importantly to accept them as an invitation to come into that deeper friendship in which their meaning for us and for our lives will be unfolded.

Mass Responses for Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

PSALM RESPONSE: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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Sycamore The new series of Sycamore sessions on Zoom has now started on Tuesday evenings from 7.45-9.30 pm for the next 4 weeks. Anyone is welcome to join – you don't need to have attended previously. The format of each session is: introduction; video (all through – no breaks this time); discussion groups (just one rather than 3 short discussions as before) & then feedback & summary. For this series, the themes are: The Bible; The Gift of Faith; The Power of Prayer; Finding True Freedom & The Meaning of Love. Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/3538xar4>, or contact at: Honeysett@btinternet.com.

Booking weekend Mass We are continuing with Eventbrite whilst numbers are not too high <https://tinyurl.com/7vnxztc4> Please email Sarah in the parish office, or phone Fr Jonathan, if you have problems with booking.

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.

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 the coming year. Please drop him an email if you would like to take part in this exciting development for the parish.

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 come to a meeting this **Monday 14th June at 10.30am** at St Joseph's Church to help plan how we might take this forward.

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). Please register for this on Eventbrite.

Date for your diary **St Edmund's PSA Summer Fair** Friday 2nd July 3.15-5.30pm

BeCome is a new initiative for young adults (age 18-35) in the diocese looking to deepen their faith and make like-minded friends. The Sycamore materials will be used as a starter for the conversations, and the group will meet once a fortnight, on alternate Mondays, starting on 14th June at 7pm on Zoom. To find out more please get in touch with Lizzie: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk

Walking the Parables of Jesus at Wintershall Richard Grey has 30 tickets available for **29th June** and is happy to host a mini parish pilgrimage through the beautiful grounds of Wintershall, with a picnic lunch interval. The tickets are £20 (less for children). To join the group or for more information contact Richard: 01252 702230.

Grandparents' Pilgrimage to the Shrine at West Grinstead, 7th July from 10.30am to 3pm. All Grandparents, or honorary grandparents, are invited to join Bishop Richard for this annual pilgrimage, which is always a lovely event and a day to meet other grandparents and share the joys and excitement of this wonderful vocation. There will be opportunities for Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, Stations of the Cross, Rosary, and a visit to the Secret Chapel (flat shoes advised). Bring a packed lunch. To book email katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

Come Dine With Me: Feasting with Moses and Jesus An Open Cloister/Worth Abbey Online Retreat. Come and learn some fresh angles on Hanuka, Shavout, Rosh Hashana and other festivals, which go so far to explain our own. Led by Viv Randles and Michael Woodward (both from Lay Community of St Benedict) 18th-20th June. Further information email: toc@worth.org.uk <https://worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats>

House of Prayer Open Day on 24th July For the first time the House of Prayer in East Molesley is opening its doors and garden to anyone who would like to call in and find out what they do and offer there. Tours available. Come and learn more about the Sisters of the Christian Retreat and their founder, Father Anthony Receveur. Refreshments provided, 12-4 pm. No booking is necessary. <https://www.christian-retreat.org/>

Burkina Faso Last weekend 170 innocent civilians were killed by a group affiliated to Al Qaeda and ISIS. The next day, a bus full of people fleeing the area was stopped by the terrorists and everyone on the bus killed. The dead included men, women and children. Please pray for the safety of Fr Lambert and our friends in Burkina Faso, that a solution may be found, and peace established. To help support Fr Lambert and the increasing number of displaced people in Burkina Faso, please visit www.les-amis-bf.org.uk where you can find details of how to donate, or contact Gillie Nicholls on 01483 208432.

Altar Breads We are trialling a new supply of altar breads from St Cecilia's Abbey on the Isle of Wight. Making altar breads is one of the ways they support their contemplative life, and it unites us with them in their prayer for us and the world. The altar breads are slightly different, and we will sound people out in due course about which to use.

Sign the CAFOD Petition This year, the UK will host the COP26 climate talks in Glasgow in November. We need world leaders to put the poorest people at the heart of their talks and the UK has a critical role to play as host. Please take the time to sign CAFOD's important petition to the Prime Minister <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Reclaim-our-common-home>

Supporting Godalming foodbank During the school holidays families will need extra support to replace school dinners, and the foodbank needs products for lunchtime sandwiches and snacks such as: packets of crisps, small drink cartons, tins of ham, fish, beans, meatballs, hot dogs, pepperoni sticks, biscuits eg Penguin, Club. There will be boxes for donations at each Mass centre from 19th June – 11th July. Money contributions are also welcome; please make cheques payable to St Mark's Community Centre.

Kasanka Appeal - A Big Thank You! We has a fantastic response to the appeal for funds to help instal a new water pump for the Kasanka community: we raised an amazing total of **£2,460**. There are still sums to add from Gift Aid and if anyone still has an envelope at home please bring it to church.

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. To arrange a standing order/sign up for Gift Aid, please contact Eileen by email: eileen.hudson@gmail.com

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, 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 Mark Hewitt and Mary O'Sullivan who died recently and Michael Standing, Rosa Zapasnik, Catherine Drain, Margaret Stevens, Pauline Harrison, Edmund Ellis and Brendan Hall whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Schedule of Liturgies
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Saturday 12th June <i>Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	10.00am Mass (St Joseph's)† – <i>Marcus & Lorraine Holford</i> 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)†* – <i>Kevin Murphy RIP</i>
Sunday 13th May 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am Mass (St John's)† – <i>People of the parish</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)† – <i>Tom Reid RIP</i> 12.15pm Baptism (St Edmund's)
Monday 14th June	10.00am Mass (St Joseph's)
Tuesday 15th June	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Private Intention (CR)</i>
Wednesday 16th June ST RICHARD OF CHICHESTER	<i>No Mass today</i> 7.30pm-8.30pm Lectio Divina online Zoom: 846 7892 5944 / 2021
Thursday 17th June	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's)
Friday 18th June	11.30am Memorial Mass (St Edmund's) <i>Maria Gina di Manno RIP</i> <i>Invitation only</i>
Saturday 19th June	10.00am Mass (St Joseph's)† – <i>Alexander Moore RIP</i> 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)†* – <i>People of the parish</i>
Sunday 20th May 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am Mass (St John's)† – <i>Celebrant's Intention</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)† – <i>Florence & Cecil Gilmour RIP</i>

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

†**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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