



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*

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 20th June 2021

Master, do you not care?

The Gospel of the calming of the storm is one that Bishop Richard always uses for *Lectio Divina* with young people preparing for Confirmation, and for good reason: there are times in our lives when we feel all at sea, or when we think that we are about to be overwhelmed. Indeed, this last year has tested many of us and I am sure that there will continue to be wobbles in the months and years ahead.

The sea of Galilee is well known for the strong winds that come down from the hills and through the valleys of an afternoon. Fertile fishing grounds bathed in sunshine earlier in the day can quickly turn rough as the day goes on. While the storm blows Jesus is soundly asleep at the back of the boat. He was clearly not a light sleeper and is himself untroubled by the situation and the danger it presents.

Jesus could have told them not to worry, that everything would be OK, and perhaps in a way that they would have greater trust. However, here Jesus also intervenes to change their objective situation. The storm is calmed. It seems to me that Jesus waits for the disciples to ask him to intervene. Their lack of faith is shown not only in their fear but also in their failure to turn to him and ask for his help. This stands in contrast with those people in the Psalm who "cried to the Lord in their need and he rescued them from their distress. He stilled the storm to a whisper: all the waves of the sea were hushed."

To turn to God in prayer, to ask him boldly and confidently for what we need, is itself an expression of faith. It's not that he doesn't know, but that he wishes us to really be sharers in his work – to give what we need on account of our asking. This prayer, for the world, for the church and for ourselves is a core part of our Christian identity and calling. I wonder if COVID might help us become more urgent and earnest in our daily prayer?

Mass Responses for Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

PSALM RESPONSE: O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

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This Sunday is kept as the Day for Life by the Catholic Church in England & Wales, a day when we are invited to pray about the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. The focus this year is on the challenge of assisted suicide which various groups are trying to legalise. Bishop John Sherrington's message can be read following this link: <https://tinyurl.com/58vym4sx> There will be a retiring collection, from which grants are made to pro-life projects.

The Solemnity of the Birth of St John the Baptist is this Thursday. Mass at 9.30am at St Joseph's.

The Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul is next week. There will be a 7.00pm Vigil Mass at St Edmund's on Monday 28th June and 11.00am Mass at St Joseph's on Tuesday 29th June. Please book these on Eventbrite.

Eventbrite is being used to book places for Mass and certain other events while we need to socially distance. This link will take you directly to the parish page: <https://tinyurl.com/7vnxztc4>

Sycamore continues on Tuesday evenings on Zoom (<https://tinyurl.com/3538xar4>) from 7.45-9.30 pm. Anyone is welcome to join, even if you've missed the first two sessions. The next themes are the Power of Prayer (22nd); Finding True Freedom (29th) & The Meaning of Love (6/7), and the format is: introduction, film and discussion. To find out more email Ian: Honeysett@btinternet.com

Lectio Divina will take a break during July and August but please join us for the final two sessions in June as we pray together with the readings for the coming Sunday. Online on parish Zoom, 7.30pm Weds pms.

Bumps and Babes are having a "meet up" at 10.30am on 28th June in Broadwater Park. A chance to catch up after a very long break and to look forward to regular activities in September; all young families are welcome.

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.

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 group will meet once a fortnight, on alternate Mondays, starting at 7pm on Zoom. To find out more please get in touch with Lizzie: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk

Prayers for our young parishioners and young families This weekend our Confirmation group members meet for their 3rd session at 6.30 pm on Sunday. And 10+ families meet together for their first Baptism preparation session this weekend. Next weekend our First Holy Communion children meet for preparation, before the FHC celebration Masses on 11th and 18th July. May they all be blessed and see the hope that the Lord's call has for them in their lives.

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.

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/>

The Cellar Camino Café has reopened in its new venue beside Waverley Borough Council offices and opposite Waitrose (where there's parking and toilets). It's as friendly and welcoming as ever, offering a wide range of hot and cold drinks as well as home-made hot/cold food, and caters for most dietary requirements. Prices are low! All are welcome. Opening times are: Mon, Weds, Thurs 9.30-4.30; Tues 10-4.30, Friday 9.30-2.30 and Sat 11-3.

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

Burkina Faso Recently hundreds of civilians - innocent men, women and children - were killed by a terrorist group affiliated to Al Qaeda and ISIS. 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.

Modern Slavery Awareness

Ambassadors Our diocesan group is working to raise awareness of modern slavery and would like to recruit 'Ambassadors'. The role involves acting as a point of contact and raising awareness of modern slavery, and training is provided. If you feel moved to take action in this area, contact Tessa Ricketts by email: Tessa.ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk The May diocesan 'Fighting Modern Slavery' newsletter is also available from Tessa.

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 had a fantastic response to the appeal for funds to help instal a new solar 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.

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.

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:

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 Monique Sloan, Mark Hewitt and Mary O'Sullivan who died recently and Charlie Huber, Naomi, Tim, Caitlin & Isabel Embleton, Heather Flew, Mary McEvoy, Philip Monaghan, Andrew Scavolo, Anna Cowans and Frances Coan whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Schedule of Liturgies
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
20th June 2021**

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 June 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>
Monday 21st June	<i>Mass in Guildford and Haslemere at 10.00am</i>
Tuesday 22nd June SS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE	7.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Naomi, Tim, Caitlin & Isabel Embleton RIP</i>
Wednesday 23rd June	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Brendan Hall RIP</i> 7.30pm-8.30pm Lectio Divina online Zoom: 846 7892 5944 / 2021
Thursday 24th June BIRTH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Doreen Rogers RIP</i>
Friday 25th June	10.00am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Robyn & Ben McGhee (10th Wedding Anniversary)</i>
Saturday 26th June	10.00am Mass (St Joseph's)† – <i>Tony Strudwick RIP</i> 12.30pm (St Joseph's) First Holy Communion Mass 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)†* – <i>Neil Marshall RIP</i>
Sunday 27th June 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am Mass (St John's)† – <i>People of the Parish</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)† – <i>Robert Gilmour RIP</i> 12.00pm, 12.50pm, 1.45pm Baptism (St Joseph's)

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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