



# **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*

## **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4th July 2021**

*And he could work no miracles there*

Jesus comes back to his home town of Nazareth, the place where he grew up. It was a small village of a few hundred inhabitants and Jesus was already well known as the (son of the) local carpenter. The contrast between Galilee and Nazareth is striking. In the one he works miracles and heals the woman with the haemorrhage and Jairus's daughter on account of their faith and in the other their lack of faith allows him to heal only a few.

I think the problem is that they thought they knew who Jesus was. Their minds were essentially closed to change. It takes a certain maturity and trust to be able to recognise that the way we see things is wrong and allow new ways of seeing and acting to take their place.

In the second reading today St Paul speaks of the 'thorn in his flesh', of how it is only in his weakness that God is able to act in and through him. It is something that he has learned through bitter experience: relying on his own strength will only get him so far and will never allow God's grace and glory to shine through and for Paul to do truly great things.

There are, I think, two lessons that we might draw from this for our reflections over the summer. The first is to be careful of thinking we know too clearly who God is and where he is trying to lead us. We need to remain agile and able to follow where the master leads if we are to be true to him and to our discipleship.

The second is that our failures, inadequacies and weaknesses are our friends, not our enemies, in the spiritual life. Those occasions when we can do nothing other than turn to God for mercy and compassion are the very ones in which we are most likely to be able to receive his grace and feel its effect in our lives.

### **Mass Responses for Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple.  
Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth;  
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

PSALM RESPONSE: Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us:  
to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

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**First Holy Communion** Over the next two Sundays 33 children from our parish are receiving the Eucharist for the first time. Please pray for them and their families on this special day in their lives and the life our parish. Please note there will be some changes to the regular weekend schedule:

**10th & 11th July** Only 6pm and 9am Mass will be available for parishioners. There are Masses in Chiddingfold, Guildford, Bramley and Haslemere.

**18th July** There will be some places for parishioners at 10.30am and 12.30pm Masses at St Joseph's. 10am, 6pm and 9am Mass will take place as usual.

**Eventbrite** We are still using this 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/7vnztc4>

The latest COVID guidelines mean that you can choose to sit as a group of 6, without social distancing, should you wish. To do so please book as a single group.

**Peter's Pence** This Sunday there is the annual collection of Peter's Pence to support the ministry of Pope Francis. To find out more about how this helps Pope Francis to providing humanitarian aid and health assistance, and, through the local churches, find new ways to bring the comfort of the Word of God everywhere, visit: <https://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html>

**Sea Sunday** Next week there will be a second collection to support the Apostleship of the Sea – the church's ministry to seafarers, many of whom live away from their families for long periods to bring us many of the goods we enjoy.

**Martyrs of China.** Friday is the memorial of St Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions – the Martyrs of China. Please pray for the church in China and wherever it is oppressed.

**Sycamore** the final session is on Tuesday from 8-9.30 pm, and the theme is 'The Meaning of Love'. Anyone is welcome to join, even if you've missed the previous sessions. On Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/3538xar4> To find out more: [Honeysett@btinternet.com](mailto:Honeysett@btinternet.com)

### **Colour and Shape has a new website**

This is a wonderful weekly online liturgy for families to use at home to reflect on Sunday's Gospel [www.colourandshapeonline.com](http://www.colourandshapeonline.com)

**Bumps and Babes** This parish group is hoping to start meeting regularly from September. All young families are welcome. More information from Janet: 01252 702156.

**Our parish /liveSimply group asks you to write to Jeremy Hunt MP** to express your concerns about third world debt repayments, the climate crisis, retaining the overseas aid budget at 0.7%, and creating a more sustainable and more fair world. Either email: [huntj@parliament.uk](mailto:huntj@parliament.uk) or send a letter: 2 Royal Parade, Tilford Road, Hindhead, Surrey, GU26 6TD. You can also write to COP26 President, the Rt Hon Alok Sharma MP, at the House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA or email him: [alok.sharma.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:alok.sharma.mp@parliament.uk)

**Supporting Godalming foodbank** During the school holidays families need extra support to replace school dinners, and the foodbank needs items for lunchtime sandwiches and snacks such as: packets of crisps, small drink cartons, pepperoni sticks, biscuits eg Penguin, Club. There are boxes for donations at each Mass centre until 11th July. Money contributions are also welcome; please make cheques payable to St Mark's Community Centre. There is a helpful list on their website of the standard items needed: <https://parishofgodalming.org.uk/st-marks-food-bank/>

**Pilgrimage of Reparation and Consecration** on Saturday 17th July at Our Lady of Consolation & St Francis, West Grinstead, RH13 8LT, starting with Mass with Canon Tim Madeley at 12 noon followed by personal consecration to Our Lady. The day includes the Rosary, Adoration, Benediction, and opportunities for Confession. Contact: [jaynelock1@gmail.com](mailto:jaynelock1@gmail.com) or 07816 422851.

**Worth Abbey Online Day Retreats** 'Julian of Norwich', led by Fr David Jarmy OSB, on 17th July and 'Desert Wisdom: the power of thoughts' led by David Clayton and Michael Woodward, 24th July. For further information [www.worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats](http://www.worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats)

### **Keeping in touch with Fr Michael Perry**

He loves to hear from parishioners so please do take time for an occasional phone call. The direct number for his room at St Joseph's Nursing Home is 01903 711306 and for the Reception 01903 711325.

### **Admin Assistant for Guildford Parish**

Part-time position (20 hours/week) to work within the Children, Youth and Families team on 1-year fixed-term contract. Apply by 12/7. More information: [www.CPG.church/jobs](http://www.CPG.church/jobs)

**Why not study for the CCRS?** The next course leading to the 'Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies' starts in our diocese this September. The course is designed for teachers in Catholic schools, catechists and anyone who wants to grow in understanding as they live their Catholic faith. The CCRS offers a very flexible and accessible way of learning and is made up of eight modules of 10 hours of course time, plus an assignment. For more information or to register your place please contact [jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk)

**Maryvale** has some bursaries available for their BDiv theology degrees by distance learning. If you would like to know more please contact Fr Jonathan this week.

**Parish group visit to 'The Parables of Jesus' at Wintershall** Being together as a group, sharing friendship and the wonderful experience of Wintershall – the acting, the witness of faith of so many, the beautiful location – made this a memorable experience for the group visit this week, and a reminder of how much we enjoy each other's company and how we are missing getting together. We pray for an end to the pandemic and the lifting of restrictions and look forward in faith and hope to better times when we can meet together freely and often!

**Ordinations** Please pray for Rev Stephen O'Brien to be ordained priest for our Diocese on Sunday at Arundel Cathedral and for those to be ordained Deacon next Friday, including Ian and Sean from Guildford parish.

**Congratulations** to Ken Dunn who celebrates his 100th birthday on Monday and receives a bouquet from the parish. According to our records he is now our oldest parishioner...

**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](mailto: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 July:**

Let us pray we become "architects of dialogue and friendship" to solve the conflicts and causes of division that exist in society and among individual people.

### **The sick and those who care for them**

including – Elizabeth Coombs, 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 who died recently and Margaret Ellul, Bill Brister, Patrick Dawson, Veronica Riddle, Alice McDermott, Christine Boyce and Pat Ambrose whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Schedule of Liturgies**  
**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**4th July 2021**

<b>Saturday 3th July</b> ST THOMAS, APOSTLE	<b>10.00am Mass (St Joseph's)† –</b> <b>6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)†*</b> – <i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>Sunday 4th July</b> 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>9.00am Mass (St John's)† – Celebrant's Intention</b> <b>10.30am Mass with Baptism (St Joseph's)†</b> – <i>Frank &amp; Matthew Brown RIP</i> 12.15pm Baptism (St Edmund's)
<b>Monday 5th July</b>	<i>10.00am Mass in Guildford</i>
<b>Tuesday 6th July</b> <i>St Maria Goretti</i>	<b>9.30am Mass (St Joseph's)† – Private Intention</b>
<b>Wednesday 7th July</b>	<b>7.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – David Holness RIP</b>
<b>Thursday 8th July</b>	<b>10.30am Funeral Mass for Monique Sloan RIP (St Joseph's)</b> <i>Parishioners welcome to attend</i>
<b>Friday 9th July</b> St Augustine Zhao Rong and companions	<b>9.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – Tony Evans RIP</b>
<b>Saturday 10th July</b>	<b>6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)†*</b>
<b>Sunday 11th July</b> 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>9.00am Mass (St John's)†</b> <b>10.30am Mass with First Holy Communion (St Joseph's)†</b> <b>12.30pm Mass with First Holy Communion (St Joseph's)†</b>

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 9am to 5pm**

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