



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*

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 11th July 2021

In 2019 Pope Francis met with 6,000 local children for an event entitled *The football we love*.

"Sport is a great opportunity to learn to give the best of yourself, with sacrifice and commitment, but above all, not alone", observed the Holy Father. "Listen carefully: sport, not alone. We live in a time when, thanks to the massive presence of new technologies, it is easy to isolate oneself, to create virtual bonds with many people, but at a distance. Links, but alone. The great thing about playing with a ball is being able to do it together with others, passing it in the middle of a field, learning to build the action of a game, joining together as a team ... The ball becomes a means of inviting real people to share friendship, to find oneself in a space, to look at yourself, to challenge yourself to put your skills to the test. Dear friends: football is a team game: you can't enjoy it alone! And if it is lived like this, it can truly do good also to the mind and the heart in a society that emphasizes the subjectivism, the centrality of the own self, almost as if it were an absolute principle. ... Playing makes you happy because you can express your freedom, compete in a fun way, spend free time simply ... why? Why? ... Because you like it, you like to play football, you run after a dream but without necessarily becoming a champion. The Charter of Children's Rights to Sport also reaffirms the right of every child 'to practice a sport as a game for fun only'."

He went on to invite parents to transmit to their children that mentality of the game, of gratuity, and of sociability "to encourage them in difficult times, especially after a defeat ... And to help them understand that being on the bench is not a humiliation, but an opportunity to grow and an opportunity for another person. So that they may always have the pleasure of doing their best, because beyond the game there is the life that awaits them".

Coaches have an important role, because they represent a point of reference for children who train. "Everything you say and do, and the way in which you say and do it, is a lesson for your athletes, and as such will leave an indelible mark on their life, for better or for worse", the Pope warned.

He also addressed the football champions who inspire these young athletes. "Do not forget where you started from: in that field in the outskirts of town, in that oratory, in that small club ... I hope you will always feel gratitude for your history made up of sacrifices, victories and defeats. And may you also be aware of your educational responsibility, shown through consistency in life and solidarity with the weakest, encouraging the youngest to become great inside and maybe even champions in life".

Mass Responses for Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

PSALM RESPONSE: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

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First Holy Communion This Sunday and next Sunday 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 that next Sunday there will be some places for parishioners at both the 10.30am and 12.30pm FHC Masses at St Joseph's. Also, that weekend the 10am, 6pm and 9am Mass will take place as usual.

COVID latest We expect that on Monday the government will announce the legal restrictions from 19th July. We also expect guidance from the bishop as to good practice will follow soon after. Mindful that isolation will still be required for close contacts until 16th August, and that a good number of people are wishing to be cautious, we will be proposing that we maintain the current booking and social distancing for at least some of our Masses until that point.

Booking Mass We will continue to use Eventbrite for weekend Mass bookings. The link will take you directly to the parish page: <https://tinyurl.com/7vnxztc4> 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.

Sea Sunday This Sunday there is a special 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. There's more information on their work at www.stellamaris.org.uk Our parish knitting group has linked up with this **Stella Maris charity** to knit woolly hats, fingerless mittens and balaclavas for the seafarers. If you're interested in joining the knitting group, please contact Sarah in the parish office.

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Midday Prayer at St Edmund's, 12.00-1.00pm on Friday 16th July.

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

Bumps and Babes This parish group is meeting in the playground at Broadwater Park on Monday 12th at 10.30 am. All young families are welcome. More information from Janet: 01252 702156 / 07503 732593.

Our parish /liveSimply group asks you to sign the petition to the Prime Minister

This year, the UK will host the largest gathering of world leaders ever to take place on British soil: the 'COP26' climate talks. As Prime Minister, Boris Johnson must push world leaders to show the ambition we need to keep temperature rises below the disastrous 1.5-degree threshold. This means that all countries must play their part. Wealthy nations, who bear the greatest responsibility for the crisis, need to step up. With the eyes of the world on the UK, we must urge the Prime Minister to make sure communities hardest hit by the climate emergency are listened to at COP26. Visit: <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/73304/petition/1>

Supporting Godalming foodbank Thank you for your donations which the foodbank is very grateful for. The latest request is for donations of spreads such as **jam, honey, peanut butter etc**, and **tins of spaghetti**. There are boxes for donations at each Mass centre until 18th July. Money contributions are also welcome; please make cheques payable to St Mark's Community Centre <https://parishofgodalming.org.uk/st-marks-food-bank/>

Dementia care Jubilee House has given us some pocket guides for people who are supporting relatives or loved ones living with dementia. They are free, easy to read and cover a number of topics: communication; healthy eating; days out; etc. If you or someone you know would like some copies, please contact the parish office.

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 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

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

Congratulations to Ken Dunn who celebrated his 100th birthday last week. According to our records he is now our oldest parishioner...

25th July will be the first World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly.

Are you following us on facebook? So far we have 56 followers, and if you haven't already found our parish page please search for it, like it and follow it! Search @stedsgod or <https://www.facebook.com/stedsgod/>

The diocesan Cherish Life Network wishes to thank all those who contacted their MP to oppose abortion on demand, up to birth, for any reason, as part of the UK Government's flagship Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill: it worked! A number of MPs spoke against the proposals; one, not opposed to abortion in principle, described a 'tsunami' of contacts from constituents opposing the moves.

Big Church Day Out 2022 at the Wiston Estate in West Sussex is confirmed for 3-4 June next year. A sort of Christian festival with amazing opportunities for worship with some of the best Christian artists in the world. There will be a group going from the Diocese.

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.

Those being ordained for service as priest or deacon for our diocese or further afield.

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 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 Mary Harmsworth and Monique Sloan who died recently and George Brooking, Michael Jennings, Ronald Matthews, Stella Young, Margaret Mills, Barbara Garland and Joanne Peppitt whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Schedule of Liturgies
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
11th July 2021**

Saturday 10th July	6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)†* – Fr Stephen Corrigan
Sunday 11th July 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am Mass (St John's)† 10.30am Mass with First Holy Communion (St Joseph's)† 12.30pm Mass with First Holy Communion (St Joseph's)†
Monday 12th July	<i>10.00am Mass in Guildford</i>
Tuesday 13th July	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – Terence Nagle RIP
Wednesday 14th July St Camillus of Lellis	7.30am Mass (St Edmund's) –
Thursday 15th July St Bonaventure, Bishop	7.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – Celebrant's Intention
Friday 16th July Our Lady of Mount Carmel	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – 12.00-1.00pm Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament (St Edmund's)
Saturday 17th July	10.00am Mass (St Joseph's)† <i>– Revd David Hunter & Matthew Donnelly</i> 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)†* – Marie Cronin RIP
Sunday 18th July 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am Mass (St John's)† - Peter Turner RIP 10.30am Mass with First Holy Communion (St Joseph's)† 12.30pm Mass with First Holy Communion (St Joseph's)†

Sunday Year B. Weekday Cycle I. Psalter Week 3.

†**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

www.stedsqod.com