



# **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*

## **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 18th July 2021**

### **Pope Francis' prayer for the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on 25th July**

I thank You, Lord,  
for the comfort of Your presence:  
even in times of loneliness,  
You are my hope and my confidence,  
You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!

I thank You for having given me a family  
and for having blessed me with a long life.  
I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty,  
for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for  
those that are still ahead of me.  
I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me.

Increase, O Lord, my faith,  
make me a channel of your peace,  
teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me,  
to never stop dreaming  
and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church,  
that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth.  
Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world,  
that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed,  
the poor consoled and wars ended.

Sustain me in weakness  
and help me to live life to the full  
in each moment that You give me,  
in the certainty that you are with me every day,  
even until the end of the age. Amen

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

PSALM RESPONSE: The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

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**COVID update** Following meetings with Public Health England, the Bishops Conference have just released guidance for us now that we are in Level 4. It reflects our commitment to taking suitable and sufficient measures to looking after the health and safety of all those who visit us or take part in our life. The precautions we take will build confidence in people that the church remains a safe place to enter and worship. We will say more once detailed guidance from the diocese has been considered, but central measures will include:

- a strong encouragement to wear face coverings indoors;
- some provision for those who would like to attend Mass with greater social distancing;
- encouragement to respect one another's need for space;
- gradual introduction of singing;
- continuing registration / signing in for Mass;
- a blended approach to parish activities.

Please continue to book for Mass, but we should be able to increase capacity.

### **Next Sunday is the first World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly**

Pope Francis has issued a special message (See <https://tinyurl.com/bfdtexj4>) He praises the elderly for their witness of faith and long fidelity to the Catholic Church and also talks about the value of the older generation both to the Church and wider society and the huge contribution they make through their prayers. We are very blessed by the presence of our older parishioners in our parish and give prayerful thanks for their witness and all they do for us.

**Activities this Summer** for children of the parish who were in School Years 6 and 7 for 2020-21.

29th July - Pizza evening. 6pm Godalming. £10 per head.

3rd September - Outdoor Activity Day. 10.30 am to 3.30 pm. Walton Firs, Cobham. £12 per head. For further details, please contact Jo Taylor on [jotaylor987@gmail.com](mailto:jotaylor987@gmail.com). Bookings needed by 26th July to secure places.

**Dates for your diary** It's wonderful to be able to announce some parish events now that restrictions are easing.

**Parish Family Day on the Feast of the Assumption** The Greys have kindly offered their garden and barn in Elstead for this annual get-together on Sunday 15th August. The day starts with Mass at 11am, followed by tea/coffee, picnic lunches in the grounds, opportunities for family games, children's bring-a-cake competition, afternoon tea; and ends at 3.30pm. Nick de Caestecker has kindly offered to co-ordinate and please get in touch with him if you are able to help with arrangements (e.g. setting & clearing up, parking etc): Nick's phone number is 07985 096233 and email: [nickdec1@btinternet.com](mailto:nickdec1@btinternet.com)

**Creation Mass at Ladywell Convent** The FMDM Sisters have kindly offered us the opportunity to hold a parish Mass at 11am (time t.b.c.) in the beautiful grounds of Ladywell on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September** to celebrate the start of the Season of Creation. And now that we are officially a *livesimply* parish, the group will be sharing 'what's next' for *livesimply* in our parish. Everyone is invited and please bring your own picnic lunch so that you can stay on and relax; refreshments will be provided after Mass. If you are able to help with arrangements please contact Jo Lewry on 01483 421520 or email [jolewry@aol.com](mailto:jolewry@aol.com)  
To help with communication and planning, please **book on Eventbrite** for both events. If we are unlucky with the weather the Masses may move St Joseph's, Milford.

**First Holy Communion** This Sunday 12 more children from our parish will receive 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.

**BBC Songs of Praise from Arundel Cathedral this Sunday!** This will be broadcast at 1.15pm on BBC1 One and will be available to watch on BBC iPlayer afterwards. Enjoy! And if you have any feedback, the diocesan comms team would love to hear from you:  
[communications@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:communications@abdiocese.org.uk)

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

In November the UK will host the largest gathering of world leaders ever to take place on British soil: the 'COP26' climate talks. 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. To sign the petition please visit:

<https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/73304/petition/1>

**Supporting Godalming foodbank** Thank you for your donations which we have delivered to the foodbank. Financial contributions are also welcome; please make cheques payable to St Mark's Community Centre, and post to St Mark's Community Centre, Franklyn Rd, Godalming GU7 2LD.

**Worth Abbey Online Day Retreats** '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)

**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.

**Colour and Shape** 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 will be resuming in September and meeting on Monday mornings at St John's Centre, Farncombe. All young families are welcome. More information from Janet: 01252 702156.

**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.

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 who died recently and Stella Holmes, Kenneth Goater, David Dixon, Josefa Orlinska, Jock McKenna, Peter Casey and Kathleen Still whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Schedule of Liturgies**  
**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**18th July 2021**

<b>Saturday 17th July</b>	<b>10.00am Mass (St Joseph's)†</b> – <i>Mary O'Sullivan RIP</i> <b>6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)†*</b> – <i>Marie Cronin RIP</i>
<b>Sunday 18th July</b> 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>9.00am Mass (St John's)†</b> - <i>Peter Turner RIP</i> <b>10.30am Mass with First Holy Communion (St Joseph's)†</b> <b>12.30pm Mass with First Holy Communion (St Joseph's)†</b> – <i>Fr David Hunter &amp; Fr Matthew Donnelly</i>
<b>Monday 19th July</b>	<b>9.30am Mass (St Joseph's)</b> – <i>Private Intention</i>
<b>Tuesday 20th July</b>	<b>7.30am Mass (St Edmund's)</b> –
<b>Wednesday 21st July</b>	<i>10.00am Mass at St Joseph's Guildford</i>
<b>Thursday 22nd July</b> St Mary Magdalene	<b>7.30am Mass (St Edmund's)</b> –
<b>Friday 23rd July</b> St Bridget of Sweden	<b>9.30am Mass (St Joseph's)</b> –
<b>Saturday 24th July</b>	<b>10.00am Mass (St Joseph's)†</b> – <b>6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)†*</b> –
<b>Sunday 25th July</b> 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>9.00am Mass (St John's)†</b> – <i>Private Intention</i> <b>10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)†</b> 12.00pm Baptism (St Joseph's)

Sunday Year B. Weekday Cycle I. Psalter Week 4.

†**Please Book** – 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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