



# **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*

## **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 25th 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 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

PSALM RESPONSE: You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

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**COVID update** We are committed to taking suitable and sufficient measures to look after the health and safety of all those who visit us or take part in our life. Following discussions with Public Health England we will be doing the following to build confidence in people that the church remains a safe place to enter and worship:

- a strong encouragement to wear face coverings;
- some social distancing - for the next few weeks this means: 6pm seating on every other bench; 9am, 10.00am & 10.30am with 1m+ spacing;
- 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 weekend Mass on Eventbrite and we hope to increase capacity.

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

This special occasion celebrates the wisdom of the elderly and the joy and vocation of being a grandparent. Our Diocese will remember grandparents, and all those who are elderly, at Masses during the weekend, with prayer cards available in every parish. This year's theme, chosen by Pope Francis, is "I am with you always" (Mt 28:20) expressing the closeness of the Lord and the Church to every older person, especially in the challenging times of the Covid-19 pandemic. Pope Francis' special message can be read here: <https://tinyurl.com/bfdtexj4>

Fr Jonathan has a number of prayer cards with a new icon of the Holy Family with Ss Joachim and Anne for any grandparents who would like one. Please see him after Mass.

**Activities this Summer** for children of the parish from school Yrs 6 & 7 for 2020-2021.  
**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) Please book 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** at The Old Farmhouse, Elstead. The Greys have kindly offered their garden and 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. Please contact Nick de Caestecker if you are able to help with arrangements (e.g. setting & clearing up, parking etc) on 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 5th 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, 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.

**BBC Songs of Praise from Arundel Cathedral** was broadcast on BBC1 One last Sunday and is available to watch on BBC iPlayer for a few weeks. If you have 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>

**Andrew Herrington** (Still in Wisley Ward at RSCH) has a significant birthday coming up in a couple of weeks. A few friends in the parish have arranged a birthday card for him, which will be available at St John's at the 9am Mass next Sunday, for those who wish to sign.

**Surrey Churches Ride & Stride** Advance notice to all walkers and cyclists that this year's fundraiser to help preserve local church buildings takes place on Saturday 11th September. So, plenty of time to inflate those tyres and oil those chains. We will follow our usual ride from Farncombe to Compton, Puttenham, Elstead, Milford and Godalming. All welcome for all or part of it! Email Ian: [Honeysett@btinternet.com](mailto:Honeysett@btinternet.com)

**Beginning Experience Weekend** If you are single again following divorce, separation or the death of your partner, a residential weekend to help you to heal will be held from 8th to 10th October 2021 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. If you would like more details, please phone Freda 01322 838415 or Maura 07795 498445 or email: [besouthofengland@gmail.com](mailto:besouthofengland@gmail.com)

**Redundant iPads and Laptops** are desperately needed by the Gatwick Detainees' Welfare Group to access English language tuition, to communicate with friends, family, important support services and their volunteer visitor, and to access resources such as foodbanks and to join our post detention services. If you can help, contact Josie at: [josie@gdwg.org.uk](mailto:josie@gdwg.org.uk)

**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.

**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.

#### **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 Edith Blaikie, Elsie Rapley, Mary Flight and James Coleman whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Schedule of Liturgies  
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
25th July 2021**

<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)† – Private Intention</b> <b>10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)† – People of the Parish</b>
<b>Monday 26th July</b> Ss Joachim and Anne	<i>10.00am Mass at St Joseph's, Guildford</i>
<b>Tuesday 27th July</b>	<i>10.00am Mass at St Joseph's, Guildford</i>
<b>Wednesday 28th July</b>	<b>11.00am Requiem Mass Mary Harmsworth RIP (St Joseph's)</b>
<b>Thursday 29th July</b> St Martha	<b>9.30am Mass (St Joseph's)</b>
<b>Friday 30th July</b>	<b>9.30am Mass (St Edmund's)</b>
<b>Saturday 31st July</b> (St Ignatius Loyola)	<b>10.00am Mass (St Joseph's)† – Rev Paul Nwune</b> 1.00pm Wedding (St Edmund's) – <i>Colcannon / Hime-Knowles</i> <b>6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)† – Katie Ewing RIP</b>
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August</b> 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>9.00am Mass (St John's)†</b> <b>10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)†</b> 12.00pm Baptism (St Joseph's) 1.00pm Baptism (St Edmund's)

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

†Please Book 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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