



# 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*

## **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021**

*I am the bread of life*

When it comes to the Last Supper the Gospel of John tells us nothing about what Jesus did with bread and wine on that most sacred of nights. Instead, in Chapter 6, we are presented with an extended teaching on the Bread of Life. As so often with St John's literary style, it proceeds by way of partial understanding, of the protagonists sensing something but not quite getting it right. I would like to pick out some aspect of the passage that we read today.

First, that the bread of life is like manna in the desert. It is food, as a gift from God, for our travelling through the wilderness: essential food for our journey through life. Even though we hear that later on Israel got fed up with it (Num 21:5 "we are sick of this unsatisfying food"), the description of manna in Exodus makes it sound quite appealing – "It was like coriander seed; it was white and its taste was like that of wafers made of honey".

Second, the bread of heaven which Jesus offers *gives life to the world*. It does this on account of its link with his saving death. To share in this bread is to receive the new life which comes from the mystery of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. He conquers sin and death and in doing so brings life. Through the Eucharist we are drawn more deeply into the life of Jesus Christ and the love of the Father, through the dwelling of the Holy Spirit in us. There are very many holy men and women through the ages who have borne witness to this through their ability to live and flourish despite difficult situations, such as persecution, poverty or serious illness. Even though their situation outwardly was grim, they were somehow full of life. Having nothing, yet wanting for nothing more.

Third, what Jesus gives is his very self. "I am the bread of life", he says. He is personally implicated in this gift of life that we are to receive. It is, therefore, significant that in the Eucharist he himself is present, is here with us and for us in love, in the form of bread and wine, in the Word, in the priest and in the assembly.

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

PSALM RESPONSE: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; No one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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**The Feast of the Transfiguration** is on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August. Mass will be celebrated at St Edmund's at 9.30am.

**Parish Family Day on the Feast of the Assumption** at The Old Farmhouse, Elstead. The Greys have kindly offered their garden for this annual get-together on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 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 can 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 the Parish Family Day and the Creation Mass. If we are unlucky with the weather the Masses may move St Joseph's, Milford.

**Elstead Coffee Morning** Anyone is welcome to join the Elstead community for Coffee at the Pavilion Cafe on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August. Why not come to 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's, Milford and then head over?

**First Holy Communion 2021/22** Parents who would like to prepare their children (in school Yr 4 for 2021/22) for First Holy Communion please contact Anne asap by email: [communionatsteds@gmail.com](mailto:communionatsteds@gmail.com)

**Livestream** We will be reviewing livestreaming of the Saturday evening Mass. If you make use of this please do get in touch with Fr Jonathan.

**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.

**CTiG&D Staycation Service of Worship at Godalming Bandstand** This event takes place next Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August at 10.30am. Please bring your family and friends to this lovely open-air service of Worship.

**Andrew Herrington** is still on Wisley Ward at RSCH and has a significant birthday this week. 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 this Sunday for those who wish to sign. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Visit the Cellar Camino Café** This has now reopened in a new venue opposite Waitrose this Café is as friendly and welcoming as ever, offering a wide range of drinks and home-made food at low prices. 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.

**Surrey Churches Ride & Stride** This year's fundraiser to help preserve local church buildings takes place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September. So, plenty of time to inflate those tyres and oil those chains! We will follow our usual ride from Farncombe to Godalming via local villages. 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 takes place from 8th to 10th October at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. If you would like more details, contact 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 communicate with friends and family, and access English language tuition, important support services and their volunteer visitor, foodbanks and post detention services. If you can help please contact Josie at: [josie@gdwg.org.uk](mailto:josie@gdwg.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>

**BBC Songs of Praise from Arundel**

**Cathedral** was recently broadcast on BBC1 One 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)

**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)

**Dementia guides** If you are a carer, or know of someone who is, please take home these free guides available at the back of St Edmund's church or from the parish office.

**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 August:**

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

**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 Stanislaw Lukaszewick who died recently and Conrad Real, Paul Hanson, Rudolf Orlinki and Damian Norris whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Schedule of Liturgies**  
**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**1<sup>st</sup> August 2021**

<b>Saturday 31st July</b> (St Ignatius Loyola)	<b>10.00am Mass (St Joseph's)†</b> – <i>Rev Paul Nwune</i> 1.00pm Wedding (St Edmund's) – <i>Concanon / Hime-Knowles</i> <b>6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)†*</b> – <i>Katie Ewing RIP</i>
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August</b> 18 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>9.00am Mass (St John's)†</b> – <i>Celia Stammers RIP</i> <b>10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)†</b> – <i>People of the Parish</i> 12.00pm Baptism (St Joseph's) 1.00pm Baptism (St Edmund's)
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August</b>	<b>9.30am Mass (St Joseph's)</b>
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August</b>	<b>9.30am Mass (St Edmund's)</b>
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August</b> St John Mary Vianney	<b>9.30am Mass (St Joseph's)</b>
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<i>10.00am Mass in Haslemere</i>
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August</b> THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	<b>9.30am Mass (St Edmund's)</b>
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>10.00am Mass (St Joseph's)†</b> <b>6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)†*</b> – <i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August</b> 19 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>9.00am Mass (St John's)†</b> – <i>Wellbeing of Andrew Herrington</i> <b>10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)†</b> 12.00pm Baptism (St Joseph's)

Sunday Year B. Weekday Cycle I. Psalter Week 2.

†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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