



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*

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 8th August 2021

Anyone who eats this bread will live forever

For centuries, popular literature, theatre and film have often explored the quest to overcome death and gain immortality. It is a theme in the first of the Harry Potter books. It was the reason why Indiana Jones's adversaries sought the holy grail. At first sight it seems as if this is what is promised in the bread of life: "your fathers ate manna in the desert and they are dead... Anyone who eats this bread will live forever".

The Eucharist, the bread of life differs significantly from these magical cures. Firstly, sacraments are not magic. Yes, they do indeed give the grace and the gifts that they signify, but that's not the end of the story. It is necessary that we cooperate with God's working in us, allowing the life of the Holy Spirit in us to grow and flourish. He will do most of the work, but it needs at least a little on our part

Secondly, and wonderfully, the life that is given is not the ability to endure while all else decays, nor is it a mere continuation of what we know now. It is rather the gift of a share in the life and love of God himself, of Holy Trinity. The Eucharist makes us companions of the Lord. As we eat and drink at his table here on earth, we already begin to eat and drink in his company in heaven. The Eucharist places us into this other reality – the one for which we were made, but still remains somewhat hidden from us. The Eucharist is also the privileged way in which the Holy Spirit comes to us, breathes in us, grows in us and brings us closer to the Father through the Son.

The response to the Psalm today provides a traditional chant for communion – "Taste and see that the Lord is good". It issues the clear invitation to throw ourselves wholeheartedly into this new life and to experience, even now, the sweetness and joy which Christ has won for us. Let us pray for ourselves and all those whose regular celebration of the Eucharist has been interrupted by COVID, that we may experience anew the mystery of the bread of life.

Mass Responses for Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

PSALM RESPONSE: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

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Arrangements for Mass from September

As we move into September we will be restoring much of the pre-Covid pattern of weekend Masses:

- Saturday 6pm St Edmund's.
- Sunday 8.45am St John's (with children's liturgy)
- Sunday 10.30am St Joseph's

We will be stopping the regular 6pm **livestream** so that we can more easily sing and involve young people. We are pleased that it has been helpful to a number of people and are very happy to recommend the very popular livestream from Guildford.

We have also decided to leave the St Joseph's Mass at the slightly later time so that there is less of a rush for the priest going from one to the other.

Saturday morning Mass will revert to the Mass of the day, usually at St Edmund's.

Aware that COVID is likely to still be in circulation we ask will usually keep seating to every other bench and continue asking people to register. It is likely that you will be spare places on most occasions. There will be more ventilation in the churches than last year, so please dress warmly when autumn and winter arrive. Please continue to wear face coverings.

We are committed to continue to work with Public Health England to build confidence in people that the church remains a safe place to enter and worship.

Wondering about becoming Catholic?

There will be a small group forming this autumn of people interested in becoming Catholic. If you think this might be for you, please speak with Fr Jonathan or with Ian Honeysett: Honeysett@btinternet.com

Sycamore

We are looking forward to running a series of new Sycamore films this autumn. In addition to a Tuesday evening zoom option, we would like to include opportunities to meet in small groups, either in the parish room or in people's homes. If you are able and willing to host or facilitate a small group please speak with Fr Jonathan or let the parish office know. More on this in September.

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 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. If we are unlucky with the weather the Mass will move to St Joseph's, Milford, but at the same time of 11.00am. Please contact Nick de Caestecker if you are able to help (e.g. setting & clearing up, parking etc) on 07985 096233 and email: nickdec1@btinternet.com

Creation Mass at Ladywell Convent The FMDM Sisters have kindly offered us the opportunity to hold a parish Mass at 10.30am in the beautiful grounds of Ladywell on **Sunday 5th September** to celebrate the start of the Season of Creation and mark the next step in our living simply. The sisters are kindly providing tea, coffee and cakes afterwards. Please note the revised time, and that this Mass will take place outside unless the weather is very bad, so please dress appropriately and bring something to sit on. We could do with a little help to set up, steward and clear away' please contact Jo on 01483 421520 or email jolewry@aol.com

To help with communication and planning, please **book on Eventbrite** for both the Parish Family Day and the Creation Mass.

Bumps and Babes resume in September and on Monday mornings at St John's Centre, Farncombe. All young families are welcome. More information from Janet: 01252 702156.

Children's Liturgy will resume at the 8.45am Mass at St John's from 12th September.

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

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

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

Gardening services The grounds at St Edmund's and St Joseph's need regular maintenance and we are looking for a new local contractor. If you know of anyone who may be interested please contact Sarah in the parish office.

Surrey Churches Ride & Stride This year's fundraiser to help preserve local church buildings takes place on Saturday 18th September. We will follow our usual ride from Farncombe to Godalming via local villages. All welcome for all or part of it! Contact Ian at: 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. Contact 01322 838415 or email: besouthofengland@gmail.com

Fatima is a new film directed by Marco Pontecorvo, and released in June, which tells an uplifting story about the power of faith, based on real-life events. Trailer and info at: <https://www.fatimafilm.co.uk/>

CCRS - The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) is beginning again in our Diocese this September. The course is designed for teachers in Catholic schools, for catechists and for anyone who would like to grow in understanding as they live their Catholic faith. For more information, please contact our Formation Adviser: jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk

Redundant iPads and Laptops are desperately needed by the GDWG (Gatwick Detainees' Welfare Group) to enable them to communicate with friends and family, and access English language tuition and important support services. If you can help please contact Josie at: josie@gdwg.org.uk

Wintershall Stations of the Cross are on the first Friday of every month at 7 am.

Our parish /liveSimply group asks you to sign the petition to 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>

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.

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 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 Stanislaw Lukaszewick, Fr Adrian Cadwallader CJ and Deacon Ivor Pelling who died recently and Peter Byrom Cecilia Leathem, Fr John McSheehy (former Parish Priest), Frank Ings, Robert Fiorentino, Alfred Scicluna, and Tim Holford whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Schedule of Liturgies
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Saturday 7th August	10.00am Mass (St Joseph's)† – <i>Celebrant's Intention</i> 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)†* – <i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 8th August 19 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am Mass (St John's)† – <i>Wellbeing of Andrew Herrington</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)† 12.00pm Baptism (St Joseph's)
Monday 9th August St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)	<i>10.00am Mass at St Joseph's, Guildford</i>
Tuesday 10th August St Lawrence	7.30am Mass (St Edmund's)
Wednesday 11th August St Clare	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>For vocations to religious life</i>
Thursday 12th August	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Dilys Willis RIP</i> 2.00pm Wedding (St Edmund's) – Paiano / Henderson
Friday 13th August	1.30pm Requiem Mass (St Joseph's) <i>for Stanislaw Lukaszewicz RIP</i>
Saturday 14th August	10.00am Mass (St Joseph's)† – <i>Alexander Moore RIP</i> 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)†* – <i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 15th August THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	9.00am Mass (St John's)† – <i>Celebrant's Intention</i> 11.00am Mass (The Old Farmhouse, Elstead, GU8 6DB)† 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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