



# 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*

## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021

On this Education Sunday I would like to share some key thoughts from a church document on the Catholic School in the third millennium. I hope it might be a source of encouragement for all those of our parish engaged in the work of learning and teaching.

**The educating community:** students, parents, teachers, directors and non-teaching staff. During childhood and adolescence, a student needs to experience personal relations with outstanding educators, and what is taught has greater influence on the student's formation when placed in a context of personal involvement, genuine reciprocity, coherence of attitudes, lifestyles and day to day behaviour. While respecting individual roles, the community dimension should be fostered, since it is one of the most enriching developments for the contemporary school... [T]his community dimension in the Catholic school is not a merely sociological category; it has a theological foundation as well.

**Teaching** has an extraordinary moral depth and is one of man's most excellent and creative activities, for the teacher does not write on inanimate material, but on the very spirits of human beings. The personal relations between the teacher and the students, therefore, assume an enormous importance and are not limited simply to giving and taking. Moreover, we must remember that teachers and educators fulfil a specific Christian vocation and share an equally specific participation in the mission of the Church, to the extent that "it depends chiefly on them whether the Catholic school achieves its purpose".

**Parents** have a particularly important part to play in the educating community, since it is to them that primary and natural responsibility for their children's education belongs... It is necessary to foster initiatives which encourage commitment, but which provide at the same time the right sort of concrete support which the family needs and which involve it in the Catholic school's educational project. The constant aim of the school therefore, should be contact and dialogue with the pupils' families, which should also be encouraged through the promotion of parents' associations, in order to clarify with their indispensable collaboration that personalised approach which is needed for an educational project to be efficacious.

### Mass Responses for Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

PSALM RESPONSE: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

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: How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

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**Sycamore** The next series of new Sycamore films starts w/c 18th October. In addition to a Thursday 8pm zoom option, there will be in-person options at least on Monday evening and Wednesday morning. To sign up please go to <https://tinyurl.com/32m8c7m4>. For more information about Sycamore visit their website: [sycamore.fm](http://sycamore.fm).

**This weekend is Education Sunday** There will be a blessing for students and teachers at each Mass, offered for all those who learn or teach in schools, colleges and universities.

**COVID arrangements** We ask everyone to wear face coverings and to register for Mass, though it is likely that there will be spare places on most occasions. We are operating at a reduced capacity to provide some distancing and working on 1m+ at St John's.

There will be some places reserved at St Joseph's each Sunday for people who are **more clinically vulnerable**. Please register on Eventbrite if you need one of these. They will be facing the altar in the part of the church that is better ventilated.

Weekday Masses are generally quiet and would be a good way back to Mass if you are nervous about coming on a Sunday.

**First Holy Communion Enrolment** This year's programme starts on 18<sup>th</sup> September and FHC enrolment will take place at each Mass next weekend, so please be aware that there may be a few more people than usual at these Masses. There is another **FHC Information Evening at 7.30pm** at St Edmund's church on 14<sup>th</sup> September for parents who missed the meeting in June and who would like to register their children (school Yr 4). More information from Anne: [communionatsteds@gmail.com](mailto:communionatsteds@gmail.com)

**Altar Serving** Fr Jonathan would like to extend a special invitation to the children who have made their First Holy Communion to become altar servers. If you're interested, please get in touch; the invitation is extended also to older young people and to adults.

**Bumps and Babes** resumes this week, and regularly on Monday mornings at 10.30am, at St John's Centre, Farncombe. All young families are welcome but please pre-book by emailing Eileen: [eileen.hudson@gmail.com](mailto:eileen.hudson@gmail.com)

**Baptism Preparation** New sessions are planned for early October for parents and carers who would like to prepare their child for this sacrament; please get in touch as soon as possible with Fr Jonathan to register.

**Fr Mario Sanderson RIP** His funeral will take place in Mayfield. Vigil Mass 4.30pm on 20<sup>th</sup> September, Funeral Mass and burial at 12 noon on 21<sup>st</sup>. Space is limited but the Mass will be live-streamed. For a seat please email: [chancery@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:chancery@abdiocese.org.uk) There will be a Mass for Fr Mario at 9.30am that morning at St Joseph's, Milford.

### **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](mailto:Honeysett@btinternet.com)

**Big Green Litter Pick after all Masses on w/e 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> September.** Our Live Simply group encourages you to have a go at helping them keep our neighbourhoods tidy and hopes others will come along and join them; they will be meeting to clean up the areas around St Edmund's at **10am** on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>; and St John's on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> at **9.30am** and St Joseph's at **11.30am**. Please bring gloves and a bag.

**Surrey Churches Ride & Stride** This year's fundraiser to help preserve local church buildings takes place on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September. The group will follow their usual ride through the local villages. All welcome for all or part of it! Contact Ian at: [Honeysett@btinternet.com](mailto:Honeysett@btinternet.com)

### **Season of Creation Mass at Ladywell**

A wonderful occasion, with over 150 parishioners gathered on the lawn under a blue sky. Thank you to everyone who helped with the arrangements and especially to Ladywell Convent for such generous hospitality. It was a treat for parishioners from our three Mass centres to be able to socialise together and we hope there will be more opportunities like this in the future. Please help yourself to a green Live Simply prayer card for the Season of Creation; there are copies at the back of the church.

**School Admission Forms** If you need a form signing, please get in touch to arrange to meet with Fr Jonathan who likes to use it as an opportunity to get to know families in the parish; either phone (G 416880) or email the parish office. Ideally, St Peter's SIF form now and St Edmund's form after half-term.

**ADoRE mini-retreat** online on September 18th from 10am-1pm, with Mass, Adoration, Reflection, Praise, Talk and Prayer on the theme 'Gifts of Healings'. Guest speakers are Geoff and Gina Poulter, who have many years of experience in the healing ministry. Please register to attend: [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com)

**Prayer from Scratch** this Jesuit course, over five Wednesdays, will help participants see prayer in a new way. The course starts on 22nd September at 7-8pm, online, and includes time for discussion and reflection, and periods of guided prayer. More info at: <https://londonjesuitcentre.org/prayer-from-scratch>

**Ten Steps to Living Simply** Our Live Simply group has compiled a Ten-Step Guide to help us focus our actions and remind us of the different ways in which we can make an impact. **Step 1 for September is: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.** *'The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God'* [From Pope Francis' Laudate Si' 84].

**Save the date! Our annual parish CAFOD Quiz Night takes place on 12th November, 7pm-10pm, St John's Church Room. More details to follow.**

**Thanks** to Jo, Angela, Alan and all parents who helped 33 children from the parish to enjoy a great activity day at Walton Firs.

**Thank you to our Parish Knitting Group** for some fantastic knits for our two chosen charities: the Royal Surrey and the Stella Maris charity to support seafarers. There are photos of the knits being presented to the wards on our fb page. If you'd like to join the group, contact Sarah in the parish office.

**Are you following us on facebook?** find us at <https://www.facebook.com/stedsgod/> or search @stedsgod – and like/follow us!

**Parish Finance** Thank you to those who support the parish by their 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, contact Eileen: [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 September:**

That we may make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in those young people who are resolutely committed to protecting God's Creation.

#### **The sick and those who care for them**

including –Jean Rejniak, 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 Fr Mario Sanderson, Vlasta Quill and Giuseppe Morbelli who died recently, and Jean Nentwich, Mary Read, Anthony Wallerstein, John Gibbs, Lorna Henry, Thomas Brenninkmeijer, Margaret Monk, Violet Wright, Salvatore Barbato, Patrick McElroy, Jean Sanford, Reginald Hurt, Lucyna Czuchnicka, and Audrey Burke, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Schedule of Liturgies  
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
12<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

<b>Saturday 11th September</b>	<b>9.30am Mass (St Edmund's)</b> <b>6pm Mass (St Edmund's)†</b>
<b>Sunday 12th September</b> 24 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>8.45am Mass (St John's)† – <i>People of the Parish</i></b> <b>10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)†</b>
<b>Monday 13th September</b> St John Chrysostom	<b>9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) –</b>
<b>Tuesday 14th September</b> Exaltation of the Holy Cross	<b>7.30am Mass (St Edmund's)</b>
<b>Wednesday 15th September</b> Our Lady of Sorrows	<b>9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Guiseppe Morbelli RIP</i></b>
<b>Thursday 16th September</b> Ss Cornelius and Cyprian	<i>Mass available at 10am at St Joseph's Guildford</i>
<b>Friday 17th September</b>	<b>9.30am Mass (St Edmund's)</b> <b>7-8.00pm Adoration (St Joseph's)</b> 8.00pm Mass in Polish (St Joseph's)
<b>Saturday 18th September</b>	<b>9.30am Mass (St Edmund's)</b> <b>6pm Mass (St Edmund's)†</b>
<b>Sunday 19th September</b> 25 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>8.45am Mass (St John's)† – <i>People of the Parish</i></b> <b>10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)†</b> 12.15pm Baptism (St Edmund's)

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

†Please Book on Eventbrite (<https://tinyurl.com/7vnxztc4>)

**St Edmund's Church is open each day, usually from 10am to 5pm**

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