



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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time **3rd October 2021**

The Anniversary of Dedication of St Edmund's Church

On 3rd October 1923 Bishop Amigo consecrated St Edmund's Church in Croft Road. Our forebears set it aside for the worship of God as an outward and visible sign of their own consecration to him, and of his work in them.

Our churches stand as "special kinds of images of the Church itself, which is God's temple, built of living stones." They are deeply entwined with our history and our identity: they "witness to the faith of past generations even as they serve the faith of contemporary congregations. They are places where personal, family and community memories mingle." While the people of the new covenant do indeed "worship in spirit and in truth" our embodied nature means that place is significant. Often the sacredness of place is experienced deep down before it is properly understood. According to some surveys as many people come to Christian faith as through courses such as Alpha and I know of a number of friends who have become Catholic because they have experienced the (real) presence of our Lord in the tabernacle. In established churches we sense how the years of prayer have seeped into the very fabric of the building.

Our churches are integral to our mission: they speak prophetically of God and of his people. "The beauty of the design, indeed the very existence [of our churches], serve as eloquent witness to the whole of our society of the Gospel, of our belief in the mystery of God's saving grace and of our desire to respond to such love through lives of faithful discipleship." They are places in which hospitality and welcome is extended even when we are not physically present, places in which the Lord himself tends to those who seek the consolation and strength of still waters.

The anniversary of consecration is always an important day in the calendar. (St Joseph's anniversary is kept near 17th March.) Let us give thanks for those who have given us St Edmund's, those who keep it now as a place set aside for prayer and worship, those for whom this is and has been a place in which every part of life is brought to the love of God. Above all, let us praise and thank the Lord for his choosing us, setting us aside for his service and for living here among us.

Mass Responses for Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

PSALM RESPONSE: May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

** The entrance antiphon and communion antiphon are not said if replaced by song.*

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Sycamore A new series of Sycamore films, looking this time at the Sacraments, starts in the parish on 18th October. In addition to a Thursday 8pm zoom option, there will be in-person options 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.

Baby Loss Awareness Week For the month of October we have set up a **Baby Loss Memorial** in the Lady Chapel at St Edmunds Church for anyone looking for support following the loss of a baby, for example through miscarriage, still birth, abortion or other circumstances. This is a quiet space to pray and write a memorial message or prayer request in the memorial book. Everyone is welcome to drop in. Baby Loss Matters provides counselling support; contact by phone on: 0808 802 5433 or email: help@pregnancymatters.org.uk Alternatively, for an informal chat over a cuppa, please feel free to contact Julie Finn on: 07943 675379. There will be a short service to pray for all these little ones and those who love them on 24th October at 4pm.

October is traditionally the month of the Rosary. There will be an opportunity to pray this together after 9.30am Masses throughout the month. Fr Jonathan suggests that you might include the following in your intentions: the victims and survivors of abuse, the Assisted Dying Bill, the relief of the pandemic, and those affected by climate change.

At 6pm Mass this weekend we will keep the Solemnity of the Anniversary of the Dedication of St Edmund's Church. Readings: Is56:1-6-7; Psalm 83; 1Pet2:4-9; Lk19:1-10

Receptions On **9th October**, the feast of St John Henry Newman, we look forward to receiving four of our brothers and sisters into full communion with the Catholic Church at 6pm Mass: Angela, Carole, Mark and Peter. Please remember them in your prayers. As it is also a first communion preparation weekend, please be aware that there may be more people than usual at Mass.

Assisted Dying Bill – Call to Action This bill is currently making its way through the House of Lords. Please pray about it and actively consider a response, especially if you work in healthcare or the law, **before the Second Reading on 22 October.** For further resources see the Bishops Conference website at <https://tinyurl.com/fifj277y>.

The Season of Creation ends with the feast day of St Francis of Assisi. Please continue to pray with urgency for the care of creation and our common home and for the success of the COP26 talks in November.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Climate Crisis Appeal Please remember to return your CAFOD Family Fast Day envelopes this weekend, to help people who are worst affected by the impact of climate change and to protect our common home; or donate online: cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis. Would you also consider adding your voice to the online COP26 [petition](#) calling for our PM to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis cafod.org.uk/climate? Thank you.

COVID arrangements Please wear face coverings if you are able. We usually have some spaces set aside at St Joseph's that are socially distanced, especially for those who are more clinically vulnerable. Seating at St John's is based on 1m+ and there is some distanced seating at both St Edmund's and St Joseph's (with every other bench left free). These can be booked on Eventbrite. *If you are happy to use the 'open seating' then registering helps our planning but is no longer essential.*

Music @ Farncombe We will be starting to sing at St John's. If you are interested in playing an instrument or practicing the singing please speak to Fr Jonathan or Harriet (at the piano).

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.

Marriage Anniversaries Mass with Bishop Richard at St Joseph's, Guildford on Saturday 9th October 9th at 11.30am. To book email: Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

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

Could you be our parish rep at Churches Together in Godalming?

If you are interested, please contact Angela Gilmour who would be willing to explain the role more fully. The AGM takes place on 13th October.

A House of Prayer Retreat On 30th October, 'What do we tell ourselves about God? Who do you say I am?' For more information www.christian-retreat.org/

Bumps and Babes This group now meets regularly on Monday mornings at 10.30am, at St John's Centre, Farncombe. All young families are welcome. More information from Eileen: eileen.hudson@gmail.com

Grandparents' Groups Within the Diocese there are several active grandparent groups who gather to pray for their grandchildren and to share the highs and lows of this stage of life. If you are interested in joining or creating a group in the parish, please contact Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

Ten Steps to Living Simply: Step 2 for October is **Less is more. Make the best of what you already own.** *'If the simple fact of being human moves people to care for the environment of which they are a part, Christians in their turn realize that their responsibility within creation, and their duty towards nature and the Creator, are an essential part of their faith.'* (Laudate Si 64).

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.

Wintershall Nativity The Wintershall Nativity Journey is an unforgettable experience, bringing the true meaning of Christmas to life for the whole family. Tickets can be booked for performances from 16th to 20th December on www.wintershall.org.uk or by phone: 01483 892167.

Parish Finance There are collection baskets at the entrance to the church for your offerings for the parish. 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

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 young people of our parish to be confirmed by Bishop Richard at Arundel on 10th October.

The Holy Father's Intention for October: We pray that all Christians might be missionary disciples and open to the demands of the Church's evangelizing mission

The sick and those who care for them including – Margaret McClinton, Jean Rejniak, Andrew Herrington, Helena Burger, Audrey Hockey, Margaret Szalajda, Anne Stephens, Warren McMillan, Margarita Crawford, Irene Grant, 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 Jean Collins and Elizabeth Whitelaw (Laverty) who died recently, and Maureen Weller, Alexander Kubik, Rose Rourke, Florence Ronan, Giorgio Abellii-Ribera, Lorraine Hall, and Bridie Rolling whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Schedule of Liturgies
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<p>Saturday 2nd October</p> <p>The Holy Guardian Angels</p> <p>SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF DEDICATION OF ST EDMUND'S CHURCH</p>	<p>9.30am Mass (St Edmund's)</p> <p>6pm Mass (St Edmund's)† - <i>Deceased benefactors</i></p>
<p>Sunday 3rd October</p> <p>27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p>ANNIVERSARY OF DEDICATION OF ST EDMUND'S CHURCH</p>	<p>8.45am Mass (St John's)† - <i>People of the Parish</i></p> <p>10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)† - <i>FMDM sisters</i></p> <p>12.15pm Baptism (St Edmund's)</p>
<p>Monday 4th October</p> <p>St Francis of Assisi</p>	<p><i>10.00am Mass available at St Joseph's, Guildford</i></p>
<p>Tuesday 5th October</p>	<p>9.30am Mass (St Joseph's)</p> <p><i>– Frank & Matthew Brown RIP</i></p>
<p>Wednesday 6th October</p>	<p>2.00pm Requiem Mass for Elizabeth Whitelaw RIP (St Joseph's)</p>
<p>Thursday 7th October</p> <p>Our Lady of the Rosary</p>	<p>7.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Ivy Rosa Smith RIP</i></p>
<p>Friday 8th October</p>	<p>7.30am Mass (St Edmund's) –</p> <p>7.00pm Adoration (St Joseph's)</p> <p>8.00pm Mass in Polish (St Joseph's)</p>
<p>Saturday 9th October</p> <p>ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN</p>	<p>9.30am Mass (St Edmund's)</p> <p>6pm Mass with Reception & Confirmation (St Edmund's)† - <i>People of the Parish</i></p>
<p>Sunday 10th October</p> <p>28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>8.45am Mass (St John's)†</p> <p>10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)†</p> <p><i>- Tommy & Nuala Gallagher</i></p> <p>12.15pm Baptism (St Edmund's)</p>

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

†Please register on Eventbrite if you can (<https://tinyurl.com/7vnxztc4>)

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