



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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 10th October 2021

The meeting and exchange between Jesus and the rich young man provides a model for the question that each of us will eventually come to ask, 'what must I do to be happy, to inherit eternal life?' It was the stimulus for St John Paul's reflection on living the moral life in his letter, *Veritatis Splendor*, in which he explains how living the moral life is the key to happiness. We become happy by doing what is right and good.

But the path of discipleship, the path that brings us closer to Jesus and through him to the Father does not consist in doing the minimum – even if that itself can sometimes take a lot of work. It requires us to seek to be both perfect and merciful as our heavenly Father is perfect and merciful. Reaching this high standard is clearly beyond our own power, but we can move towards it if we open ourselves to the power and grace of the Holy Spirit in our lives. When people, mature in Christian life come to me for confession and are struggling to find sins to confess (and very often there are no longer serious ones to be confessed in their lives) I will often invite them to consider and pray about their perfection. How can they, even now, grow to become closer to and more like Jesus, the image of the Father. And there is always more that we can do, while we are still alive.

Peter's contribution is telling. At this point (and perhaps not dissimilar to his question about how often he should forgive) he is still trying to get to grips with what this new relationship in his life might mean and is perhaps fearful about its potential costs as much as he is attracted by the person of Jesus, who already knows him so well. Jesus words are there to encourage him, and us, as we try to figure out what next steps to take in our following him. Whatever the cost may seem, when we stop and look back, and maybe even while on the journey, we will see that we have gained more than we could have hoped or dreamed.

Mass Responses for Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

PSALM RESPONSE: Fill us with your love so that we may rejoice.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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

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Receptions at 6pm Mass On the feast of St John Henry Newman, we receive four of our brothers and sisters into full communion with the Catholic Church: Angela, Carole, Mark and Peter. Please remember them in your prayers.

Confirmation Please keep in your prayers the young people of our parish who will be confirmed by Bishop Richard at Arundel Cathedral this Sunday.

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 message or prayer request in the memorial book. Everyone is welcome to drop in. Baby Loss Matters provides counselling support; contact by phone: 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 at St Edmund's church.

COVID arrangements Please wear face coverings at Mass if you are able. Some extra socially distanced seating is set aside at St Joseph's for those who are more clinically vulnerable which can be booked on Eventbrite; elsewhere seating is mostly based on 1m+. *If you are happy to use the 'open seating' then registering helps our planning but is no longer essential.*

CAFOD Family Fast Day Please remember to return your Family Fast Day envelopes or donate online: cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis

This week is Prisons Week, a time to raise awareness of prisoners needs and remember the enormous challenges involved in coping with a custodial sentence, and that many prisoners haven't had the opportunities that many of us take for granted, such as a secure family, an education, or support in the early years to help find the right path in life. Many prisoners also suffer from mental illness or the effects of trauma such as childhood abuse or domestic violence and need (but don't always receive) clinical and therapeutic healthcare. Chaplaincy teams do great work within prisons and visitors bring hope and solace; we can support all this work through prayer, and by donating to the [prison charity PACT](#) using the envelopes provided at Mass. Perhaps you might also reflect whether you feel called to volunteer?

In solidarity with prisoners, we also ask you to support our **Livesimply Christmas prison outreach** to the women prisoners at HMP Send. A suggested contribution of £5-£10 per family, which can be returned in an envelope marked 'Prisoners Xmas gift' or donated via the contactless machines, will enable us to provide a Christmas day gift, so that the prisoners feel remembered on a day when it is particularly hard to be separated from their family.

Please keep prisoners in your prayers. One prison chaplain commented, *'It's humbling to feel that my prayers for them are heard. I have been privileged to see great recovery and great changes amongst the men in our pastoral care'*.

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/fjfj277y>.

Next weekend we welcome Fr Adrian Morrin to celebrate Mass in the parish. (He is doing a weekend swap with Fr Jonathan).

School Admission Forms If you need a form signing, please get in touch to arrange to meet with Fr Jonathan who is enjoying getting to know families in the parish.

CAFOD Quiz Night 12th November 7pm at St John's. It's that time again! Set up your own team of 8 or join a team on the night. Tickets are £10 each which includes a vegetarian or vegan ploughman's supper. Please bring your own drinks and one pudding per team to share. Tickets can be booked on our parish Eventbrite, payment via <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stedslivesimply> using your name as a payment reference. Tickets are limited so book early to avoid disappointment. If you have any dietary requirements or questions, please contact Jo Lewry: jolewry@aol.com

Parish Afternoon Teas These enjoyable occasions have resumed, and as before take place on the second Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm at the URC Hall in Elstead. As there was a full house in September **you now need to reserve your place in advance.** If you would like to come to the Tea this Wednesday 13th, please contact Janet or Francis on 01252 702156 or email janet@francisquinlan.com or contact a member of SVP. Lifts can be arranged so please let SVP know in advance.

Music @ Farncombe Now we are starting to sing at St John's please let us know if you are interested in playing an instrument or practicing the singing. Either speak to Fr Jonathan or Harriet (at the piano).

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

Churches Together in Godalming AGM

Might you be able represent us this Wednesday (13th October)? Please speak to Angela Gilmour or Fr Jonathan if you can.

Ten Steps to Living Simply Step 2 for October is **Less is more. Make the best of what you already have.** *'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).

Gift Aid Envelopes Some parishioners like to make their regular donations using numbered envelopes. If you would like to continue doing this, or would like to start donating with envelopes, please let Eileen Hudson know ASAP so that she can order numbered envelopes for you: 01483 208238 or eileen.hudson@gmail.com

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

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 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 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 Jean Collins and Kathleen O'Gorman and who died recently, and William Phillips, Bridget Pound, Franciszek Mrozinski, Jan Tanczyn, and Michelina Solano whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Schedule of Liturgies Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10th October 2021

Saturday 9th October ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's) 6pm Mass with Reception & Confirmation <i>(St Edmund's)† - People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 10th October 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.45am Mass (St John's)† 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)† <i>- Tommy & Nuala Gallagher</i>
Monday 11th October	7.30am Mass (St Edmund's)
Tuesday 12th October St Wilfrid	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's)
Wednesday 13th October St Edward the Confessor	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's)
Thursday 14th October	<i>10am Mass available at St Joseph's Guildford</i>
Friday 15th October ST TERESA OF JESUS	<i>10am Mass available at St Joseph's Guildford</i> 7.00pm Adoration (St Joseph's) 8.00pm Mass in Polish (St Joseph's)
Saturday 16th October	6pm Mass (St Edmund's)† - People of the Parish
Sunday 17th October 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.45am Mass (St John's)† - Elizabeth Whitelaw RIP 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)† - Celebrant's Intention

Sunday Year B. Weekday Cycle I. Psalter Week 4.

†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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