



# **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*

## **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 24th October 2021**

The gospel we hear today provides a vivid account of the healing of Bartimaeus, a blind man. A little earlier we heard of James and John asking for a favour from Jesus and Jesus saying to them "What do you want me to do for you?" The same question is asked here. But whereas before the disciples showed they understood neither who Jesus was nor what it was to follow him, here we see that Bartimaeus fully understands who Jesus is – the Son of David, through whom God has pity on his people – and sets out to follow him on his way.

Consider what Bartimaeus asks Jesus for. He might have asked for a little money or food, something that would relieve his poverty. But, full of faith, he speaks boldly and directly to Jesus – "Lord, that I may see" – and he immediately receives both physical healing and spiritual healing.

It is an invitation to us to recognise the presence of God in our lives and in response, filled with faith, to be bold in our prayer and our expectation. Filled with the humility which cries "have pity on me" our faith should lead us to ask not just for a little change in our circumstances or situation, but for a deep change that is worthy of the designation 'salvation'.

There are many things we might pray for at the moment: the living well together in our common home which is needed to address the challenge of climate change; the healing of the scars of child abuse in the lives of individuals, the church and wider society; the ending of conflict and injustice which drives migrants from their homes; the transformation of the weaknesses in our selves which prevent us from living fully and freely. The story of Bartimaeus stands as an example of, and invitation to, faith which leads to the deep change which is God's wish and gift for us.

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

PSALM RESPONSE: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

*\* The entrance antiphon and communion antiphon are not said if there is a hymn or song.*

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**World Mission Sunday** is this weekend. A special collection will be taken for *Missio*, which supports dioceses and parishes in mission territories around the world. It is a particular expression of our solidarity with them and their work. Some may remember 'red boxes' of the past and these are still available if you would like to collect coins for them through the year. To arrange for a box or a standing order for *Missio* please contact Nick de Caestecker on 07985 096233, or through the parish office.

**Sycamore** It's not too late to join one of the parish Sycamore groups which are meeting to watch five new films on the theme of the Sacraments; contact details are:

**Monday evenings at 7.30pm** at Dee Ellis' home in Wormley, started on 18<sup>th</sup> October. Contact Dee on 01428 682792.

**Wednesday mornings at 10.00am** at St Joseph's Church with Fr Jonathan, starting on 27<sup>th</sup> October. If you would like to come you are welcome just to turn up.

**Thursday evenings at 8.00pm** on Zoom started on 21<sup>st</sup> October. If you wish to join here is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/v4nw4v6k>

To find out more about Sycamore, or to watch some of the films visit: [sycamore.fm](http://sycamore.fm)

**Baby Loss Service** There will be a short service to pray for all these little ones and those who love them this Sunday at 4pm in St Edmund's church. The Baby Loss Memorial remains at St Edmund's until the end of the month as a quiet space to pray and write a message in the memorial book for the loss of a baby, for example through miscarriage, still birth, abortion or other circumstances. If you would like support or just want to chat, please phone Julie Finn on 07943 675379.

**Blessing of Graves** Next month we pray especially for the faithful departed. The blessing of graves will take place at 10.30am on 2<sup>nd</sup> November at **Milford** and at noon at **Eashing** on 7<sup>th</sup> November. If you have family buried elsewhere in the parish, please speak with Fr Jonathan to arrange a blessing.

**All Saints** is transferred to Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October this year. All Souls remains on 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

**Invited 'Deeper Dive' talks** Many will remember the excellent series of 'Invited' talks earlier this year from the Diocesan Formation Team. The Invited Mission now continues with the launch last week of five new episodes which can be seen at <http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited>. The first three episodes feature guest speakers, and last two explore in a practical way prayer, scripture and faith in the family, and all are highly recommended.

### **Praying for the COP26 Climate Talks**

There will be a special Mass offered for the success of the forthcoming climate talks, at St Joseph's on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. As COP26 approaches, please pray that the Holy Spirit may inspire all political leaders at this crucial time; COP26 Prayer Cards are now available at church for you to pick up and take home.

**Christmas prison outreach** In solidarity with prisoners, our LiveSimply group invite you to help us support the women prisoners at HMP Send with a Christmas day gift, so that they feel loved and remembered on a day when it is particularly hard to be separated from their family. A suggested contribution of £5-£10 per household, which can be returned in an envelope marked 'Prisoners Xmas gift' or donated via the contactless machines, will help us to do this.

**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, bookable on Eventbrite; elsewhere seating is mostly 1m+. *If you're able to use the 'open seating' then registering helps our planning but is no longer essential.*

**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/stedsivesimply> using your name as a payment reference. If you have any queries or dietary requirements please contact Jo Lewry: [jolewry@aol.com](mailto:jolewry@aol.com)

**October is dedicated to the Rosary** and a small group meets to pray the rosary at 5pm at St Edmund's each weekday and all are welcome to join in.

**Au Revoir to Deacon Jeremy** This Sunday is Jeremy's last Mass with us until he returns in the new year. We thank him for all he does to support the parish and send him our best wishes for a safe journey and a good rest.

**October CTiG Prayer Breakfast** next Saturday 30th October at the Cellar Café. Breakfast from 8.30am with prayer from 9.15 to 10.00am, led by Catherine Lawton.

**Christmas Cards in aid of the SVP** will be on sale at all Masses w/e 6/7th November. We were unable to sell last year and hope you will be able to support us again, all profit funds the work of SVP locally. Cards are £2 per pack of 5 and payment is by cash only.

**Jean Collins' funeral** takes place on 3rd November at 10am at Our Lady Star of the Sea, East Preston, BN16 1JU.

**Station Mass for those who have died** You are warmly invited to join Bishop Richard at a Guildford Deanery Station Mass for the faithful departed on 10<sup>th</sup> November at St Joseph's, Dorking, RH4 3DL at 7.30pm.

**Wintershall Nativity** This year the play has more scenes outside and capacity in the theatre has been reduced. Although there is plenty of room for all in the Inn this Christmas! Performances from 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> December are selling fast so book now via [www.wintershall.org.uk](http://www.wintershall.org.uk) or 01483 892167.

**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).

**Saturday morning Mass** will take place less often than previously as Fr Jonathan will be assisting with Mass and Confessions in Guildford from time to time.

**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](mailto: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](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 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 – Alan A, Maria Lopez, Jean Rejniak, Andrew Herrington, 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 for Jill Macpherson, Jean Collins and Kathleen O'Gorman who died recently, and Annarella Newman, Petrina Ball, Brian Matthews, Norah Adams, Richard Allison, Jean Black, Julie Lodge, Nick Waight and Esme Kulik whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Schedule of Liturgies  
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**24th October 2021**

<b>Saturday 23rd October</b>	<b>6pm Mass (St Edmund's)†</b> - <i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>Sunday 24th October</b> 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME World Mission Day	<b>8.45am Mass (St John's)†</b> - <b>10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)†</b> - <i>Alexander Moore RIP</i> 12.15 Baptism - Greatbatch (St Edmund's) <b>4pm Baby Loss Memorial Service (St Edmund's)</b>
<b>Monday 25th October</b>	<i>10am Mass available at St Joseph's, Guildford</i>
<b>Tuesday 26th October</b>	<b>7.30pm Mass (St Edmund's)</b> 12.30pm Dalton/Ryman Wedding (St Edmund's)
<b>Wednesday 27th October</b>	<b>9.30am Mass (St Joseph's)</b> – <i>Nick Waight RIP</i> 1.00pm Farrugia/Brown Wedding (St Edmund's)
<b>Thursday 28th October</b> Ss Simon and Jude	<b>7.30am Mass (St Edmund's)</b> – <i>Vicenta Marra RIP</i>
<b>Friday 29th October</b>	<b>9.30am Mass (St Edmund's)</b> 7.00pm Adoration (St Joseph's) 8.00pm Mass in Polish (St Joseph's)
<b>Saturday 30th October</b>	<i>10am Mass available at St Joseph's Guildford</i> <b>6pm Mass (St Edmund's)†</b> -
<b>Sunday 31st October</b> ALL SAINTS	<b>8.45am Mass (St John's)†</b> - <b>10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)†</b> - <i>Patrick Diver RIP</i>

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

†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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