



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*

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 7th November 2021

If you turn up at Sikh gurdwara you will often find *langar*, free food from the common kitchen. At large Scout camps my Sikh colleagues will often provide free flowing popcorn as an expression of this, explaining that this practice keys into so many different aspects of their life and spirituality.

Almsgiving, a focus of the Liturgy of the Word this Sunday, should be given the same central place in Christian life and spirituality. Let me offer some reasons.

Almsgiving recognises and proclaims the universal destination of the goods of the earth. When we give bread to a poor man, we give him what is already his, but was given to us to look after. The current debates about climate change and climate justice extend this principle to the responsibility we have for future generations. We are *stewards*, we are invited by God to share in the care of what has been given by him. Private property is important (because things are looked after better when held privately, as could always be seen in the student microwave), but it is not absolute.

Almsgiving helps us grow in freedom. As Pope Francis said back in 2014, it "helps us to experience giving freely, which leads to freedom from the obsession of possessing, from the fear of losing what we have, from the sadness of one who does not wish to share his wealth with others." It helps us to develop an 'attitude of gratitude' rather than one of entitlement and this in turn helps us to be happy.

Almsgiving, especially when we give out of our core resources and not just what is left over, gives witness to our faith – it shows that we know that God will provide and inspires others to place their trust also in the Lord and to not despair. It has a missionary quality.

Almsgiving is part of the "Social love [which] makes it possible to advance towards a civilization of love, to which all of us can feel called. With its impulse to universality, love is capable of building a new world. No mere sentiment, it is the best means of discovering effective paths of development for everyone" (*Fratelli Tutti*, 183).

As we start to prepare for Advent and for Christmas it's not too early to think about how our almsgiving in this season might help our happiness and that of others.

Mass Responses for Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

PSALM RESPONSE: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

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Fr Jonathan thanks everyone for their prayers and good wishes for his recovery from COVID. Fortunately, it wasn't too bad and he is back to normal duties on Sunday.

This weekend there will be no 6pm Saturday Mass, but **Sunday morning Masses at 8.45am and 10.30am** will take place as usual.

Retired Priests Fund There is a second collection today for this fund.

COVID arrangements Please wear face coverings at Mass if you are able. There is socially distanced seating available at St Joseph's, which can be booked on Eventbrite, and seating elsewhere is mostly 1m+.

Blessing of Graves Fr Jonathan will be blessing the graves on Sunday 7th November at 12 noon at Eashing cemetery and 10.30am at Milford cemetery on Wednesday 18th.

Praying for the COP26 Climate Talks Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit may inspire world leaders to place the needs of marginalised communities around the world, and all those most affected by climate change, at the heart of these climate talks. There is an opportunity to join a CAFOD webinar live from Glasgow on Tuesday 9th at 7pm. To register:
<https://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/COP26-update>

Christmas prison outreach In solidarity with the women prisoners at HMP Send, our LiveSimply group invites you to donate towards a Christmas day gift for each prisoner of a bottle of body lotion. Your donations can be returned in an envelope marked 'Prisoners Xmas gift'; or donate online (PrisonGift as your reference) or via the contactless machines. Thank you! With your help we can bring hope and comfort to the prisoners and help them feel loved and remembered on a day when it is particularly hard to be separated from their family.

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 10th November at St Joseph's, Dorking, RH4 3DL at 7.30pm. There is no need to book, and refreshments will be served after Mass.

Christmas Cards in aid of the SVP are on sale at Masses this weekend and next. All profit funds the work of SVP locally, and as they were unable to sell last year, please support them this year. Cards are £2 per pack of 5; payment is by cash only.

Sycamore The second of the Wednesday morning sessions (on the Eucharist) takes place after Mass at St Joseph's on Wednesday 10th with Fr Jonathan. This is a 'drop-in' and all are welcome. Sessions also continue on Monday evening in Witley and online on Thursday: please ask for details if you would like to join these.

Afternoon Tea Please remember to book if you would like to come to the afternoon tea on Wednesday 10th from 2.30pm, by contacting Francis or Janet Quinlan on 01252 702156 or any member of SVP; they are also able to arrange lifts for non-drivers.

School Admission Forms If you would like Fr Jonathan to sign school admission forms please email the parish office or phone the presbytery to make an appointment.

Urgent need Does anyone have an unwanted laptop that we can pass to a parishioner? She would be so grateful for the help. Please contact Sarah in the office or leave a message on 01483 416880.

Sale of items at Wonersh Seminary The Seminary has now closed, and on Saturday 13th November, from 10am to 12 noon, there will be a sale of old furniture and other items in the large main entrance hall at the front. Please make a voluntary donation for any items you would like. There is plenty of parking, and all are welcome.

The Parish Prayer Group is delighted to announce that after a long break they are now resuming meetings, which are on Mondays at 8pm at The Old Farmhouse, Elstead, GU8 6DB. All are very welcome. To mark the 27th year of the Group there will be a Thanksgiving Mass celebrated by Fr Anthony Meredith IC, on Monday 15th November 8 pm. For more information, please phone Richard Grey on 01252 702230.

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CAFOD Quiz Night This is now fully booked. Covid restrictions will be in place and info will be emailed to all quizzers in advance. Any enquiries: Jo Lewry: jolewry@aol.com

Wintershall Nativity This year the play has more scenes outside and capacity in the theatre has been reduced – but there is still plenty of room for all in the Inn this Christmas! Performances from 16th to 20th December are selling fast so book now via www.wintershall.org.uk or 01483 892167.

Advent Quiet Days On 29/30th November at Sussex Heritage Centre in Arundel. The day will start in prayer then be yours to use as you wish with resources on the theme of Advent and art materials available for use. For more details or to book: email: info@sussexheritage.co.uk or 01903 413606.

Baby Loss Matters Thank you to everybody who supported and shared personal stories during our Baby Loss Matters Awareness month of October. It has been a pleasure and privilege to pray for those named in our Memorial book. Praying the Hail Mary in the Lady Chapel felt especially significant. Although the memorial has been taken down, please do feel free to contact Julie for an informal chat or prayer on 07943675379 or get in touch with the Baby Loss Matters charity on 0808 802 5433.

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.

Invited Autumn Series Don't forget to watch the new films which are now available at www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited There are five films in total, three exploring the themes of Season 1 in greater depth and two offering an introduction to fundamentals of our faith: Prayer and Scripture. Speakers include Fr Tony Milner, Fr Stephen Ortiger, Fleur Dorrell Pia Matthews and Fr Stephen Dingley.

Ten Steps to Living Simply Step 3 for November is **Say goodbye to plastic.** *"All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents."* (Laudate Si 14)

Funeral Service for Stephen Harding RIP will take place at 2pm on Tuesday at Eashing Cemetery. Evelyn Furlong's funeral will be at 11.15am on Tuesday 23rd November.

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, or request envelopes please 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 November:

We pray that people who struggle with depression and all forms of mental illness may find support in us all and allow a healing light to enter their lives.

The sick and those who care for them

including –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 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 for Fr Ken McCarthy, Stephen Harding, Evelyn Furlong and Jill MacPherson who died recently, and Joseph Smith, Theodore Pilch, John Reilly, Ita Avenell, John Foster, Edward Barnard, Leo Donnelly, Margaret Cox, and Joseph Redmen whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Schedule of Liturgies
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7th November 2021

Saturday 6th November	<i>Evening Masses in Cranleigh (5pm) and Rydes Hill (7pm)</i>
Sunday 7th November 32 ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.45am Mass (St John's)† - <i>People of the Parish</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)† - <i>Alexander Moore RIP</i> 12 noon Blessing of graves @ Eashing Cemetery
Monday 8th November	<i>10am Mass available at St Joseph's Guildford</i>
Tuesday 9th November CONSECRATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>John Joseph Reilly RIP</i>
Wednesday 10th November St Leo the Great	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Harry & Marie Mason RIP</i>
Thursday 11th November St Martin of Tours	<i>10am Mass available at St Joseph's Guildford</i>
Friday 12th November St Josaphat	9.30am Mass (Edmund's) – <i>Holy Souls</i> 7.00pm Adoration (St Joseph's) 8.00pm Mass in Polish (St Joseph's)
Saturday 13th November	6pm Vigil Mass (St Edmund's) † – <i>Jerzy Burger RIP</i>
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Sunday Year B. Weekday Cycle I. Psalter Week 4.

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

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