



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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 14th November 2021

"There will be a time of great distress"

This wasn't a promise that was made to God's people of old in a time of peace and prosperity. It was something that they experienced as part of their lives – whether in exile, under threat of war or violence, experiencing economic and political instability or perhaps even the turbulent times that can arise in families and households.

It is in the context of distress that the apocalyptic passages of the scriptures emerge, providing reassurance that even these very troubled times can be brought within God's wider plan, that he will be with his people through it all and that in the end the honour and flourishing of his people will be restored and his honour will be vindicated.

The philosopher, Martin Heidegger, described the difficulty that we experience in living rightly in the face of death – that we tend to marginalise or suppress this essential part of human living. To be Christian is to have a right relationship to death and to the reality of an end time and judgement. It is to see these things as parts of our being human in which the love and mercy of God is revealed. Much of the time they sit on the edge of our prayer and reflection, but in these last weeks of the liturgical year and in the first part of Advent we are invited to open our hearts and mind to them, that we might have a richer and fuller appreciation of God's providential care for us and the depth of his plan and thereby journey in faith and hope even when things get rough and our hearts are broken.

On Wednesday of this week we will visit the cemetery in Milford and bless the graves there. Do take time this month to visit a cemetery and pray for the faithful departed, even if your own family rest in places far away from here. They are visible reminders to us of our communion with those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith and provide an opportunity for us to come close to them while we await our own death, resurrection and judgement.

Mass Responses for Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

PSALM RESPONSE: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

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Remembrance Sunday The 10.30am Mass this Sunday will be a Requiem Mass for all those who died in war. The scripture readings will be of the Sunday.

This Sunday is also the fifth **World Day of the Poor**, initiated by Pope Francis in 2017 with the theme of 'let us love, not with words but with deeds.' All Christians are called to follow the example of Jesus in loving God and neighbour, especially the most vulnerable.

Next Saturday, 20th November, is the Solemnity of **St Edmund, King and Martyr**, patron of our parish. We look forward to receiving Ashley into full communion at Mass that evening.

Blessing of Graves Fr Jonathan will be blessing the graves at 10.30am at Milford cemetery on Thursday 18th November.

Sycamore The Wednesday morning sessions take place after 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's with Fr Jonathan. This is a 'drop-in' and all are welcome. The online session is at 8pm on Thursdays; please ask for the zoom link.

Christmas prison outreach In solidarity with the women prisoners at HMP Send, our LiveSimply group invites you to donate towards a **Christmas day gift of a bottle of body lotion for each prisoner**. 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.

We have also been asked by the RC chaplain at HMP Coldingley for **100 Christmas cards** for the prisoners to send to their families, and ideally to supply these asap. If you can help with donating some cards *by 22nd November*, please give them to Fr Jonathan/parish office.

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+.

Advent

The joyful season of Advent begins in just two weeks. There are a couple of particular opportunities to help mark this season.

Sacrament of Reconciliation. Fr Jonathan will be available after the 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's, Milford on Saturday 4th, 11th and 18th December for anyone who would like to celebrate this Sacrament. There will also be confession available all day at St Joseph's, Guildford on Saturday 18th December.

Lectio Divina Fr Jonathan will lead a series of prayer with the Advent readings on zoom on Wednesday evenings from 24th November at 7.30pm.

Quiet Days 29/30th November at Sussex Heritage Centre in Arundel, with resources on the theme of Advent and art materials available for use. Contact: 01903 413606 or info@sussexheritage.co.uk.

Baptism Preparation New sessions are planned for December/January for parents who would like to prepare their child for this sacrament; please get in touch as soon as possible with Fr Jonathan to register.

Christmas Cards in aid of the SVP are on sale at Masses this weekend. 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.

CAFOD World Gifts for Christmas

Catalogue If you are starting to think about Christmas, please don't forget CAFOD's virtual charity gifts which help transform the lives of families living in poverty. Choose from energy saving stoves to weatherproof crops to emergency shelters, and much more. Buy online at <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> or pick up a catalogue from the back of church.

Christmas Market at St Edmunds

Catholic Primary School The PSA invites all parishioners to join them on Saturday 4th December, 11am to 2pm for carols, mulled wine, food and seasonal merriment, as well as a spot of shopping at the many stalls – or even some Christmas crafting! Raffle tickets will soon be on sale after Mass and all proceeds help support the school.

CTiG Prayer Breakfast November's Prayer Breakfast will be at St Marks Church, on Saturday 27th from 8.30am with breakfast and with prayer time from about 9.15am to 10am, led by Rev Sheila Samuels.

Alton Day of Renewal ADoRE's November online spiritual mini-retreat is on Saturday 27th, 10am to 1pm, on the theme, 'Fruit of the Holy Spirit'. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Paul Leonard, and guest speaker is Andrew Lawrence, lead pastor of the Harvest Church in Alton and a gifted speaker. To register for the Zoom link: www.altonrenewal.com

CTiG Christmas Lunch Churches Together in Godalming are holding the lunch at the Baptist Church for those who would otherwise be on their own on Christmas Day, with covid restrictions in place. Places are limited so if you know someone who would like to be invited please contact them asap. Volunteers are also needed on 24th to set up, and on 25th to help with the lunch. The deadline to sign up is 30th November. Contact Gillian Martin if you can volunteer: G:429640 martin2LS@btinternet.com or Jacky Tickner regarding guests: 01483 415702.

The Parish Prayer Group To mark the 27th year of the group there will be a thanksgiving Mass celebrated by Fr Anthony Meredith IC, on Wednesday 1st December at 5pm (note the new date and time). For more information phone Richard on 01252 702230.

Funeral Service Evelyn Furlong's funeral will be at 11.15am on Tuesday 23rd November at St Joseph's, Milford

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)

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.

Parish Office will be closed this week for annual leave. Fr Jonathan is available as usual.

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.

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 – Ken Dunn, 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 Fr Ken McCarthy, Stephen Harding, Evelyn Furlong and Jill MacPherson who died recently, and Rose Hall, William Stilwell, Olive Spalding, Marjorie Jones and Tony Burke, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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

14th November 2021

Saturday 13th November	6pm Vigil Mass (St Edmund's) † – <i>Jerzy Burger RIP</i>
Sunday 14th November 33 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	8.45am Mass (St John's)† - <i>People of the parish</i> 10.30am Mass for War Dead (St Joseph's)† – <i>John Diver RIP</i> 12.15pm Baptism - Barnbrook (St Edmund's)
Monday 15th November	<i>10am Mass available at St Joseph's Guildford</i>
Tuesday 16th November	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>William Stilwell RIP</i>
Wednesday 17th November	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Deceased members of Waight family and friends</i>
Thursday 18th November	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Doreen Rogers RIP</i> 10.30am Blessing of the Graves, Milford Cemetery
Friday 19th November	9.15am School Mass – <i>Private Intention</i> 7.00pm Adoration (St Joseph's) 8.00pm Mass in Polish (St Joseph's)
Saturday 20th November ST EDMUND KING AND MARTYR	6pm Mass with Adult Confirmation (St Edmund's)† – <i>People of the parish</i>
Sunday 21st November CHRIST THE KING	8.45am Mass (St John's)† – <i>Ken Dunn</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)† – <i>Laudi Abilama RIP</i> 12.15pm Baptism - Swain (St Edmund's) 1.00pm Baptisms – Ovens/Austin (St Edmund's)

Sunday Year B. Weekday Cycle I. Psalter Week 1.

†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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