



# 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*

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022

*A variety of gifts*

St Paul is clearly very fond of the Corinthians, but he finds himself needed to give them some clear teaching to help them get over disputes around the more spectacular spiritual gifts and their unfortunate practices of social division in their meals. Over these three weeks we read his teaching on 'spiritual phenomena', prompted by his desire that they have a clear understanding about them, and possibly by a question that they have asked him.

All spiritual gifts have the Holy Spirit as their same source and serve the same Lord. One of the insights of the Second Vatican Council was that while we know for certain that the Holy Spirit operates in the church, the body of Christ, that is not to say that he is not at work beyond its visible structures in order to draw those who are currently outside into the mystery of Christ.

Spiritual gifts are given for a good purpose – very often referred to as 'the common good', and in Ephesians 4 as 'building up the body of Christ'. Gifts are not given for the honour or benefit of the recipient, but for the good of the community. There is a practical test of the authenticity of spiritual gifts – not whether they make the recipient feel good, but whether they serve to build up the church (or sometimes to divide it).

Paul's list of gifts is by way of example, not exclusion. There are other gifts – all part of the rich variety of gifts – that he does not mention here.

Gifts are given at God's pleasure. They are not given on account of merit (otherwise they wouldn't be gifts). We might wonder sometimes at God's choices, about what and why he has given to us and to others, but the journey of faith suggests that we should carefully discern spiritual gifts and trust that God knows what he is doing and chooses well.

Paul's teaching on spiritual things will finish with his discourse on love. It is a reminder that this is the real measure of the spirit at work in us and in others, often at work in the hidden but precious daily lives of God's children.

### Mass Responses for Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

PSALM RESPONSE: Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

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### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

begins on 18<sup>th</sup> January and concludes with the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul. Resources for prayer and reflection can be downloaded from Churches Together: <https://tinyurl.com/5kbt89wa>. Many of our Masses in that week will use the texts for prayer for Christian Unity. Locally, there is a united service at 10.30am on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at St John's in Farncombe.

Please do make a particular effort to include this in your prayers this week. Fr Jonathan would also be pleased to hear from anyone with a particular interest in this area to act as our link with Churches Together.

**This Sunday is Peace Sunday** In his message Pope Francis appeals "let us walk together with courage and creativity on the path of intergenerational dialogue, education, and work. May more and more men and women strive daily, with quiet humility and courage, to be artisans of peace."

Pax Christi is the international Catholic movement for peace. Their website <https://paxchristi.org.uk/> has many helpful resources and a link to the pope's message.

**Next Sunday is Sunday of the Word of God**, an opportunity to reflect on the place of scripture in our lives of faith. There will be a blessing of readers at each of our Masses, after the bidding prayers.

**Eucharistic Prayer** With the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and the Synodal conversations currently taking place, we will make good use of the 'Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions'.

**COVID precautions** Please don't attend if you have any symptoms. Face coverings are mandatory in places of worship, unless exempt. We encourage you to take a lateral flow test before coming to Mass. Sunday Masses are currently not too busy and it is possible to spread out. We are retaining some socially distanced seating at St Joseph's. Please dress warmly as doors and windows will be open for ventilation. If you are wary of coming to Sunday Mass, weekday Masses are much quieter, with plenty of opportunity to spread out.

### **Synod 2021-2023 Discussion Groups**

Thank you to everyone who came along to our first discussion group. We had a lively and stimulating evening, focusing on the first of three themes 'Communion' and we really benefitted from being able to meet in person. If you haven't got round to registering it's not too late to join us for the next sessions on **19th and 26<sup>th</sup> January**, when we will be looking at the themes of 'Participation' and 'Mission'. We meet at 8pm in person, and socially distanced, at Ladywell Retreat Centre. Please register with the link in the parish calendar or email the parish office. For more information visit: [www.stedsgod.com/synod](http://www.stedsgod.com/synod) If you would like to contribute individually, please see the form under 'newsletters' on the website, with details of how and where to send your response.

**Godalming Foodbank** Your donations are important. Please check the requirement list on the website as it is updated monthly and drop off items at St Mark's Community Centre. To donate by bank transfer, please email Karen: [stmarkscentre@googlemail.com](mailto:stmarkscentre@googlemail.com) Volunteers are also needed to help out. Please contact Rev Sheila Samuels. <https://parishofgodalming.org.uk/st-marks-food-bank/>

**Live Simply Christmas gifts for HMP Send** Thank you to all who contributed to this initiative to spread love and show solidarity with the women prisoners at HMP Send on Christmas day. They all received a goodie bag with a variety of items, and due to your generosity, we were also able to donate £359 to the chaplaincy's charity 'The Nazareth Way' for ongoing support for the prisoners and their families. We have received this message of thanks from the chaplains: 'Thank you for all your efforts. The women were absolutely delighted. Please pass on our thanks and those of our residents'

**LOAF Christmas outreach** This year LOAF distributed poinsettias, presents and hampers to parishioners and others in our local area, and in particular to the sick of the parish and those with mental health difficulties, trying to provide gifts and love in equal measure. Many thanks to all who helped make it happen. If you would like to know more contact Alan: [alion@btinternet.com](mailto:alion@btinternet.com)

**Fr Jonathan** would like to say "Thank you" for the generous contributions to the Christmas offering and for the many cards and gifts received.

**Confirmation 2022** Preparation will begin on Sunday evenings in a few weeks time. Any young people in Year 10 or above interested in being confirmed this summer or exploring what this might mean, are asked to get in touch with Fr Jonathan.

**New Small Group(s) for young couples**  
There are some young couples in the parish interested in forming a new small group to meet for prayer and fellowship each month. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Fr Jonathan. It is suggested that these be part of Teams of Our Lady.

**Day of Prayer** at Ladywell on 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Fr Jonathan will lead this day of prayer to help us prepare Lent. More details to follow.

**London Jesuit Centre** has an attractive looking programme of retreats and courses: <https://londonjesuitcentre.org/>.

**CAFOD** are pressing for legislation to make UK companies ensure that their activities do not put human rights or our common home at risk. To support their campaign visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Human-rights>

**Parish Buildings Survey** Thanks to everyone who responded. Fr Jonathan and the group will feedback next month. In the meanwhile, please pray that the Holy Spirit may guide us as we discern the next steps for our parish and its buildings.

**Diocesan Directories** A few of these are available in the parish on request. Cost £5.

**Churches Together in Godalming (CTiG) Prayer Breakfast** takes place on Saturday 29th January at the Cellar Café, 8.00-10am.

**Evening Prayer for Divorced, Remarried and Separated** Sunday 6th February at 3.00pm. All those in our parish communities who may be separated, divorced, or who have married again, are invited to come together to meet Bishop Richard for conversation. The afternoon will conclude with evening prayer followed by tea and cake. To register please visit: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/chpfxz58>

**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](mailto:eileen.hudson@gmail.com)

#### **Some sources of practical support**

**LOAF (Love One Another Fellowship)** This team of parish volunteers offers practical help. Contact Alan on 01483 420859.

**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 January:**

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

#### **The sick and those who care for them**

including Fr Chris Dobson, Maria Lopez, Jean Rejniak, Arden Holford, 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, 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 Jean Humphrey and Jean Barnes who died recently, and Barbara Hutchinson, Ellen Simpson, Trixie Moore, Denis Flanagan, Margharita Jackson, Mary Dorsett and Delia Purvis whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Schedule of Masses  
Second Week in Ordinary Time**

**16th January 2022**

<b>Saturday 15th January</b>	<b>6pm Mass (St Edmund's)</b> – <i>Jack Kennedy RIP</i>
<b>Sunday 16th January</b> 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>8.45am Mass (St John's)</b> – <i>For the people of the parish</i> <b>10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)</b>
<b>Monday 17th January</b> St Anthony, Abbot	<i>10am Mass available at St Joseph's Guildford</i>
<b>Tuesday 18th January</b>	<b>9.30am Mass (St Joseph's)</b> – <i>For the Unity of Christians</i>
<b>Wednesday 19th January</b>	<b>9.30am Mass (St Joseph's)</b>
<b>Thursday 20th January</b>	<b>9.30am Mass (St Edmund's)</b> – <i>Private Intention</i>
<b>Friday 21st January</b> St Agnes	<b>9.30am Mass (St Edmund's)</b> – <i>Private Intention</i>
<b>Saturday 22nd January</b>	<b>6pm Mass (St Edmund's)</b> – <i>Alan &amp; Nicki Lion</i>
<b>Sunday 23rd January</b> 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>8.45am Mass (St John's)</b> <b>10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)</b> 12 noon Baptism – <i>Begoña Gamboa (St Joseph's)</i>

Sunday Year C. Psalter Week 2.

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

**Livestream Mass** is available from Guildford: <https://www.cpg.church/live.html>

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