



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*

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 30th January 2022

So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you.

Our world is one in which the Gospel message is not always welcome. Just as in Jesus' own time, there are those who will not listen to Him who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. There will be times in the lives of every one of us when we have not listened as we should, been as open to the wonder of His life as He calls us to be. As we look around us and see the materialism and secularism of our age, we might be discouraged in our own discipleship.

Yet we must resist discouragement. Jeremiah, in this Sunday's first reading, is given the strength that he needs to carry out his prophetic task in a society that did not want to listen to him.

The opposition of the people of Nazareth could not stop the Lord's saving work and neither will the circumstances of our present world stop His work. It is important, always, for us to remember that we do not have all the answers, that we are called to be open to the way the Lord Himself will show us.

We need not fear, even when our life with Christ seems to be an uphill struggle or when we find opposition and rejection. We shall be given all that we need for task that has been given to us.

We are at a time when the restrictions with which we have been living these last months are lifting. Perhaps, in the wake of the Covid pandemic, the practice of our faith has suffered somewhat. While livestreaming is a valuable gift, now is the time to return to be with our brothers and sisters at the celebration of Mass. Our meeting with Lord in the Eucharist is the greatest way to grow in our relationship with Him, to listen to His word, to be nourished by Him, together with the rest of the family that is the Body of Christ. It is from this celebration that we go out into the world with confidence, taking with us the Good News of Life in Christ.

Bishop Richard

Mass Responses for Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PSALM RESPONSE: My lips will tell of your help.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; No one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

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Making Sundays Special Following on from Fr Jonathan's reflections on the Liturgy of the Word last week, he would really like to hear from anyone who might be able to help us with our Sunday celebrations: as a **reader**, by helping to **welcome** others, by serving **refreshments** after the 8.45am, by taking **communion** to someone who can't get to Mass because of illness or infirmity or by operating the **screens** at St Joseph's.

Have you missed meeting up? As we start to live with COVID we are planning some simple opportunities to begin to meet up:

Candlemas This Wednesday, 2nd February, after the morning Mass we'll get together at the Café at Squires in Milford. If you can register on the parish calendar or let us know we can then reserve some tables, or just turn up! We'll probably be there around 10.30am.

Coffee after Mass at St John's On the first and third Sunday of each month. This is an opportunity to chat and socialise after Mass so please come and join in when you feel ready. If you can help just a few times a year, please speak with Jo Lewry or Fr Jonathan.

Feast of St Joseph & Dedication of St Joseph's Church – 18th March. Save the date for some sort of evening prayer and then get together at Milford Village Hall. Details to follow.

COVID precautions Guidance from the Bishop's Conference invites a return to the more normal mode of celebrating Mass. Wearing face coverings, particularly while singing, provides important protection for others, and you should not attend if you have symptoms of COVID or another infectious disease. There is some socially distanced seating at St Joseph's, but if you are wary of coming to Sunday Mass, weekday Masses are much quieter, with space to spread out.

Day of Prayer at Ladywell on 23rd February. 10am to 4pm. Fr Jonathan will lead this day of prayer to help us prepare Lent. Suggested contribution £30, including lunch.

Lectio Divina on Wednesday evenings resumes on Zoom on 9th February at 7.30pm. Please note new password (2022).

For Young People

Pizza and Prayer Fr Jonathan would like to invite any young people in the parish in Year 9 or above to join him for Pizza and Prayer on Sunday evenings in Lent (starting 13th March). If you're interested, please sign up through the parish calendar.

Confirmation 2022 Young people wishing to be confirmed this summer should make contact with Fr Jonathan before 31st January.

The Trinity Trust Team run ecumenical Wednesday groups at Godalming Baptist Church: **Fusion** (KS2) – Games, drama, Jesus' stories, teaching and songs; from 6pm-7pm. **Fuse** (years 7 and up) - Alpha Youth programme, peer support and witness from the team; from 7:30pm-9pm. For more information: www.trinitytrustteam.co.uk

Synod 2021-2023 Those who took part in our Wednesday evening discussions welcome you to join them to hear the livestream of Bishop Richard's feedback at Ladywell Convent on 9th March at 7.30pm. If you'd like to come, please sign up through the parish calendar or contact the parish office. To join from home or contribute (by 4th Feb) visit <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/synod>.

Wintershall Stations of the Cross are on Friday 4th February at 8am; all welcome.

CAFOD Walk against Hunger Building on the success of our walking over the last two years, we have this year set ourselves the challenge of walking (virtually) from St Edmund's to Freetown in Sierra Leone - about 3,900 miles or 6300 km! If you'd like to take part email Jo on jolewry@aol.com. It has been really good fun for the last couple of years, and hopefully this year there will be more opportunity for coffee and cake (or beer and sandwiches) along the way.

CTGD United Service for Christian Unity took place last Sunday for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and is online at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bav_4ggZ4zo

Colour and Shape A weekly video reflection on the Sunday Gospel and a wonderful resource for parents with children: <https://www.colourandshapeonline.com/connect-sunday>

Talks, Retreats and Events further afield

A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage 29th July - 4th August 2022. Some 700 pilgrims, including a youth stream (Redshirts) and 130 sick, disabled, frail or elderly people. To apply see <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home>
There will be a second collection for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund next weekend.

Bartimaeus Project This is a new and engaging series of talks, to provide a deeper understanding of our Faith, by some of the priests of our diocese, on Zoom/in person. The first, on how God speaks to us, is from Effingham on 1st March. (Fr Jonathan thinks these should be really good.) To register or more details: <https://bartimaeus-project.org>

Science and Religion Fr Andrew Pinsent, scientist and Catholic priest, and head of the Centre for Science and Religion in Oxford is speaking at 7.30pm on 12th February at St Joseph's Church Hall, Guildford. He will explore the myth of the conflict between Science and Religion and show that faith and reason are compatible and complementary paths to truth. The talk is open to all; more information from: larissa.bgd@gmail.com

Divorced, Remarried or Separated? on All those in our parish who may be separated, divorced, or have married again, are invited to come together to meet Bishop Richard for conversation, prayer, tea and cake on Sunday 6th February at 3.00pm in Horsham. To register please visit: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/chpfxz58>

Beginning Experience Weekend If you are single again following divorce, separation or the death of your partner, a residential weekend to help you to heal will be held from 8th-10th April at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. For details T: 01322 838415 E: besouthofengland@gmail.com.

Day of Prayer for young adults (18-35) using Ignatian spirituality to explore prayer and scripture in a new and profound way. Saturday 12th March, 10am-4pm, at House of Prayer in East Molesey.

Worth Abbey Retreats Their programme of retreat days and prayer days is available at: <https://worth.co.uk/retreats/retreat-programme-2022/>

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.

The accounts for 2021 will be ready soon. To help manage a significant deficit incurred because of COVID disruption we are making a reduced contribution to TTT this year of just under £5,000.

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.
Peace in Ukraine.

The Holy Father's Intention for February:

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

The sick and those who care for them

including Fr Chris Dobson, Maria Lopez, Jean Rejniak, Arden Holford, Audrey Hockey, Margaret Szalajda, Anne Stephens, Margarita Crawford, Irene Grant, Margaret Silvester, Nancy Drapper, Betty Matthews, Cliff Hutchinson, Alan Berry, Nicolle Ernould, Gerry Newell, Ruth de Stefani, Josie Whittle, 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 Anita Quinn, Millie Mensah, Peggy Macfarlane, Thelma Edwards, Paul Bruno, Imelda Grey, Derek Drapper, Theresa Priseman, Ida Mortel and Alice Gotts, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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

30th January 2022

Saturday 29th January	6pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Marie Batty RIP</i>
Sunday 30th January 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.45am Mass (St John's) – <i>People of the Parish</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Joy West RIP</i> 12.15pm Baptism – Robyn Nicholls (St Edmund's)
Monday 31st January St John Bosco	<i>10am Mass available at St Joseph's Guildford</i>
Tuesday 1st February	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Ilona Katerina Dorrepaal</i>
Wednesday 2nd February THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Carmel Hawkins</i>
Thursday 3rd February	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Private Intention</i>
Friday 4th February	11.15am Funeral Mass – Jean Humphrey RIP (St Joseph's)
Saturday 5th February <i>St Agatha</i>	6pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Matthew & Frank Brown RIP</i>
Sunday 6th February 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.45am Mass (St John's) 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) 12.00pm Baptism – Benjamin May-Dillon (St Joseph's) 1.15pm Baptism – Amber Graziedei (St Edmund's)

Sunday Year C. Psalter Week 4.

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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