



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*

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 6th February 2022

Put out into the deep

“Duc in altum” (Put out into the deep) were Saint John Paul II’s inspired and inspiring words to the church at the start of the new millennium as he called the church to the work of the ‘new evangelisation’. It wasn’t that evangelisation was new, but rather there was a new context – the proclamation of the Gospel in a culture that had forgotten its roots in Christ.

Jesus tells Simon Peter to put out into the deep, despite the fact that they had experienced a night of fruitless labour. (The historical evidence suggests that Peter ran a successful fishing business, so it probably wasn’t for lack of skill). In faith, he pays out the nets and brings in a miraculous catch. It can sometimes feel as though we are labouring without success in our proclamation of the Gospel, that our efforts to hand on the faith or to bring others to Christ have been fruitless. We can so easily be disheartened. It is precisely in this context that the invitation is made to us today – put out (again) into the deep.

As we prayed through the synod the other week the phrase from Acts seemed to be a reminder of the heart of our method – “they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers” and many were added to their number. We can sometimes overcomplicate the work of evangelisation and forget that it always has its origins in prayer and in the Eucharist, from which we are sent out. We can try to bring others to Christ by our own effort and forget that the miraculous catch came only when the Lord was in the boat with them.

If you feel inadequate or unworthy, then I’m afraid that you meet two of the essential qualifications of being called. Simon Peter declares, “leave me Lord, I am a sinful man” and Isaiah that he is “a man of unclean lips”. Time and time again this is the response of those whom God calls to be part of his plan. As we start to emerge from the worst of COVID perhaps each of us might reflect on how and where we are being called to start again in the work of leading others to Christ.

Mass Responses for Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PSALM RESPONSE: Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

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Making Sundays Special Following on from Fr Jonathan's reflections on the Liturgy of the Word, 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:

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 contact Jo Lewry.

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 a day of prayer to help prepare for Lent. Suggested contribution £30, including lunch.

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

Children's Liturgy – due to half-term there will be children's liturgy on Sunday 20th but *not* on 13th February. Meanwhile don't forget:

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

For Young People

Pizza and Prayer Fr Jonathan would like to invite all 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.

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 Bishop Richard is presenting feedback on the Synod via a livestream webinar, which we will be watching from Ladywell Convent on 9th March at 7.30pm. If you would like to join us, please sign up through the parish calendar or contact the parish office. To join from home visit: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/synod>.

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.

Update on the Kasanka Water Project

We were delighted to receive a letter from Sr Lucy thanking us for our fund-raising, which has enabled the St Francis school to install a solar water pump and water tank. To read more visit 'Latest News' on our website. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Appeal; we raised approx. £2,500.

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>

What is God Saying to the Church? A live online conversation with Fr James Mallon, Bishop Robert Barron & Revd Nicky Gumbel, on Tuesday 1st March at 6pm. It's two years since the pandemic hit much of the world: What is God saying to the Church in the last two years? To register your place visit: <https://www.divinerenovation.org/events>

Science and Religion Fr Andrew Pinsent, scientist and Catholic priest, is speaking at 7.30pm on 12th February at St Joseph's Church Hall, Guildford, on the myth of the conflict between Science and Religion. The talk is open to all; more information from: larissa.bgd@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. For more details: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk

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

Wintershall Passion of Jesus This will be performed this year in Trafalgar Square on Good Friday. Free to all, and no booking!

Keeping in touch with Fr Michael He loves to receive phone calls from parishioners and his direct number is: 01903 711306 or reception: 01903 711325.

SVP Afternoon Tea - Cancelled The SVP regret any disappointment by cancelling the Tea on Wednesday 9th February. They plan to hold the next Tea on Wednesday 9th March.

Please pray for the Diocesan Trustees who meet this week.

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.

2021 accounts 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 approx. £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 07379 108009.

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 Alice Gotts, Joseph Bohan, Patricia Callaghan, Fr Jim McGuire (former Parish Priest), Eric R, Paula Butcher, Patricia Dean, Ella Doughton, Pasqualino Landino, David Bleddyn and Jim Stanton, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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

6th February 2022

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)
Monday 7th February	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Private Intention</i>
Tuesday 8th February	<i>10am Mass available at St Thomas More, Bramley</i>
Wednesday 9th February	<i>10am Mass available at St Joseph's, Guildford</i>
Thursday 10th February St Scholastica	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Jim Stanton RIP</i>
Friday 11th February Our Lady of Lourdes	7.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Jeremiah Flynn RIP</i>
Saturday 12th February	6pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>People of the parish</i>
Sunday 13th February 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.45am Mass (St John's) – <i>Lisa Brodwin</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Doreen & Tom Rogers RIP</i>

Sunday Year C. Psalter Week 1.

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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