



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*

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 13th February 2022

A blessing on those who put their trust in the Lord.

St Luke's account of the beatitudes have a sharp edge to them compared with the more well-known version. They are part of a version of the Gospel which one author described as "good news for the poor, grim news for the rich". Not very comfortable for many of us who live in the developed world, and in this part of it in particular.

The readings from Jeremiah and the Psalms enable us to go behind the stark contrast between the rich and the poor and enter into the invitation to trust in the Lord and his promises rather than relying on ourselves and our material wealth. The image that is presented is of a tree beside flowing waters, that is able to bear the heat of the day and still bear abundant fruit. It reminds me of many of our brothers and sisters who live through difficult and challenging situations and whose faith and trust in God is both inspiring and full of beauty. I am reminded (and grateful for) those who support their children who have demanding additional needs; those who live with life limiting illness; those who find a way through the disruption or dissolution of a marriage; those who patiently accompany one another as they try to discern what their sense of self means for them; those spouses who make up for one another as their powers fade.

Over the last couple of years, we have learned how important these foundations are in enabling us to live through major challenges in life and still be fruitful. We may have discovered new places to which our roots can creep and find moisture and nutrition. As restrictions are lifted and our ways of living move back toward pre-pandemic patterns, I pray that we may experience anew the refreshment of the flowing river which is the grace and presence of Jesus Christ who comes to meet us in the celebration of the Mass, and in the Blessed Sacrament. It is that refreshment and that encounter with Christ that renews our hope and trust in him and frees us from concern about ourselves to recognise the needs of our brothers and sisters around us and to come to their aid.

Mass Responses for Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PSALM RESPONSE: Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund There is a second collection this weekend to support those who might not otherwise be able to go. The Pilgrimage this year takes place 29th July-4th August. To apply to join as a pilgrim, volunteer or Redshirt (school year 10+):

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home>

Please do not hesitate to ask for a grant if cost is preventing you from going. It has been a rough couple of years for a lot of people, and the fund is there to help you.

Early Morning Mass The Friday morning Mass will often be at 7.30am. We hope that this might be of use to some parishioners.

Lectio Divina Wednesdays at 7.30pm, on Zoom (ID: 846 7892 5944, Password: 2022)

Next Sunday is Racial Justice Sunday.

Making Sundays Special Fr Jonathan thanks those who have already offered their help, and he looks forward to hearing from others who might also 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

Some opportunities to get together

Coffee after Mass at St John's The church room last Sunday was buzzing! Many thanks for offers of help; we need more volunteers for April and May so please contact Jo on jolewry@aol.com Next coffee is 20th Feb.

Quiz & Hog Night - 4th March Parishioners are warmly invited by St Edmund's School PSA to the Quiz & Hog Night on Friday 4th at 7.30pm. Tickets are £12. To book email: stedmundspsachair@gmail.com More info at <https://stedsgod.com/whats-on>

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.

Day of Prayer to help prepare for Lent, led by Fr Jonathan at Ladywell Convent on 23rd February, 10am-4pm. Suggested contribution £30, including lunch. To sign up please email victoriabrown@franciscancentre.org.uk

Children's Liturgy – due to half-term there will be children's liturgy next Sunday 20th but *not* this Sunday 13th. Meanwhile don't forget: **Colour and Shape** a weekly video reflection <https://www.colourandshapeonline.com/connect-sunday>

For Young People

Pizza and Prayer Fr Jonathan invites 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 or chat with Fr Jonathan.

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 in Lent To date 17 people have signed up - but we need 13 more walkers if we're going to make the 6,300K to reach Sierra Leone! Please don't be discouraged by the daily 5K goal as any number of miles/km will help us, so please do sign up and take part. For more information, please email Jo: jolewry@aol.com

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.

Sycamore in Lent There will be an opportunity to watch the five remaining Sycamore films on Thursday evenings in Lent. The group will meet on zoom.

Earworm of the week – *O praise our great and glorious Lord.* (tune: Kingsfold)

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>

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

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

Churches Together Prayer Breakfast The next breakfast is scheduled for Saturday 26th at 8.30am, venue to be confirmed. You can read the latest CTiGD newsletter 'Link Up' on the Newsletter page of our website.

ADoRE online spiritual mini-retreat February 26th 10.00-13.00 on the theme 'Holy is your name' – we are called to be holy as God is holy, with special guest speaker Kristina Cooper, former editor of Good News Catholic charismatic renewal magazine. To register: <https://www.altonrenewal.com/>

BBC series Heaven Made The third episode is on BBC1 this Sunday at 10.25am, and available on iplayer. Many people have said how much they enjoyed the previous two episodes, which focus on the spiritual lives and work of the Benedictines at Quarr, Kylemore and Chilworth Abbeys.

Saturday morning Art at Godalming Baptist Church from 9.30am-12.00 on 19th February (and monthly); relaxed and friendly and free! Drop in at any time and bring any materials you would like to work with.

COVID precautions Please continue to wear face coverings, particularly while singing, provides important protection for others, and please don't 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.

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. 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 COVID 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 Rhenan, 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, Bill Magee and Jean Barnes who died recently, and Vince Ellul, Vincent Fagan, Dorothy Hedley, June Hatcher, Joan Huber, Joao Pinheiro, Heinz Zillekens, Desiree Cron, Sarah Street, and Breda Pamment, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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

13th February 2022

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>
Monday 14th February SS Cyril & Methodius	<i>10am Mass available at St Joseph's, Guildford</i>
Tuesday 15th February	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's)
Wednesday 16th February	<i>10am Mass available at St Joseph's, Guildford</i> 7.30pm Lectio Divina (Zoom)
Thursday 17th February	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's)
Friday 18th February	7.30am Mass (St Edmund's)
Saturday 19th February	6pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Harry & Marie Mason RIP</i>
Sunday 20th February 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.45am Mass (St John's) 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)

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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