



# 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*

## Third Sunday of Lent – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022

### The Compassion of God and our Response

The liturgy this Sunday introduces the themes of 'transformative encounters' and divine mercy that will run through the next three weeks: Moses and the burning bush, the prodigal son, and the woman caught in adultery.

In this first week we are presented with the story of how God's grace draws us and transforms us. God appears. Moses is drawn to the burning bush by curiosity. He hears God call him by name and makes a response of availability (in Italian *disponibilita*) – *Here I am Lord!* God then speaks Good News to him – "I have seen the miserable state of my people" and am going to act. He then sends Moses to be his instrument. We see elsewhere that Moses is by no means convinced that he is up to what God wants him to do, but he is willing, and we know that as the story unfolds he first leads Israel, triumphant, through the Red Sea and then has to cope with their very wobbly journey through the wilderness to the threshold of the promised land.

If the first reading speaks of God's mercy, the Gospel reminds us that mercy is shown in the hope and expectation of change. God comes to us in our weakness and sin so that we might grow in virtue and the life of grace. The call of Moses places the encounter with the living God as an essential step in our growth. The parable of the fig tree places fruitfulness as its end. This season of Lent is the time given to us to cooperate with God's grace (the gift of the Holy Spirit) in bearing fruit in our lives in faith, hope and charity.

Friday of this week is the Solemnity of the Annunciation. When the angel brings glad tidings to Mary he unfolds God's response to the misery of his people. Mary responds in faith to his call, not knowing what the future will bring, "be it done unto me according to your word". For many centuries it marked the start of the civic year (and is still the basis of the start of the financial year). Let us pray that it may also be the start of a new era for those who are oppressed, living in hardship and misery, and that we too may hear God's call and respond in faith.

### Mass Responses for Third Sunday of Lent

PSALM RESPONSE: The Lord is compassion and love.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

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**Ukraine crisis** The most effective way of responding to the crisis at the moment is by contributing to the humanitarian relief work being done by CAFOD, working with partners on the ground and their established logistics. If you give direct it can be gift-aided and often attracts match-funding.

We know that many are thinking about offering to host refugees in your homes and the diocese is also looking to see how we can best use our resources in this way too. We are setting up a Ukraine page on the website and will try to keep it updated as things develop. We expect to post details there this week of a partner agency who can match hosts with refugees wishing to come, along with some things to consider if you are thinking about hosting.

**School Mass next Sunday** After a two year break we are delighted to be able to hold a 'School Mass' in the parish next week and we look forward to welcoming all parents from St Edmund's school to St John's @8.45am Mass. There won't be children's Liturgy that day.

**Synod Feedback** Bishop Richard will be producing a report for the Bishop's Conference which will be made available to the Diocese in due course.

**Baptism Preparation** Please speak to Fr Jonathan or get in touch with Sarah in the parish office if you are hoping to arrange Baptism for your child. The dates for the next course are 2nd and 7th April.

**Seeking parish contacts** There are a few upcoming events and activities for which it would be great to have a local contact/coordinator. If you think you might like to help in this way with any of the following please speak to Fr Jonathan. It should be a small time commitment rather than a lifestyle!

\***Invited Season 2** – Our Diocesan Mission has its next phase in Eastertide with a weekly video and opportunities to meet in small groups or online.

\***Christian Aid Week** in May

\***World Meeting of Families.**

The **Buildings Review Group** report published last month is available via the 'newsletter' tab on the website.

## Lent Focus

**Lent Liturgy** we will use the less familiar second form of the penitential rite, the Apostles' Creed and the Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation.

**Adoration, Sung Evening Prayer & Benediction** 4.30pm - 5.30pm on Sundays.

**Exposition/Holy Hour** on Wednesdays, 4.00-5.00pm, at St Joseph's, Milford, including benediction, rosary and private prayer.

**Lectio Divina** at 7.30pm on Wednesdays (on Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/f4xfmvbe> ID: 846 7892 5944 / Password:2022)

**Stations of the Cross** on Fridays at 7pm at St Joseph's, Milford.

**Early Morning Mass** 7.30am at St Edmund's, most often on a Friday.

**Sycamore online** Join us to watch the remaining Sycamore films about Faith and life, from Fr Stephen Wang, at 7.45pm: 24<sup>th</sup>: Prayer 31<sup>st</sup>: Mary and Hope of Heaven. The Zoom link is: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89934568457>

**For Young People - Pizza and Prayer** Fr Jonathan invites young people in Year 9 or above to join him for pizza and prayer at 6.30pm on Sunday evenings in Lent.

**Parish Prayer Group** On Mondays at 5pm in Lent the group is exploring Carmody Grey's York Course booklet 'God has no favourites'. More info from Richard: 01252 702230.

**Bartimaeus Project** 7.30pm, on 22nd, with Fr Tony Milner on the theme: 'The Bible in 40 minutes: Rich diversity and some unifying themes'. To register for the Zoom link and for more info: <https://bartimaeus-project.org>

**Lent Talks at St Joan of Arc, Farnham** on Wednesdays at St Joan's Centre, 8-9pm. 23rd March is: 'Loving an enemy this Lent' - Bishop Robert Barron, Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

**CAFOD Walk against Hunger** Our team of 30 walkers are well on their way (virtually) to Sierra Leone and covered 3,171 km of the total 6,330km and raised £401. To donate: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/jo-and-julian-walk-against-hunger>

### **Appeal for helpers for the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 29<sup>th</sup> July/4<sup>th</sup> August**

Would you be willing to join up to help those who, without our help, could never make the journey? If you are aged 18 + (and Redshirts & especially students in Yr 12) please consider serving our pilgrimage family and become part of our 'love in action' week. Subsidies are available for all helpers; if you will struggle to pay the full price all you need do is ask! It can be a life-enhancing or even life-changing experience.

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

### **Wintershall Passion of Jesus on Good**

**Friday in Trafalgar Square** The Wintershall players offer an electric and moving portrayal of the final days of Jesus, in a 90-minute production which is free of charge - and no booking is required either! There are two performances: at 12 noon and 3.15 pm and the production is open air with visibility maximised using large screens. If you haven't yet experienced this, it's highly recommended and well worth the journey.

**Marriage Encounter Experience** Would you like to give your marriage a boost? Treat yourselves to a life changing MME weekend. The next experiences are 14th & 21st May, 11-12th June. More info: [www.wwme.org.uk](http://www.wwme.org.uk)

**Retreats and prayer days at The House of Prayer**, East Molesey. More information at: [www.christian-retreat.org](http://www.christian-retreat.org)

**Live Simply Recycling Tip** Did you know that most soft plastics can now be recycled? Drop them off at collection points at Co-op in Farncombe or Sainsburys. Otherwise, they end up in landfill sites, release carbon gas and contribute to the ongoing climate crisis.

**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.

### **New email contacts**

[sg1.godalming@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:sg1.godalming@abdiocese.org.uk) for our parish safeguarding rep Sarah Stilwell; and [ga.godalming@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:ga.godalming@abdiocese.org.uk) for our parish gift aid co-ordinator Eileen Hudson.

**Follow us on facebook** So far, we have 82 followers; you can find us @stedsgod

**COVID precautions** Our best protection whilst attending Mass is through participation in the vaccination programme. Please also continue to wear face coverings if you can, particularly while singing, and please don't attend if you have anything infectious.

**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 contact Eileen: [ga.godalming@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:ga.godalming@abdiocese.org.uk)

### **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 March:** For a Christian response to bioethical challenges.

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

including John Lennox, Patrick Kennealy, Maria Rogers, Maria Lopez, Jean Rejniak, Arden Holford, Audrey Hockey, Anne Stephens, Margarita Crawford, Irene Grant, Margaret Silvester, Nancy Drapper, Betty Matthews, Cliff Hutchinson, Alan Berry, Nicolle Ernould, Gerry Newell, Josie Whittle, Nuala Gallagher, 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 Margaret Szalajda, Lisa Brodwin, Maria Chacaltana, and Ruth de Stefani, who died recently, and Lily Kreciglowa, Pauline MacNamara, Fr Edmund Daly (former Parish Priest), Edward McMullen, Jeremy Holmes, On Lai, Josef Pawlyszyn, Stan Selley, John Meagher and Francesco Masella whose anniversaries occur at this time.

## Schedule of Masses Third Week of Lent

**20<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

<b>Saturday 19th March</b> ST JOSEPH	<b>9.30am Mass and Confessions (St Joseph's)</b> <b>6pm Mass (St Edmund's)</b> – <i>People of the parish</i>
<b>Sunday 20th March</b> 3 <sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT	<b>8.45am Mass (St John's)</b> – <i>Ruth de Stefani RIP</i> <b>10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)</b> – <i>Francesco Masella RIP</i> <b>4.30pm Adoration &amp; Evening Prayer (St Edmund's)</b>
<b>Monday 21st March</b>	<i>10.00am Mass available at St Joseph's, Guildford</i>
<b>Tuesday 22nd March</b>	<b>11.15am Funeral Mass Ruth de Stefani RIP (St Joseph's)</b>
<b>Wednesday 23rd March</b>	<b>9.30am Mass (St Joseph's)</b> – <i>Drs Whitaker &amp; Shah</i> <b>4pm-5pm Exposition/Holy Hour (St Joseph's)</b> <i>7.30pm Lectio Divina</i>
<b>Thursday 24th March</b>	<b>9.30am Mass (St Edmund's)</b>
<b>Friday 25th March</b> THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	<b>7.30am Mass (St Edmund's)</b> – <i>People of Ukraine</i> <i>7.00pm Stations of the Cross (St Joseph's)</i>
<b>Saturday 26th March</b>	<b>9.30am Mass and Confessions (St Joseph's)</b> <b>6pm Mass (St Edmund's)</b>
<b>Sunday 27th March</b> 4 <sup>TH</sup> 'LAETARE' SUNDAY OF LENT	<b>8.45am Mass (St John's)</b> – <i>People of the parish</i> <b>10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)</b> <i>David &amp; Elizabeth Coombs – In Thanksgiving</i> 12.00pm Baptism Luca Ascione (St Joseph's) 12.45pm Baptism Percy Grant (St Joseph's) <b>4.30pm Adoration &amp; Evening Prayer (St Edmund's)</b>

Sunday Year C.

**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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