



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*

Holy Week April 10th 2022

Jesus Christ saved us through his passion, death and resurrection – the Paschal, or Easter Mystery. Therefore, the days of the Easter Triduum, the time from Maundy Thursday evening to the end of Easter Sunday, are the centre and high point of the entire year for God's children, for in them we die with Christ and rise with him to new life. As we celebrate these days with sacred rites and prayer, with fasting and feasting, Jesus himself is present with us accomplishing his saving work in the here and now.

On Maundy Thursday we commemorate the gift of the Eucharist – that as Jesus handed himself over to death he commands us to "do this" in memory of him: to be faithful to the celebration of the Eucharist and all that it means, including his command of love after the pattern of his own love. If you are keeping away from crowds because of COVID I invite you to join us for some time of silent watching after Mass and to renew your love for the Lord and this most precious gift. If you are not sure what to do with this time, I recommend reading some of John 14-17, Jesus's parting words to his disciples.

On Good Friday we stand faithfully at the foot of the cross, with the Marys and with John, as witnesses to the passion and royal dignity of our Lord. We stand there in solidarity with all those who are given, at this time, a share in the cross of the Lord.

On Holy Saturday we wait in silence. I do encourage you to keep it, if you can, as a quiet and simple day. In the Office of Readings in the morning we will hear the wonderful and consoling ancient homily about our Lord bringing with him those who have died.

At the Easter Vigil we will bear witness to God's work of re-creation in the dark of the night, most especially in the lives of his children who come to new life through the waters of baptism or who, after the season of Lent, renew their baptismal faith.

And finally, on Easter Sunday, in the light of the new day, we sing the praises of God who has brought us from death to life, who through the death of his Son has filled us with joy even while we still journey through this world.

I warmly invite you to join us, to witness Christ's mighty deed, and by participating in the mysteries to experience the pattern of the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord in your own lives.

Mass Responses for Palm Sunday

PSALM RESPONSE: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

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Holy Week in the Parish

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mass at the usual times.

4.30pm Evening Prayer (St Edmund's)

Maundy Thursday

8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (St Joseph's) alongside the Polish community, followed by watching of the Blessed Sacrament until

11.00pm Compline

Good Friday

10.30am Family Stations of the Cross (St Eds)

3pm Solemn Liturgy (St Joseph's)

Holy Saturday

10.00am Morning Prayer & Office of Readings (St Joseph's)

8.30pm Easter Vigil (St Joseph's) with Baptism and Reception into Full Communion

Easter Sunday

8.45am Mass (St John's)

10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)

Caring for each other at Mass As a mark of our care and concern for each other please wear face coverings at Easter services when our churches will be busier than usual.

Sacrament of Penance Fr Jonathan will be available for Confessions after Mass on 12th and 13th April, and by arrangement.

Good Friday 11.30am Churches Together service on Godalming High Street, led by the Trinity Trust Team, with drama and scripture.

Easter Sunday The annual Sunrise Service is at the Minster Field at 6.45am, followed by coffee with the Sisters of Ladywell Convent.

Special Collections in Holy Week

***Maundy Thursday** is a particular day for making offerings for those in need. The foodbank is short of supplies at present.

Contributions can be left at either of our churches or at Sainsburys, Co-op or Waitrose.

For details of particular items needed and how to make a financial contribution visit: <https://parishofgodalming.org.uk/st-marks-food-bank/>

***Good Friday** there will be a collection for the Holy Places to support the Christian communities who still live and worship in the places of Jesus' life and saving death.

***Easter** The offering at Easter is for the support of the priest(s) of the parish. See the next page for more details on how to donate and gift aid.

Coffee after 8.45am Mass on Easter

Sunday with hot cross buns and chocolate treats! It will be lovely to meet together and wish each other Happy Easter, so do join us!

Wintershall Passion of Jesus on Good Friday in Trafalgar Square

A moving portrayal of the final days of Jesus, in a 90-minute open-air production - free of charge and no booking needed, at noon and 3.15 pm. It's highly recommended. NB: There's no performance on Guildford High St this year.

CAFOD Walk against Hunger Well done to the team who have so far walked 6,879km and raised £1,674 for CAFOD's work to alleviate poverty. Thank you for all donations. <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/jo-and-julian-walk-against-hunger>

St Edmund's Parish Easter Egg Hunt This was hugely popular last year, and we're delighted to announce it's back again this Easter. The theme is flags of the world, in particular the Ukrainian flag and prayers for peace in Ukraine. The Hunt takes place on four days from Good Friday to Easter Monday and you can choose which day to take part. To register please contact Nicki and Alan: alison@btinternet.com or 01483 420859. There is no charge and there are lots of prizes!

Invited: Season 2 - Growing in Faith The first episode is launched on **Easter Monday** with five weekly conversations from 7.30pm to 8.30pm every **Thursday** evening, on diocesan-wide zoom. For details or to register <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited>.

Fr Jonathan would like to invite a different group on Thursday each week at 7pm to join him for supper, prayer and conversation about the episode of the week. If you would like to join him for one of these, please sign up through the event in the calendar.

Ministry of Holy Communion to the Sick

The simple but profound act of taking Communion to the Sick directly from Mass enables us to re-connect with those who have become separated from us by illness. If you have a love of the Eucharist and a desire to enable others to share in it, and feel called to help with this Ministry, please speak with Fr Jonathan. There will be preparation sessions on two Saturdays in May (14th/28th).

Parish Summer Alpha Programme

We are delighted to announce an in-person summer Alpha programme. Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Each session includes supper, a short film and discussion. The course will run on Sunday evenings from 1st May @ 7-9pm. Full details and sign-up are on our website www.stedsgod.com (scroll down home page). This course is for everyone and is the ideal tonic to renew and to inspire you, especially if you feel your faith has waned as a result of recent world events. And, if you know of anyone who might like to come too, please invite them or offer to come along with them – as the greatest gift we can give a fellow human is faith, a gift which can last for eternity. For more information: Nicki and Alan 01483 420859 E: alion@btinternet.com

SVP Tea Afternoon If you would like to come along on Wednesday 13th at 2.30pm please let Janet know: 01252 702156.

Cake Sale – please get baking! We will be fund-raising for Kasanka, our twin parish in Zambia, to support them and their school,

with a cake sale after all Masses on **w/e 30th April and 1st May**. All types, sizes and flavours of cake are welcome – and as many as you can offer! Thank you in advance.

CTGD Link Up & Live Simply newsletters

The latest editions are available on our website under the 'Newsletters' tab.

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.

Mental Health support The mental health crisis helpline is 0800 915 4644, open 24/7 for support for adults, children and young people in distress. If you're worried about yourself or a young person, you can be signposted to face-to-face assessment or support e.g. Guildford Safe Haven.

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

Easter Offering Please consider gift aiding your donation, which allows us to claim back 25% from HMRC. Please place your offering in a clearly labelled envelope or use one of the printed envelopes at the back of the church (if you already have a current Gift Aid declaration just fill in your name, otherwise complete all the details on the envelope). For those who have a new numbered box of envelopes, please use the one marked Easter. If you are donating at Farncombe, please use a St Edmund's envelope and not one for St John's!

There are also contactless terminals available if you would like to give by card, but to Gift Aid your offering you will need to input your details as this is a separate system.

Please remember in your prayers

All those affected by COVID and its impact on people around the world. Peace in Ukraine.

David, Kelly and Dean to be received into Full Communion with the church at Easter.

The Holy Father's Intention for April: For Ukraine. And for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

The sick and those who care for them

including Sasha Hall, 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 Domenico Spina who died recently, and Salvador Barbato, Jan Orlinski, Fred Butcher, Pat Murray, Lilian Duffield, Frank Matthews, Mike Keen, Eva Crane and Hannah Clark whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Schedule of Masses & Liturgies Holy Week 2022

Saturday 9th April	9.30am Mass and Confessions (St Joseph's) 6pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Matthew & Frank Brown RIP</i>
Sunday 10th April PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	8.45am Mass (St John's) – <i>Private Intention</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>People of the Parish</i> 4.30pm Adoration & Evening Prayer (St Edmund's)
Monday 11th April	<i>10.00am Mass available at St Joseph's, Guildford</i>
Tuesday 12th April	9.30am Mass & Confessions (St Joseph's)
Wednesday 13th April	9.30am Mass & Confessions (St Joseph's)
Thursday 14th April MAUNDY THURSDAY	8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Mass (St Joseph's) <i>followed by watching at the altar of repose until</i> 11.00pm Compline (Night Prayer) (St Joseph's)
Friday 15th April GOOD FRIDAY	10.30am Family Stations of the Cross (St Edmund's) 3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (St Joseph's)
Saturday 16th April HOLY SATURDAY	10.00am Morning Prayer & Office of Readings (St Joseph's) 8.30pm Solemn Vigil of Easter (St Joseph's) <i>– People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 17th April EASTER SUNDAY	8.45am Mass (St John's) 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)

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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