



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*

Easter Sunday 2022

The resurrection of Jesus brings us to understand what it is to be saved. By faith we understand that Jesus came to free us from the spell which the world has cast over us. We come to know, once and for ever, that Jesus was not born to further this existence, but that a whole new existence was born in him. We no longer try to understand Christ with worldly eyes but understand the world and everything in and around it with his eyes. (c.f. Romano Guardini, *The Lord*. "The Resurrection".)

Jesus, by his passion, death and resurrection, has triumphed over sin and death. He has come into the fundamental brokenness of the world, sharing the fullness of our humanity, to restore the wholeness and holiness of creation and open for us the gates to a new reality and existence that is beyond what eye can see, or ear can hear, or the human mind can even begin to imagine.

By faith and the waters of Baptism, God calls his children to share in this new reality even now, so that while they are still in the world they are no longer of it. The sure promise of heaven becomes so clear for them that it provides the foundation for their lives, and they are able to remain joyful even in the midst of human suffering and struggle. We know this, not only from the scriptures and the lives of the saints, but we have seen in it the everyday holiness of many of the brothers and sisters who live alongside us, inspiring us by their gratitude and fortitude.

This life of faith, this new reality, is marked above all by friendship with God in Jesus. He is our constant companion, who reminds us continually of the Father's unconditional love and forgiveness. And the more we live alongside Jesus, the more we become like him – we see as he sees and love as he loves. As our joy grows we can do none other than invite others to share in it, that our joy may be even more complete.

This life of faith, this new life, is offered to everyone. It is for the many, not the special few. It is not the fruit of our effort, but of our opening our hearts and lives to God's transforming love. Jesus is the Way to this new life, and he is indeed alive in his Church, in the scriptures and in the sacraments, calling us to share even now in his new and more abundant life.

Mass Responses for Easter Sunday

PSALM RESPONSE: This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed: let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

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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.

Congratulations to Isabel and Harriet baptised at the Easter Vigil and to David, Kelly and Dean received into Full Communion and sealed with the Holy Spirit.

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!

CAFOD Walk against Hunger during Lent. Huge congratulations to our parish team of walkers - Jo, Julian, Fr Jonathan, Sarah, Colette, Mary, David, Ian, Angela, Anna, Anna, Angela, Catherine, Sr Shirley, Jo, Antonia, Jo, Fiona, Joe, Jude, Andrew, Peter, Mark, Susie, Brenda, Simon, Paula, Mary, the FMDM Sisters and Ashley - who have succeeded in raising **over £3,000** and walked 9,139km, all for CAFOD's work to alleviate poverty. Well done everyone, what a super team effort. And thank you for all donations. <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/jo-and-julian-walk-against-hunger>

St Edmund's Parish Easter Egg Hunt It's not too late to register! The Hunt takes place on four days from Good Friday to Easter Monday and you can choose which day to take part. The theme is flags of the world, in particular the Ukrainian flag and prayers for peace in Ukraine. Contact Nicki and Alan: alion@btinternet.com or 01483 420859. There is no charge and there are lots of prizes!

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! Please label your cakes to identify allergens: gluten, eggs, milk, peanuts, sesame, and nuts. Thank you.

Parish Database If you are new(ish) to the parish or think that we might not have your current contact details, you might like to complete one of the yellow forms at the back of church, or the form on the Welcome page of our website.

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>.

Week 1 (w/c 18th) - Loved
Week 2 (w/c 25th) - Transformed
Week 3 (w/c 2nd May) - Reveal
Week 4 (w/c 9th) - Struggles
Week 5 (w/c 16th) - Hope
Then Ascension and Pentecost

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

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CTGD Prayer Breakfast Saturday 23rd

April Hilary and Richard Grey have kindly offered to host this event at their home in Elstead. 8.30-10am. All welcome.

Plant cuttings, seedlings and plants needed! Live Simply is organising Pete's Plant Sale on weekend of 21/22 May and ask all green fingered parishioners to nurture some plant cuttings and seedlings to donate to the sale to help us raise funds for Kasanka.

Donations to the Foodbank Supplies and cash reserves are low, and your help is urgently needed. To donate funds, the bank details are: St Marks Community Centre, sort: code 40-22-12, acct: 91277766. Food items needed: <https://parishofgodalming.org.uk/st-marks-food-bank/> Drop-off at collection points at Co-op, Waitrose and Sainsburys.

Grandparents Day This annual event and pilgrimage to the shrine at West Grinstead takes place on Wednesday 8th June. If you would like to find out more, please email: katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

Memorial for Pete Kelly May 7th @ 11am. Everyone is welcome. Please let Mary know by 22nd April, for catering purposes, if you hope to attend the afternoon reception: 07909 527876 or failte.kellys@btinternet.com

Are you aged 18-30 and thinking of a Gap year? You may like to consider CAFOD's 'Step into the Gap' 10-month programme; with opportunities to gain new skills, develop as a leader and gain work experience. Find out more <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/For-young-people/CAFOD-Gap-year>

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 Open Forum 18th May 2022.
7.30 for 8.00pm. Details to follow.

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.

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.

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 Spena, Fr Jude McHugo CJ, and Sr Victoria Batchelor FMDM who died recently, and Edith Houston, Peter Allen, Gordon Monk, Sisto Ferrucci, Giovanni Silano, Richard Shee, Aleksander Prosniewski, Anne Acquaye and Evelina Bivona whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Schedule of Masses & Liturgies Easter Sunday 2022

Saturday 16th April HOLY SATURDAY	10.00am Morning Prayer & Office of Readings <p style="text-align: right;">(St Joseph's)</p> 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)
Monday 18th April EASTER MONDAY	10.00am Mass (St Edmund's)
Tuesday 19th April EASTER TUESDAY	<i>10.00am Mass available at St Joseph's, Guildford</i>
Wednesday 20th April EASTER WEDNESDAY	<i>10.00am Mass available at St Joseph's, Guildford</i>
Thursday 21st April EASTER THURSDAY	<i>10.00am Mass available at St Joseph's, Guildford</i>
Friday 22nd April EASTER FRIDAY	7.30am Mass (St Edmund's)
Saturday 23rd April EASTER SATURDAY	6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) – Matthew & Frank Brown RIP
Sunday 24th April SECOND 'LOW' SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)	8.45am Mass (St John's) – People of the Parish 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) 12.15pm Baptism – Rory Meredith (St Edmund'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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