



# 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*

## **Second Sunday after Easter 'Divine Mercy' Sunday 2022**

The Second Sunday of Easter brings to a close the Octave of Easter, a whole week of more intense celebration of Jesus's triumph over death and its effects in our lives.

The meeting with 'doubting' Thomas is one of those vibrant resurrection stories. It is notable that the risen Jesus carries the wounds of his saving passion. Even though his body is notably changed (so much so that sometime the disciples do not recognise him at first), the wounds in his hands, feet and side remain. What are we to make of this?

Firstly, we might take them as reminders of what he has done. In standing before his Father and before us they are the outward sign of his passion and death. They might inspire love and gratitude on our part on account of what he has done for us. Secondly, we might take them as an indication that he is still wounded for us and with us – that his passion is both in time and something that transcends time and space. In this sense they express the continuing *com-passion* of God.

Thirdly, we might consider their significance for ourselves. If the risen Jesus bears the wounds of his passion, it seems less improper that we too will continue to be marked in some way by our own woundedness, at least until God's work is completed in us in the final resurrection.

In closing the Gospel we hear today the Evangelist indicates his primary purpose, not simply or even primarily to provide a historical record, but to provide an encounter with the risen Christ which evokes a seeing-believing that is life-giving in the fullest sense of the word: "These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name." As we continue our Easter journey, I invite you to ask the gift of the Holy Spirit to open the hearts of each of us to his risen presence in the life of the church that we may grow in this faith and life.

### **Mass Responses for Second Sunday after Easter**

PSALM RESPONSE: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

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**Thank you to everyone** who helped prepare our churches and liturgies for the celebration of Easter. The flowers, altar of repose and choir were much appreciated.

**Easter Offerings** Fr Jonathan would like to express his personal thanks for the kind contributions to the Easter Offering.

**Of your charity**, please pray for the repose of the soul of Hilary Grey who died this week.

**Date for your diary** The next Parish Forum takes place on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May @ 8pm**, with refreshments served from 7.30pm; venue to be confirmed. It's an opportunity for an update on what's going on, plans and finance and to offer some feedback. All parishioners are warmly invited. We hope to have a couple of these Forum a year.

**Cake Sale after Masses next weekend**

We are 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 30<sup>th</sup> April and 1<sup>st</sup> May** so please get baking – and let Mary know if you can help: 01483 428031. 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. There will also be **Coffee after 8.45am Mass on 1<sup>st</sup> May** – an ideal opportunity to buy a cake!

**New Large Hosts** You might have noticed that we have started using some larger hosts at Mass. It makes a more visible connection between what we are doing and the 'breaking of bread' referred to in the Acts of the Apostles and is a fuller sign of our sharing in the one bread. But please don't stress about which host you receive – none of them is 'more Jesus' than any of the others.

**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. The group is also looking for some 'handy people' to help make planters for the front of St Joseph's church using recyclable pallets etc, to encourage pollination and add colour. Please contact Jo Pomeroy: 07920 180495.

**Urgent: Helpers needed for Lourdes Pilgrimage** As things stand the pilgrimage office will have to turn down some pilgrims who want to join the pilgrimage as there aren't currently enough helpers to assist them. If you are fit and free between 29<sup>th</sup> July-4<sup>th</sup> August, please consider offering your help. Subsidies available to help with costs. More information: [lourdes.abdiocese.org.uk](http://lourdes.abdiocese.org.uk)

**Invited: Season 2 - Growing in Faith** The first episode was launched on Easter Monday and is available now to view, and is well worth watching. Weekly conversations are from 7.30pm to 8.30pm every **Thursday** evening, on diocesan-wide zoom. To register: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited>.

Week 2 (w/c 25<sup>th</sup>) - Transformed

Week 3 (w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> May) - Reveal

Week 4 (w/c 9<sup>th</sup>) - Struggles

Week 5 (w/c 16<sup>th</sup>) - 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 **this week** please sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/vxr88j2h>. For future weeks please see the parish calendar.

**Masses with First Holy Communion on 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May** Some spaces will be reserved for each FHC family, but these are also parish Masses, celebrated for the whole church, and everyone is welcome to attend.

**Parish 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 1<sup>st</sup> May @ 7-9pm**. Full details and sign-up are on our website [www.stedsgod.com](http://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](mailto:alion@btinternet.com)

**Listen to the 'Acts of the Apostles' read throughout the season of Easter** Starting with Luke's account of the early church after Christ's Resurrection, the Acts records the spread of the Gospel from Jerusalem to Rome. You can listen to all 28 chapters, uploaded one per day, Monday to Saturday, at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/series/reading-acts-in-easter/>

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

**St Edmund's Parish Easter Egg Hunt** The weather was wonderful and there was an excellent turn out, with lots of appreciative feedback from families: *'Thanks once again for providing a very enjoyable and memorable challenge. We all stopped and prayed 9 times for Ukraine too (a prayer for each Ukrainian flag found)'*. Prize winners will be notified soon, but we hope and pray that the real winner will be peace in Ukraine.

**PACT Workshop** The Prison Advice and Care Trust is holding a JustPeople workshop at St Dunstan's, Woking, on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 10-4. Free to attend, the workshop offers an opportunity for prayer and reflection upon Scripture, Church Teaching and Catholic Social Teaching through the lens of people affected by imprisonment. 07581 194907 [marie.norbury@prisonadvice.org.uk](mailto:marie.norbury@prisonadvice.org.uk)

**St John's Farncombe Spring Fair** All are welcome to join in the fun of this 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary fair, on 7<sup>th</sup> May from 11am until mid-afternoon. There will be many fun stalls, refreshments, and children's activities.

**Grandparents Day** This annual event and pilgrimage to the shrine at West Grinstead takes place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June. If you would like to find out more, please email: [katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk)

**Wintershall Life of Christ** This spectacular open-air performance of the life of Jesus Christ will be performed from 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> June, and tickets are at: [www.wintershall.org.uk](http://www.wintershall.org.uk)

**Caring for each other at Mass** As a mark of our care and concern for each other please wear face coverings when attending Mass.

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

**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 Sr Philomena FMDM, 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 Rheenan, 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 Hilary Grey, Domenico Spina, Fr Jude McHugo CJ, and Sr Finbarr FMDM who died recently, and Fr Colum Murray (former Parish Priest), Paul Bryant, Marie-Louise Hayward, Maria Warner, Tony Strudwick, Mary Youd, Anthony Edwards, Phillip Downey and Jaya Lake whose anniversaries occur at this time.

## Schedule of Masses & Liturgies

### Second 'Divine Mercy' Sunday of Easter 2022

<b>Saturday 23rd April</b> EASTER SATURDAY	<b>6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)</b> – <i>Matthew &amp; Frank Brown RIP</i>
<b>Sunday 24th April</b> SECOND 'LOW' SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)	<b>8.45am Mass (St John's)</b> – <i>People of the Parish</i> <b>10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)</b> – <i>Malcolm Rundle RIP</i> 12.15pm Baptism – <i>Rory Meredith (St Edmund's)</i>
<b>Monday 25th April</b> ST MARK, EVANGELIST	<b>11.00am Funeral Mass - Domenico Spena RIP</b> <b>– (St Joseph's)</b>
<b>Tuesday 26th April</b> ST GEORGE, PATRON OF ENGLAND	<b>9.30am Mass (St Joseph's)</b> – <i>Tony Strudwick RIP</i>
<b>Wednesday 27th April</b>	<b>9.30am Mass (St Joseph's)</b> – <i>Hilary Grey RIP</i>
<b>Thursday 28th April</b>	<b>7.30am Mass (St Edmund's)</b> - <i>Sr Philomena FMDM</i>
<b>Friday 29th April</b> ST CATHERINE OF SIENA	<b>9.30am Mass (St Joseph's)</b> – <i>Alexander Moore RIP</i>
<b>Saturday 30th April</b>	<b>6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)</b> – <i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>Sunday 1st May</b> THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	<b>8.45am Mass (St John's)</b> <b>10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)</b> – <i>Pat Cooke RIP</i> 12.15pm Baptism – <i>Cian Devlin (St Edmund's)</i>

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**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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