



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 Easter – May 1st 2022

Jesus appears, or to be more precise, reveals himself, to his disciples by the Sea of Galilee. The whole scene has a certain intimacy to it. He refers to them as 'children' (the lectionary translation is misleading in using the word 'friends'), and he eats a breakfast of grilled (very fresh!) fish with them on the beach with actions reminiscent of the last supper, and no doubt the many other meals they had shared together. The setting also evokes a sense of a new community that has been formed at the foot of the cross, and of Jesus revealing himself to them once again in that family-community.

It might be that the disciples had backslid a little. Even though the Holy Spirit had been given to them it seems that they had returned to their lives pre-Jesus. (On the other hand, Jesus himself had told them to go to Galilee and that they would see him there, and they might have equally been fishing as a bit of sport before returning to their business.)

Notice that, in keeping with most of the resurrection appearances, they do not immediately recognise Jesus. This and the language of *revealing* suggests that more is going on here than a simple seeing: an activity of divine revelation and of response in faith.

The Eucharist is one of those privileged settings in which the Lord Jesus once again reveals himself to those whom he addresses as his children. Just as John's Gospel continues with the commissioning of Peter, the prophecy of his passion and a final and direct call from Jesus to "Follow me", so in the Mass, the Eucharist provides the setting for that encounter with the Risen Jesus that enables us to follow in faith and walk the path that leads to a share in the new life of Easter.

*May your people exult for ever, O God,
in renewed youthfulness of spirit,
so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption,
we may look forward in confident hope
to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.*

Mass Responses for Third Sunday of Easter

PSALM RESPONSE: I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

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Masses with First Holy Communion Over the next two Sundays (8th and 15th May) our parish family celebrates the joyful occasion of over 30 children receiving Holy Communion for the first time. Please keep them in your prayers, that they may grow closer to Jesus and know his love for them. The Masses are at 10.30am and 12.30pm at St Joseph's, and are parish Masses, celebrated for the whole church. Anyone is welcome to attend, though 60% of the seating will be set aside for FHC families. This will be the first time in years that it will be standing room only! Please park away from the church and walk if you can.

Parish Summer Alpha Programme The course starts **this Sunday 1st May**, 7-9pm, and runs on Sunday evenings through May and June. If you have been considering joining the course, why not just take the plunge and give it a try? The first three sessions are open to all and there's no cost, and a free supper! Contact Nicki/Alan 01483 420859 or: alio@btinternet.com Please pray for the success of Alpha, that the Holy Spirit may lead all those searching to Jesus Christ.

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of our departed brothers and sisters. There are several funerals coming up:

Pete Kelly 11am on Saturday 7th May
Hilary Grey Saturday 7th May for family. A Mass is being planned for Hilary on the afternoon on 25th June, the day of interment of her ashes, at which others can join them.
Sr Philomena Dunning 11am on Tuesday 10th May at Ladywell. Please let the Sisters know if you would like to attend
Melanie Newell Noon on Wednesday 11th May at Guildford Crematorium
Maura Goodfellow 2.30pm on Tuesday 17th May at St Joseph's.

May they rest in peace

"May is the Month of Mary" and there will be an opportunity to pray the rosary together after the 9.30am Masses.

Caring for each other at Mass As a mark of our care and concern for each other please wear face coverings when attending Mass on Sundays, or on other occasions if sitting near someone who is wearing a face covering.

Please support our Cake Sale after Masses this weekend to help us raise funds for Kasanka, our twin parish in Zambia, to facilitate the school's transition to digital learning. Also, this Sunday there **is coffee after 8.45am Mass** - an ideal opportunity to buy a cake!

Last year the funds we raised enabled the St Francis community in Kasanka to replace the water borehole pump and instal a solar water pump to provide access to clean water. This year their digital learning needs – laptops, screens, printers and photocopier etc – will cost in excess of £5,000. Although we may not manage to raise the full total, we can certainly give it a try! If you would like to donate to the work of the FMDM Sisters in Kasanka click: <https://tinyurl.com/4y7tr6pd>

Our Kasanka fund-raising continues with **Pete's Plant Sale on 21st /22nd May** and the Live Simply group ask all green fingered parishioners to nurture some plant cuttings and seedlings to donate to the sale. 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.

Dates for your diary

The next Parish Forum takes place on **Wednesday 18th 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.

Pizza and Prayer 15th May 6.30-8.00pm

Jubilarians Mass at 11.00am on 9th June at Arundel Cathedral – this will be one of the occasions marking Fr Michael's Diamond Jubilee of Priestly Ordination.

Grandparents Day Wednesday 8th June at West Grinstead 11am-3pm This annual day with Bishop Richard at West Grinstead for Grandparents is always a joyous day of celebration. Further information and sign-up: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events> Or email: katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

Invited: Season 2 - Growing in Faith

This year's instalment of the Diocesan Mission is under way. It's really easy to take part. First, have a look at the video for the week (or read the transcript). These can be found at <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited>. Second, pray through the questions for reflection. Third, meet up online (7.30pm on Thursday evening on zoom) or in person and share your reflections with one another. The format is flexible, making it easy to watch the film at a time that suits you and to dip in and out of the conversations.

Fr Jonathan has room for four more to join him for supper and conversation

around the themes of the week at 7pm this Thursday. If you would like to come, please sign up through the calendar or drop him a line. Those who came last week enjoyed it!

The next three episodes are Reveal, Struggles and Hope. The Mission finishes with preparation for Pentecost.

Missio Red Box Appeal Last year we raised £1,914 for Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries - thank you so much for your generosity. Pauline Jaricot, the founder of the APF/Missio network, will be beatified by Pope Francis this month. Her life was marked by intense suffering and great trust in God, and she helps us to see how every prayer and every contribution is valued by God and can transform the world for the better. Visit missio.org.uk to find out more To arrange for a Red Box, or to have yours collected, or for any questions about Missio, please contact Nick de Caestecker on 07985 096233 or email: nickdec1@btinternet.com

Synod feedback Bishop Richard has synthesised responses from across the diocese and submitted his report to the Catholic Bishop's Conference. You can it read online: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/synod>

Donations to the Foodbank Food items urgently needed are: orange squash, jelly, tin fruits and puddings. Drop-off at collection points at Co-op, Waitrose and Sainsburys. To donate funds online: St Marks Community Centre, sort code 40-22-12, acct: 91277766.

The latest Live Simply and CTGD Link Up Newsletters are available on our website.

Ukraine Collection Box at St Edmund's for donations of listed items, by Friday 6th May.

St John's Farncombe Spring Fair 7th May from 11am until mid-afternoon. Fun stalls, refreshments, and children's activities.

Wintershall Stations of the Cross Friday @ 7am <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/stations-cross>

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

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 May: We pray for faith-filled young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

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 Ernoult, Gerry Newell, Josie Whittle, Nuala Gallagher, Ann Lloyd, Anita van Rheen, 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 Sr Philomena FMDM, Maura Goodfellow, Melanie Newell, Annelise Hetherington and Hilary Grey, who died recently, and Brenda Waugh, Pat Cooke, Annik Allison, Margaret Jones, Ian Hamilton, Carla Barford, and Cynthia Hughes whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Schedule of Masses & Liturgies

Third Sunday of Easter 2022

Saturday 30th April	6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 1st May THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.45am Mass (St John's) – <i>Alpha Summer Programme</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Pat Cooke RIP</i> 12.15pm Baptism – Cian Devlin (St Edmund's)
Monday 2nd May St Athanasius	<i>10.00am Mass available at St Joseph's, Guildford</i>
Tuesday 3rd May SS Philip & James, Apostles	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's)*
Wednesday 4th May THE ENGLISH MARTYRS	4.30pm Mass @ Elstead (The Old Farmhouse) – Hilary Grey RIP
Thursday 5th May	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's)*
Friday 6th May	7.15am Mass (St Edmund's)
Saturday 7th May	11.00am Requiem Mass Pete Kelly RIP (St Edmund's) 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)
Sunday 8th May FOURTH 'GOOD SHEPHERD' SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.45am Mass (St John's) – <i>People of the parish</i> 10.30am Mass with First Holy Communion (St Joseph's) 12.30pm Mass with First Holy Communion (St Joseph's)

Sunday Year C

St Edmund's Church is open each day, usually from 10am to 5pm

***Rosary after 9.30am Mass during May**

Livestream Mass is available from Guildford: <https://www.cpg.church/live.html>

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