



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*

Fifth Sunday of Easter - 15th May 2022

Saints Titus Brandsma and St Charles de Foucauld

This Sunday Pope Francis will recognise seven of our brothers and sisters as saints in a ceremony at St Peter's in Rome. Two of them may be of particular interest to us.

Blessed Titus Brandsma was born in 1881, Titus was a Dutch theologian, journalist, and author who forcefully opposed and spoke out against the anti-Jewish laws the Nazis were passing in Germany before World War II. He was also an ordained Carmelite priest. He was arrested when Germany invaded the Netherlands and told that he would be allowed to live a quiet life in a monastery if he would announce that Catholic newspapers should publish Nazi propaganda. Titus refused and he died of hardship and starvation in the Dachau concentration camp on 26 July 1942. Pope Saint John Paul II declared Titus Blessed in 1985, saying that he "answered hate with love."

Blessed Charles de Foucauld, born in 1858, was a French aristocrat and religious, whose work and writings led to the founding of the Congregation of the Little Brothers of Jesus. During his adventurous life, he was a Cavalry Officer in the French Army, and then an explorer and geographer before becoming a Catholic priest and hermit who lived among the Tuareg in Algeria's Sahara Desert. He lived a very simple life of prayer, meditation and adoration, in the incessant desire to be, for each person, a "universal brother", a living image of the love of Jesus. On the evening of December 1, 1916, he was killed by bandits. He is considered a pioneer of interreligious dialogue. The following well known prayer of abandonment is taken from his writings.

*Father, I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what you will.
Whatever you may do, I thank you: I am ready for all, I accept all.*

*Let only your will be done in me, and in all your creatures. I wish no more than this, O Lord.
Into your hands I commend my soul; I offer it to you with all the love of my heart, for I love you,
Lord, and so need to give myself, to surrender myself into your hands, without reserve, and with
boundless confidence, for you are my Father.*

Mass Responses for Fifth of Easter

PSALM RESPONSE: I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another just as I have loved you, says the Lord. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia

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Masses with First Holy Communion This Sunday and last 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 (10.30am and 12.30pm at St Joseph's) are parish Masses, celebrated for the whole church. All are welcome to attend, and last week there were spare seats. Park away from the church and walking, if you can, helped to keep pressure off the car park last week and is encouraged.

****Road closure**** *Portsmouth Rd between Godalming and Milford will be closed this Sunday morning.*

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

Parish Forum on 18th May St Edmund's school at 8pm, with refreshments served from 7.30pm, and all are warmly invited. The evening will include a presentation on parish finances, the plans that we will be submitting to WBC for pre-application planning advice and a bit of looking forward. If you are coming and can sign up via the calendar or by email it will help us with planning. There are no surprise announcements planned.

Pete's Plant Sale will take place all through the weekend of the 21st/22nd May at St Joseph's, Milford. All the money raised will go to support the work of the FMDM Sisters in our twin parish in Kasanka, Zambia. This year they are especially looking for funds to buy basic digital equipment for the school. Plant drop off time: Saturday 21st May 9.00 - 10.00am if possible. Please make sure all plants are labelled as to what they are. If you are able to volunteer help or have any queries please contact Jo Pomeroy 07920 180495. To donate to FMDM Kasanka online: <https://tinyurl.com/4y7tr6pd>

Outdoor Mass for Corpus Christi We are pleased to confirm that we can gather at Ladywell for an outdoor Mass at 10.30am on **Sunday 19th June**, with an opportunity to stop after for a picnic lunch / brunch. (Note that this is on the Sunday – the Mailchimp this week wrongly gave 18th June.)

Ascension Day – Thursday 26th May

Mass at 10am (St Joseph's, together with the Polish community) and 7.30pm (St Edmund's) and St Edmund's School (pm)

Morning Coffee and Cake We will adjourn to the café at the garden centre in Milford after the morning Mass. If you would like to come please sign up via the parish calendar or by email to the parish office so we can make sure we have enough places reserved.

Evening Prayer in the Roman Catholic form will be celebrated with Churches Together in Godalming at 6pm at St John's, followed by a bring-and-share supper. Fr Jonathan is presiding.

Novena and Consecration to the Holy Spirit 27th May to 4th June There are a set of prayers for this on the Invited page. You might like to make an intention to engage in this campaign of prayer and download them now. It only needs a few minutes each day. <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited>

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.

Invited: Season 2 - Growing in Faith

This Diocesan Mission is under way and it's really easy to take part and dip in and out of according to your time. First, watch the video for the week (or read the transcript), both 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.

Fr Jonathan has room for a few more to join him for supper and conversation around the themes of the week at 7pm on Thursday (19th). If you would like to come, please sign up via the calendar or drop him a line.

Day of Prayer at Ladywell – 8th June to be led by Fr David Parmiter. 01483 675575.

Baptism preparation The next course is in June, on 19th and 23rd. If you would like to have your child baptised, please get in touch with Fr Jonathan as soon as possible.

Parish Activities – come and join us at: Children’s Liturgy at 8.45am Sunday Mass
Bumps & Babes on Mondays at 10.30am at St John’s, Farncombe

Prayer Group on Monday evenings at 7.30pm in Elstead (phone Richard on 01252 703830) (Note new later time).

Summer Alpha – Sunday evening at 7pm in May/June (phone Nicki/Alan 01483 420859)

Christian Aid Week 15th-21st May There will be a collection on the High Street on Friday 20th. To donate online:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

Missio Red Box Appeal Last year we raised £1,914 for [missio.org.uk](https://www.missio.org.uk) and the Mill Hill Missionaries - thank you so much for your generosity. 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

Donations to the Foodbank items urgently needed include bleach, cooking oil, noodles, orange squash, tinned fruit, toilet cleaner. Drop-off at collection points at Co-op, Waitrose and Sainsburys.

Refugees from Ukraine The community in and around Godalming has established a network supporting refugees from Ukraine. Now that refugees are starting to arrive the churches in Godalming are directing people to this network as the most effective way to provide local support. It operates through a website and private Facebook group, and people are starting to use it to offer help and support such as transport, tuition, admin etc. If there are ways you would like to help please let them know. Details can be found on the Ukraine page of the parish website.

If you are hosting refugees or have offered to do so and would like to be in touch with others in the parish who are doing the same please let Fr Jonathan or the Parish Office know, either by email or via the link on the parish Ukraine web page.

Grandparents Day 8th June at West Grinstead 11am-3pm Further information about this annual day with Bishop Richard: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

Planters for St Joseph’s We’re looking for some ‘handy people’ to help make planters using recyclable pallets etc. If you can donate materials or lend a hand, please contact Sr Shirley on 07718 425184.

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. Please contact the SVP or Fr Jonathan if you need a referral.

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 Eileen Fleming, John Lennox, Maria Rogers, Maria Lopez, Jean Rejniak, 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, 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 Maura Goodfellow, John Salvatore and the sisters at La Verna who died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Schedule of Masses & Liturgies

Fifth Sunday of Easter 2022

Saturday 14th May St Matthias	6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Jan Dziemba</i> <i>(and remembering also those doing GCSE exams)</i>
Sunday 15th May FIFTH 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) – <i>Alexander Moore RIP</i> 12.30pm Mass with First Holy Communion (St Joseph's)
Monday 16th May	<i>10.00am Mass available at St Joseph's, Guildford</i>
Tuesday 17th May	2.30pm Requiem Mass Maura Goodfellow RIP (St Joseph's)
Wednesday 18th May	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's)* – <i>Marek Kalay RIP</i>
Thursday 19th May <i>St Dunstan</i>	7.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Fr Frank Harrington RIP</i>
Friday 20th May	7.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Fr Jude McHugo RIP</i>
Saturday 21st May	6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)
Sunday 22nd May SIXTH 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) – <i>Lilian Alcala RIP</i>

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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