



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*

Sixth Sunday of Easter – 22nd May 2022

As we approach the feasts of Ascension (this Thursday) and Pentecost, our attention turns to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The final part of the diocesan mission this year is a novena (9 days of prayer) for the coming of the Holy Spirit, and **I would like to encourage everyone in the parish to commit to a short prayer for the gift of the Holy Spirit each day, from 27th May to 5th June.**

In the scriptures, the Greek word used for the Holy Spirit is *pneuma*. This can be translated in a variety of ways, including wind, breath, or spirit. Likewise, in Old Testament Hebrew, the term *ruah* is translated in a similar way. From this language we gain the sense that the Holy Spirit is something powerful, invisible and all around us. The breath of God brings us life and sustains us; the wind in the sails propels us forward. The Holy Spirit enables life, growth, and forward movement in our journey through this life towards the next. It is the Holy Spirit who prays in us as the breath in our body and soul. It is the Holy Spirit who animates and moves us forward as we grow closer to and more like Jesus. The Christian life is one led according to the Holy Spirit.

We will pray that that the Holy Spirit unwrap the gifts of our Baptism. Our Baptism is not just a one-off event that happens in the past - a rite of initiation which once completed is done. It is an ongoing reality which affects us in every moment of every day.

First and foremost, the grace (gift) of Baptism is a relationship with God. Being in this relationship with God creates certain good things in us and these have a transformative effect. We have become a new creation; we are brought into relationship with Jesus as part of his body and we have been filled with faith, hope and love and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. A wise Dominican once said that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are the 'areas' of the soul which God can really work through, they are what make us "tractable" (as in traction) and allow God's love to heal, restore, grow, and transform us. We have been given these gifts so that we can respond to the promptings of the Spirit. God has not just asked us to be in relationship with him but also given us the means to live it out. Through the Novena and Consecration, we are reaffirming our baptism, expressing gratitude and saying "yes" again so that the gifts of the Spirit can flow more freely.

Secondly, the gifts of the Holy Spirit received in Baptism are how God transforms us on an ongoing basis. It is through the action of the gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord, that we grow in our relationship with God, becoming who he created us to be. We are transformed to become more like our Maker, He who is pure goodness. It is in this relationship that we can really become ourselves and in Him that our hearts can finally find rest. As Herbert McCabe OP put it "God doesn't love us because we are good, but God's love makes us good".

Mass Responses for Sixth Sunday of Easter

PSALM RESPONSE: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

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The Ascension of the Lord (Thursday) Mass

10am - St Joseph's with Polish community
2.00pm - St Edmund's School
7.30pm - St Edmund's Church

Morning Coffee and Cake After the morning Mass please join us in the café at the garden centre in Milford. If you would like to come please sign up via the parish calendar or email 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. All are welcome.

Novena and Consecration to the Holy Spirit the prayers these nine days can be downloaded from the diocesan Invited page. This page also has all the videos from this season, some of which are very good indeed. You can also register here to receive a daily reminder and prayer by email:
<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited>

Parish Forum Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed. The presentation included a reminder of things happening in the parish, plans for the future, accounts for 2021 (showing a continuing deficit of around £10k a year and the plan for a stewardship campaign in September), and the sketches that will be used to seek planning advice from WBC. The slides will be uploaded with the newsletters on the parish website.

Laudate Si' Week - 22nd-29th May This week marks the 7th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudate Si'*. In this letter to the world he calls for dialogue and action concerning the care of 'Our Common Home' and urges all of us to respond to our duty of care for Creation. Our parish Live Simply group aims to take action which reflects Laudate Si' values by **living simply, sustainably** and **in solidarity** with those in poverty and we thank you for your support. Your donations to the **plant sale this weekend** at St Joseph's go to support the work of the FMDM Sisters in Kasanka. To donate online: <https://tinyurl.com/4y7tr6pd>
The sale continues throughout this weekend.

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.

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

Mission Appeal at Masses next weekend
We will be welcoming Sr Ann Ugoh from The Daughters of Divine Love, an International Congregation founded in Nigeria in 1969 and members of the Missionary Sisters of England and Wales. Their charity home in Nigeria provides care and education for orphans, abandoned children, street children / teenagers and children with special needs. Their aim is always to serve the less privileged and the marginalised in the society. In everything that they do, the love of Christ impels them to respond to the cry of the poor and the vulnerable with concrete actions.

Corpus Christi – Arundel Cathedral The magnificent carpet of flowers will be on display again this year at Arundel Cathedral in celebration of this Feast. The cathedral will be open to view the carpet on Wednesday and Thursday 15th/16th June from 9.30am to 5.30pm, with the procession and Mass from 5.30pm on 16th. No booking is required.

Corpus Christi – We look forward to celebrating this Feast with a whole-parish **Outdoor Mass at 10.30am on Sunday 19th June at Ladywell Convent**, with an opportunity to stay afterwards for a picnic lunch / brunch. More information later.

CAFOD's campaign 'Fix the Food System
Over 800 million people go hungry each day. The 'paradox of abundance' is that whilst 3.7 billion tonnes of food are needed to feed everyone, the world already produces 4 billion+ tonnes of food, but a third is wasted. As Pope Francis said, 'Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet'. To respond to this call visit: www.cafod.org.uk/food

Cheese and Wine for teachers and lecturers – Fr Jonathan would like to invite teachers or lecturers in our parish to a gathering at the presbytery over cheese and wine on **22nd September at 7pm.**

Refugees from Ukraine Our local community has established a network to support refugees from Ukraine, which operates through a website and private Facebook group. The churches in Godalming are directing people to this as the most effective way to provide local support and details are on the Ukraine page of the parish website. Please contact them if you are able to offer help eg transport, tuition etc. If you are hosting refugees or have offered to do so and would like to contact others in the parish who are doing the same, please get in touch.

ADoRE mini-retreat Saturday 28th May on the theme 'We are called to be a People of Praise' both in person/online. More information at www.altonrenewal.com

Jubilee Celebrations The 10.30am Mass on 5th June will be offered for HM The Queen.

Day of Prayer at Ladywell Convent on 8th June led by Fr David Parmiter. To book phone 01483 67575 or email: Franciscancentre@ladywell.org.uk

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>

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.

Wintershall Life of Christ 21-25 June This is James Burke-Dunsmore's last time playing the role of Jesus and is not to be missed. They are also looking for new cast members (no experience needed) and 3 babies to take part as baby Jesus, aged 3-9 months; volunteers to help guide the audience; and Assistant Stage Managers - a great CV opportunity for over 16s interested in drama. <https://www.wintershall.org.uk>

Mass Intention Cards from St Cecilia's Abbey on the Isle of Wight are now available at St Edmund's and St Joseph's, or from the parish office. Please put £1 per card in the candle money box at church.

Carol-Ann and Kate will be leading the music at 6pm Mass at St Edmund's next Saturday evening.

Donations to the Foodbank Items urgently needed are bleach, instant noodles, squash, cooking oil, tinned fruit and toilet cleaner; please drop-off at collection points.

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 Ethel Stammers, Eileen Fleming, Frances Muir, Alan Berry, Margarita Crawford, Rudolf Dorrepaal, Nancy Drapper, Nicolle Ernould, Nuala Gallagher, George Gelder, Irene Grant, Audrey Hockey, Cliff Hutchinson, John Lennox, Ann Lloyd, Maria Lopez, Betty Matthews, Gerry Newell, Jean Rejniak, Maria Rogers, Margaret Silvester, Anne Stephens, Jean Tyrell, Anita van Rheen, Josie Whittle, Pat Wilson and those in our hospitals and care homes and those who carry their illnesses privately.

The faithful departed, in particular for John Ferrucci, Maura Goodfellow, and the sisters at La Verna who died recently, and Francis Metcalfe, Richard Orlinski, Rev Jim Lawler, Michele Ciccone, Arthur Apark, Mary O'Sullivan, Mary Voller, Eugene McClinton, Anna Ciccone, Tessa Marchant-Smith, Douglas Sharpley, Sandra Rudolph, Joan James, Maria Knight, Mary Barnard, Frank Herrington, Maggie Moore and Frank Brown whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Schedule of Masses & Liturgies

Sixth Sunday of Easter 2022

Saturday 21st May	6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Private Intention</i>
Sunday 22nd May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.45am Mass (St John's) – <i>People of the parish</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Lilian Alcala RIP</i>
Monday 23rd May	<i>10.00am Mass available at St Joseph's, Guildford</i>
Tuesday 24th May	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's)* – <i>Margaret Szalajda RIP</i>
Wednesday 25th May <i>St Bede</i>	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's)* – <i>Mel Hunter</i>
Thursday 26th May THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	10.00am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Private Intention</i> 2.00pm Mass (St Edmund's School) – <i>People of the parish</i> 7.30pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Frank & Matthew Brown RIP</i>
Friday 27th May <i>St Augustine</i>	7.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Private Intention</i> 12 noon Funeral Mass for John Ferrucci RIP (St Joseph's)
Saturday 28th May	6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Maura Goodfellow RIP</i>
Sunday 29th May SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.45am Mass (St John's) 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>People of the parish</i> 12.15pm Baptism – <i>Nina Brebner (St Edmund's)</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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