



# 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*

## Seventh Sunday of Easter and Pentecost 2022

I remember Pentecost Sunday, 1998. I was finishing my studies in Rome and had spent the morning with my scout group in the suburbs. As I cycled back to the city centre, I passed St Peter's Square where a huge number had gathered – especially from the many new communities that had sprung up in the church. (There had been 200,000 there for their gathering the day before.) It was a reminder that, even if sometimes hidden, there are signs of new life in the church. Nearly 25 years later I can say the same: whether in new movements, in people finding a home in the visible church, or in the everyday holiness of God's people, there are continual reminders of the Holy Spirit at work. On that Pentecost Sunday Pope St John Paul II offered some words of encouragement in a reflection on the sequence, *Veni Sancte Spiritus*:

'In the Acts of the Apostles, Luke presents [the disciples] to us gathered in the Upper Room in prayer with the Mother of Jesus (cf. Acts 1:14). What better words than these could express their prayer: "*Veni, Sancte Spiritus*" – the invocation, that is, of the one who moved over the face of the waters at the beginning of the world (cf. Gn 1:2), whom Jesus had promised them as the Paraclete?

'The hearts of Mary and the Apostles at those moments were longing for his coming, alternating between ardent faith and the confession of human inadequacy. The Church's piety has interpreted and passed on this sentiment in the hymn "*Veni, Sancte Spiritus*". The Apostles know that the work Christ has entrusted to them is arduous, but decisive for the history of humanity's salvation. Will they be able to complete it? The Lord reassures their hearts. At every step of the mission that will lead them to proclaim and witness to the Gospel to the furthest corners of the globe, they will be able to count on the Spirit promised by Christ. The Apostles, recalling Christ's promise on the days between the Ascension and Pentecost, will focus their every thought and sentiment on that *veni* – come!

'*Veni, Sancte Spiritus!* Thus beginning her invocation to the Holy Spirit, the Church makes her own the substance of the Apostles' prayer as they gathered with Mary in the Upper Room; indeed, she extends it in history and makes it ever timely.

'*Veni, Sancte Spiritus!* Thus she says over and over in every corner of the earth, her fervour unchanged, firmly aware that she must remain in the Upper Room, always awaiting the Spirit. At the same time, she knows that she must leave the Upper Room and travel the world's roads, with the ever-new task of bearing witness to the mystery of the Spirit.

'*Veni, Sancte Spiritus!* So we pray with Mary, sanctuary of the Holy Spirit, a most precious dwelling-place of Christ among us, so that she may help us to be living temples of the Spirit and tireless witnesses of the Gospel.'

### Mass Responses for Seventh Sunday of Easter

PSALM RESPONSE: The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

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## **Novena to the Holy Spirit**

A daily prayer in preparation for Pentecost

Lord Jesus Christ grant me –

The **spirit of wisdom** that I may aspire only after eternal things.

The **spirit of understanding** to enlighten my mind.

The **spirit of counsel** that I may be docile to your direction and guidance.

The **spirit of fortitude**, that I may choose good and avoid evil.

The **spirit of knowledge** that I may know God and know myself.

The **spirit of piety** that I may revere, worship, and adore God as my Father.

The **spirit of fear** that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God.

Mark me, Lord, with the sign of your true disciples and animate me in all things with your spirit. Amen.

**Mission Appeal** This weekend we welcome Sr Ann Ugoh from The Daughters of Divine Love, members of the Missionary Sisters of England and Wales. Their charity home in Nigeria provides care and education for orphans, abandoned/street children, teenagers and children with special needs. 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. This weekend will be our annual second collection for the missionary societies, and we are pleased to be able to welcome them back once again.

**Pete's Plant Sale** An enormous thank you to everyone who grew plants, bought plants, and supported Pete's Plant Sale last weekend. We raised an amazing £727 for Kasanka! Thank you! If you would like to support the work of the FMDM Sisters in Kasanka you can still donate online via this link: <https://tinyurl.com/4y7tr6pd>

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

**Fr Jonathan** will be taking some annual leave this week. St Edmund's Church remains open for daily prayer. Mass is available in Guildford and other neighbouring parishes.

## **HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

**Celebrations** Prayers for Her Majesty will be offered at all Masses next weekend.

## **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>

## **Fr Michael's Diamond Jubilee**

The main celebration for this will be the 11.00am Jubilarians Mass at Arundel Cathedral on **Thursday 9th June**, and it would be lovely for Fr Michael to have a good contingent of his friends from the parish there.

**Corpus Christi** – We look forward to celebrating this Feast with a whole-parish **Outdoor Mass at 10.30am on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June at Ladywell Convent**, with an opportunity to stay afterwards for a picnic lunch. Please note there is no 8.45am Mass. It will help planning if you can let us know you are coming via the website.

**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 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> June from 9.30am to 5.30pm, with the procession and Mass from 5.30pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

**Celebrating Corpus Christi** Day of Prayer at Ladywell Convent on Wednesday **8<sup>th</sup> June** led by Fr David Parmiter. To book: 01483 67575 or [Franciscancentre@ladywell.org.uk](mailto:Franciscancentre@ladywell.org.uk)

**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 e.g. 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.

**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.

## **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](http://www.cafod.org.uk/food)

## **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>

**Parish Forum** Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed. The presentation included a reminder of things happening in the parish, future plans, 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 presentation is available on the parish website, in the newsletters section.

## **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 **22<sup>nd</sup> September at 7pm.**

**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.

**Church Cleaning at St Joseph's** The cleaning team would welcome some new recruits. They work in pairs and are on the rota to clean approx. every 6 weeks, so it's not an onerous commitment. Please contact Helen McSherry on 01483 414513 or email [helenmcsherry@btinternet.com](mailto:helenmcsherry@btinternet.com) if you can consider offering a few hours of your time.

**Ten Steps to Living Simply - Step 9** is: Shop Wisely and always read the label!

**Counters Needed** Can you help with counting the Offertory collections? This is done in pairs and your turn would only come around every couple of months. Full instructions are given, and it does not involve banking the monies. If you can help, please contact Eileen on 01483 208238.

## **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](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 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 Rheenan, 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 Francesco Locurto who died this week, and Deidre Richardson, Arthur Kelly, Kathleen Laskiewicz, Fr Maurice Pledger, Molly Barton, Andrew Hynes and Michael Weston whose anniversaries occur at this time.

## Schedule of Masses & Liturgies

### Seventh Sunday of Easter & Pentecost 2022

<b>Saturday 28th May</b>	<b>6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)</b> – <i>Maura Goodfellow RIP</i>
<b>Sunday 29th May</b> SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	<b>8.45am Mass (St John's)</b> – <i>People of the parish</i> <b>10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)</b> – <i>Arthur Kelly RIP</i> 12.15pm Baptism – <i>Nina Brebner (St Edmund's)</i>
<i>30th May to 3rd June</i> <i>10.00am Mass available at St Joseph's, Guildford</i>	
<b>Saturday 4th June</b>	<b>6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)</b> – <i>HM The Queen</i>
<b>Sunday 5th June</b> PENTECOST	<b>8.45am Mass (St John's)</b> – <i>People of the Parish</i> <b>10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)</b> – <i>Melanie Newell RIP</i>
<b>Monday 6th June</b> Mary, Mother of the Church	<b>7.15pm Mass (St Edmund's)</b> – <i>Matthew &amp; Frank Brown RIP</i>
<b>Tuesday 7th June</b>	<b>11.00am Funeral Mass for Francesco Locurto RIP</b> <b>(St Joseph's, provisional)</b>
<b>Wednesday 8th June</b>	<b>5.30pm Mass in Elstead</b>
<b>Thursday 9th June</b> Christ the High Priest	11.00am Jubilarians Mass (Arundel Cathedral)
<b>Friday 10th June</b>	<b>9.30am Mass (St Joseph's)</b> – <i>Jesus Lopez RIP</i>
<b>Saturday 11th June</b>	<b>6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)</b>
<b>Sunday 12th June</b> MOST HOLY TRINITY	<b>8.45am Mass (St John's)</b> <b>10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)</b>

Sunday Year C. 6<sup>th</sup> June is Week 10 in Ordinary Time.

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

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