



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*

Corpus Christi – 19th June 2022

I spent five days over the half term week on a rock-climbing course at the National Outdoor Centre in North Wales. I was looking forward to spending some quality time on rock and getting some really good coaching on my climbing skills. The week did not disappoint – even if I didn't becoming a 'climbing god' by the end of the week.

One of the things that I came across in that week was the idea of "islands of safety". One of the features of traditional rock climbing (the sort that I like to do) is that it can be quite scary. The challenges are more often managing the risk of falling and the perception of that risk than any really big physical moves. One of the ways of making progress up a rock face, or through steep a mountain environment is to create "islands of safety" – places which are well protected (objectively safe) and feel secure (subjectively safe) – and to look at the climb as moving from one of those to another. It breaks the problem down into manageable chunks and provides respite from the intensity of the more difficult or exposed sections.

It struck me that idea also holds good for our personal and spiritual lives. Life can be quite scary, not the least when there is war in Europe, economic distress, remaining uncertainty about the progress and impact of a pandemic, and uncertainty as to what a life of faith might look like in the years ahead. We need times and places which are islands of safety in our lives.

The Eucharist is the Lord's gift to us as an island of safety. Each Sunday we are summoned by the Lord to be with him in his very self and fed by his very self. We are summoned not only to receive but also to minister this outward and visible sign to one another. The gathering of the body of Christ which is the church underlines and supports our sense of the presence of the body of Christ in the sacrament of his body and blood. And the sacrament renews the church in return.

As we adapt to slightly different patterns after a pandemic I invite and encourage you to value your presence at the Sunday Eucharist, not only as a place in which you are fed and nourished, but also as a place in which others are encouraged and supported by your presence. You might not always feel that we get much out of Mass, but your personal presence is part of those outward and visible signs which mediate the Lord's presence and makes of the Mass a place of respite and safety in the journey through life.

Mass Responses for Corpus Christi

PSALM RESPONSE: You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

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Corpus Christi – At Mass this weekend we (re-)commission our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Thank you to everyone who serves the parish in this way by helping distribute Holy Communion during Mass and taking Holy Communion to the sick at home.

'Gluten-free hosts' we have a new supply of ultra-low gluten hosts. They are made from wheat starch contain 20ppm gluten and are on the Coeliac UK list. If you need one please ask Fr Jonathan.

Pizza and Prayer has moved back to the Presbytery at 19 Croft Road this Sunday.

The Day for Life is celebrated this weekend, and the focus this year is the care of the elderly, chosen because of the present catechesis of Pope Francis on the topic, the tragic impact of COVID on elderly people, and the fact that elderly people are those who are most threatened by the possible legislation of Assisted Suicide and by the current health and social care crisis. We are invited to think again about the value and worth of older persons in families, in parishes, in society, and to make practical choices to build bridges between the generations. In this way we will learn from the wisdom of the elderly and the different rhythm of their lives, 'The arrogance of the time on the clock must be converted into the beauty of the rhythms of life.' (Pope Francis). The collection supports a range of organisations which seek to protect life from the beginning to its natural earthly end as well as some practical projects such as Rachel's Vineyard, and homes run for pregnant mothers by Life.

Feast of SS Peter and Paul – 29th June

*Vigil Mass Tuesday 7.30pm at St Edmund's, with adjournment for a pint after.

*Mass Wednesday 10.00am at St Joseph's with coffee and cake at Squires after. (Please let us know if you are coming for coffee)

*Mass Wednesday 2.00pm at St Edmund's School. Parents and parishioners welcome.

First Holy Communion 2023 There will be a meeting for parents wishing to prepare their children for First Holy Communion in 2022/23 at 7.30pm in St Edmund's Church on Thursday 7th July. Please register for this via the website (See Calendar on home page, or go to the First Holy Communion page).

Hymn Books To support music at the 6pm and 8.45am Masses we would like to buy enough copies of *Laudate* for the regular congregation. We feel that this is something that people may wish to make a special contribute to and this can be done in cash or using the contactless machines. The cost is £6 per hymn book.

Coffee and Cake after Mass at the Presbytery on Monday 20th June. All welcome

Fr Michael's Diamond Jubilee is on Tuesday 21st June and a small group will be joining him for afternoon tea. Please keep him in your prayers and sign the card for him after Mass this weekend.

If you would like to write to him directly his address is: St Joseph's Nursing Home, 41 East St, Littlehampton BN17 6AU. Tel 01903 711325 and ask to speak to Fr Michael.

Thanksgiving Mass and Reception for the life of Hilary Grey at 2.30 pm on 25th June at The Old Farmhouse, Elstead, GU8 6DB. If you would like to attend please let Richard know either by phone: 01252 702230 or by email: rcegrey@aol.com

Wintershall Life of Christ 21-25 June

See <https://www.wintershall.org.uk>

World Meeting of Families 22-26 June

Pope Francis says that 'the family is the place where we learn to live with one another, to live with young people and with those who are older. And by being united in our differences - young people, the elderly, adults, children - we evangelize with our example of life'. As we draw closer to the celebrations at the 10th World Meeting of Families we are asked to pray for Christian families around the world, that they may embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives. More info at: www.romefamily2022.com We have some prayer cards that will go out at Mass and through St Edmund's School.

Talk on Faith and the Environment

Carmody Grey is a fantastic speaker and she is giving this talk on Tuesday 21st on Zoom. To register email: bhungin@yahoo.co.uk <https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/44844>

Fr Jonathan will be at Scoutabout on 1st to 3rd July. See him at Mass or the Abseil Tower.

The Gift of Being You! Online webinar with Fleur Dorrell explores Bible heroines and reflects on our faith, role, and talents as Catholic women. 25th June, 11am-12.30pm. Contact: Sue Petritz nbcw@abdiocese.org.uk

Understanding Autism This 'life issue' session is on Saturday 25th June, 10-12 noon at Godalming Baptist Church, led by Suzette Jones. For more information: Sally Pollard on G. 428646 or E: pollard3@hotmail.co.uk

A Day with Mary at Arundel Cathedral This annual event takes place on 9th July www.adaywithmary.org

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) This course, which is for anyone interested in finding out more about their faith, begins again in the Diocese in the Autumn. For more information, contact the Jon Harman E: jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk

Trinity Trust Team would love to hear from anyone who has the experience and passion for youth ministry; and can be flexible re hours. E: andytrinitytrustteam@hotmail.co.uk

CAFOD's Fix the Food System Campaign Our food system is broken; we produce way more than we need to feed everyone, yet 800 million people go hungry. Can you help CAFOD to fix the food system? To find out more, please join Jo for coffee after 8.45am Mass on 3rd July when she will explain more about how to support this campaign.

Donations to the Godalming & Villages Community Store (Farncombe) are asking for: tinned curry/macaroni cheese; flavoured ready rice, granola, mayonnaise, ketchup, instant noodles, honey, marmite, raspberry jam & peanut butter, and more. The school holidays are approaching, which can be a difficult time for families. Please try to add extra items to your shop and leave them at supermarket collection points.

Fairtrade We are delighted to announce that we are resuming Fairtrade sales on the first Sunday of the month after 8.45am Mass, starting on Sunday 3rd July.

Counters Needed Can you help with counting the Offertory collections? It takes an hour or so every couple of months. If you can help, please contact Eileen on 01483 208238.

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 t: 01483 414513; e: helenmcsherry@btinternet.com for more info.

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

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 Foodbank. 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.

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 June: We pray with Pope Francis for families throughout the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and grow in holiness in their daily lives.

The sick and those who care for them including Catherine Goodridge, Alan Berry, Margarita Crawford, Rudolf Dorrepaal, Nancy Drapper, Nicolle Ernould, Eileen Fleming, Nuala Gallagher, George Gelder, Irene Grant, Audrey Hockey, Cliff Hutchinson, John Lennox, Ann Lloyd, Maria Lopez, Betty Matthews, Frances Muir, Gerry Newell, Jean Rejniak, Maria Rogers, Margaret Silvester, Ethel Stammers, 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 Francesco Locurto who died recently, and Pauline Harrison, Edmund Ellis, Brendan Hall, Stanislaw Lukaszewicz, Charlie Huber, Naomi, Tim, Caitlin & Isabel Embleton, Heather Flew, Mary McEvoy, Philip Monaghan, Andrew Scavolo, Anna Cowans and Frances Coan whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Schedule of Masses & Liturgies

Corpus Christi Week 12 in Ordinary Time - 19th June 2022

Saturday 18th June	6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>People of the parish</i>
Sunday 19th June THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST	10.30am Outdoor Mass at Ladywell Convent* – <i>Florence Gilmour & Doreen Rogers RIP</i> *Ashtead Lane, Godalming GU7 1ST
Monday 20th June	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Celebrant's Intention</i>
Tuesday 21st June St Aloysius Gonzaga	11.00am Funeral Mass - Francesco Locurto RIP (St Joseph's)
Wednesday 22nd June SS John Fisher & Thomas More	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Alexander Moore RIP</i>
Thursday 23rd June Birth of St John the Baptist	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Fr Michael Perry</i>
Friday 24th June THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS	7.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Pamela Wright RIP</i>
Saturday 25th June <i>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	2.30pm Thanksgiving Mass for Hilary Grey (Elstead) 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Private Intention</i>
Sunday 26th June THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST	8.45am Mass (St John's) – <i>People of the parish</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>In thanksgiving</i> 12.15pm Baptism – Flaherty (St Edmund's) 1.00pm Baptism – Orpin (St Edmund's)

Sunday Year C. Weekday Readings Cycle II. Psalter Week 4.

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

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