



Catholic Parish of St Edmund, King and Martyr, Godalming

with St Joseph's, Milford

*Through the love of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
our Parish will grow as the Body of Christ in Godalming
and as a sign lifted up for the peoples*

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 31st 2022

The news headlines are dominated by the cost-of-living crisis – much of it fuelled by war in Ukraine and perhaps in a way our share in the suffering that is caused by warfare and conflict. The scriptures offer us a God's-eye view of economics that comes out particularly in the Old Testament accounts of how to treat widows, orphans and strangers in the land; in the divisions of the early Corinthian church (a rather unedifying communal meal which in our day would have some on stale bread and soggy vegetables and others having fine dining); and in Jesus's teachings in St Luke's Gospel on how the rich and the poor sit in the kingdom of God (in contrast with the city in which its first hearers lived).

Lesson One. Riches on earth are given so that we can exchange them for riches in heaven. Timothy Luke Johnson observes that, in St Luke's Gospel, wealth with respect to God is first the response of faith, and second "the disposition of possessions in accordance with faith, which means to share them with others rather than accumulating them for oneself". The scriptures teach us that, being made in his image and likeness, we are called to share in God's work. That we may do so he entrusts us with time, treasure and talents and calls us to use them wisely and well – for all his children and not just for our own enjoyment. (Though he does want us to enjoy his creation too – just not at the expense of others.)

As a young scout leader we took our troop to Scotland one year. On the train we reminded the scouts that they needed to go along to the bureau de change and change their money. Some did go and look – probably more to humour us than because they fell for the joke. English money is (at least then and for the present) valid also in Scotland. The same is not true of our possessions here and now: they need to be exchanged into the currency of heaven – love of God and of one another.

And to those who have little by the way of riches, the Gospel repeatedly proclaims both the Good News of a reversal of fortunes and extols the virtues of those who are generous with the little that they have.

Mass Responses for Eighteenth Sunday

PSALM RESPONSE: O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

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Exploring Becoming a Catholic Christian

Fr Jonathan and the parish, in humility, would like to invite any of our brothers and sisters or visitors who feel at home among us or who desire to join us more fully in the community of faith, receiving the sacraments and proclaiming the good news, to join us for a series of evenings exploring the Catholic faith through the coming year. If you are interested or would like to know more, please speak with Fr Jonathan or Ian Honeysett. (The evenings are often referred to as RCIA.)

This Week

Janet Dale RIP Janet will be buried at Eashing Cemetery at 3pm on Tuesday 2nd August. Mass will be offered for her at St Joseph's on Monday morning.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass on Thursday, for Vocations.

The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord will be celebrated at the 6pm at St Edmund's on Saturday 6th August.

St John's Coffee & Fairtrade Sale Please join us for coffee next Sunday after 8.45am Mass, and chat with other parishioners and treat yourselves to some Fairtrade goodies.

This Month

Open Afternoon and Cream Tea at Ladywell The FMDM Sisters invite you to tour the house and grounds on **Tuesday 9th August**, 2-4pm, and to meet and chat with them and hear a bit about Ladywell's history and missionary outreach. No booking needed.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Sunday 14th August this year. Masses at the usual times. Fr Adrian Morrin will be with us again that weekend, doing a parish swap with Fr Jonathan.

Parish gathering for the Assumption It is always a pleasure to get together as a parish to celebrate this Feast and Richard Grey has kindly offered to host us from 12 to 4pm on Sunday 14th August at the Old Farmhouse, Elstead. All are welcome. Feel free to come for all or part of the day: coffee after Mass, bring a picnic lunch, join in games in the garden and enjoy afternoon tea. For more information contact Richard: 01252 702230.

Wintershall Stations of the Cross are on Friday 5th August at 7am. All welcome.

Next Month

Creation Mass at Ladywell Convent on 4th September To mark the start of the Season of Creation the 10.30am Mass on 4th September will be celebrated in the grounds of Ladywell Convent, with coffee and cake and time for a parish social afterwards. The 8.45am Mass will take place at Farncombe as usual. All Masses that weekend will have the theme of Creation and mark the start of a month reflecting on our stewardship.

Helpers needed at the Creation Mass If you are able to help set up/clear up and steward at this Mass please sign up or speak to one of the Live Simply group members, or Sarah or Fr Jonathan. Thank you!

Education Sunday 11th September 2022. To mark the start of the new scholastic year there will be a special blessing for all teachers, lecturers, pupils and students at each of our Masses that weekend.

The 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's will be one of our 'school Masses' and pupils, staff and families from St Edmund's will be making a special effort to join us.

First Holy Communion 2022-2023

Preparation for the coming year will begin in September, and there will be a briefing on 15th September for any parents who missed the first meeting. For information see <https://stedsgod.com/fhc> or email Anne at: communionatsteds@gmail.com.

Cheese and Wine for teachers and lecturers Fr Jonathan would like to invite everyone from the parish who is engaged in teaching or lecturing to join him and one another for cheese and wine at the presbytery on 22nd September 7pm-9pm.

St Edmund's Big Green Week Event The Live Simply group invites you to a parish shared supper and 'Rubbish' talk by Ian Honeysett on **24th September** at the Church room at St John's, 7.30pm to 10pm. Sign up via the parish calendar.

House Blessings If you have moved into a new home Fr Jonathan would be very happy to come and bless it. Just let him know.

Faith, Hope and Charity

Supporting the Foodbank & Community Store School holidays can be a very difficult time for young families, so please contribute to the collection points at local supermarkets.

SVP Summer Raffle tickets on sale after Mass during July and August to help raise funds for SVP work locally and nationally - offering friendship, practical assistance and everyday support to people in need.

Food crisis in East Africa The worst drought in decades, rocketing food prices and the a massive locust infestation have caused a terrifying food crisis. Please consider donating to the **CAFOD World Food Crisis** appeal: <https://cafod.org.uk/>

Help with our Contactless Devices We're looking for a few people from each Mass centre who would be willing to have an occasional rota slot to help with overseeing the contactless devices at Mass. If you can help, please speak to Fr Jonathan or Sarah.

Outdoor Activity Day at Bentley Copse on Friday 14th October for students in years 7,8 & 9. Contact Jo on 07552 644322 or sign up via the parish calendar.

Recycle your unwanted noticeboard If you have a cork noticeboard knocking around somewhere at home or in the garage, we'd be happy to put it to use! Please email Sarah and/or drop off at the parish office.

The Chosen If you haven't tuned into this big budget TV series chronicling the life of Jesus, it's a must watch: "The free show tens of millions of people won't stop talking about" Two series have been made so far with five more to and are free to watch online at: <https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen>

Sharing the Church's Story The guest speaker at this exciting one-day conference in London on 17th September is the inspirational Bishop Robert Barron, talking about the future of the Church and its renewal. If you would like to attend, Frances has two spare tickets (they cost £50 each but any offers considered!). Contact her on 01428 684386. There's more info at: <https://www.sharingthechurchsstory.com/>

St Edmund's Parish Quiz This annual event in support of CAFOD takes place on **Saturday 19th November** at 7.30pm. Save the date and gather your team of 8!

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 for the Food Bank at St Marks or Godalming Community Food Store.

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 August We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serve their communities.

The sick and those who care for them including Ethel Stammers, Colin Humphrey, Catherine Goodridge, Alan Berry, Margarita Crawford, Rudolf Dorrepaal, Nancy Drapper, Nicolle Ernoult, 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, 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 Janet Dale and Hugh O'Donnell who died recently, and James Coleman, Conrad Real, Paul Hanson, Rudolf Orlinki and Damian Norris whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Schedule of Masses & Liturgies

Week 18 in Ordinary Time July 31st 2022

Saturday 30th July	6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>People of the parish</i>
Sunday 31st July EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.45am Mass (St John's) – <i>Anna-Maria Lewry & James Drummond</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Katie Ewing RIP</i>
Monday 1st August St Alphonsus Ligouri	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Janet Dale RIP</i>
Tuesday 2nd August	<i>10am Mass available at St Joseph's Guildford</i>
Wednesday 3rd August	6.30pm Mass in Elstead (Stonehaven, GU8 6HQ) – <i>Private Intention</i>
Thursday 4th August St John Vianney	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Moira Goodfellow RIP</i> <i>Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for Vocations to the Priesthood until 10.30am.</i>
Friday 5th August	7.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Naomi, Tim, Caitlin & Isabel Embleton RIP</i>
Saturday 6th August THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	6.00pm Mass of The Transfiguration (St Edmund's) – <i>Lynn Payn RIP</i>
Sunday 7th August NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.45am Mass (St John's) – <i>People of the parish</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Gillian Barden RIP</i> 12.30pm Baptism Luke Shepherd (St Edmund's)

Sunday Year C. Weekday Readings Cycle II. Psalter Week 2.

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

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