



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*

Feast of the Transfiguration and Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 7th 2022

*Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for,
or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen.*

This opening sentence from Chapter 11 of the Letter to the Hebrews and this Sunday's second reading was the focus for Pope Benedict's extended teaching on Christian hope in his papal letter *Spe Salvi*. Digging into the underlying text he explores the foundation or basis of our hope. For the Christian, he says, it lies not in material goods but in the promise of salvation that God has made to us. Indeed, by faith and hope we grasp that promise of future glory so deeply that it provides a foundation for our lives even now.

While Pope Benedict's writing can at times seem rather academic, his exposition here becomes clear when he starts talking about how the theological virtue of hope – this making the future part of our now – can be seen at work in the lives of the saints. We do not need to look far within our own community or among our own families or friends to find women and men who lack material security but have a firmness and stability that we recognise as coming from their faith.

In Lesson two of our course in a God's-eye view of economics we learn that we are stewards, caring for the household until the master returns. The gift of hope, closely associated with faith, enables us to act well and without fear or anxiety: the master will return and set things right, and he asks us simply to accept our role and try to do our best in it.

In the mystery of the Transfiguration the chosen disciples are given a foretaste of the resurrection and the future glory of Jesus. It helps them as they follow Jesus through his contested journey to Jerusalem and ultimately to the Cross. In Word and Sacrament, in prayer and in fellowship, we have been repeatedly invited to renew that daily encounter with the Lord that is the only reliable foundation for hope and joy in our lives.

The news headlines seem to get more dispiriting each day. I know that if I'm going to get through the next 18 months without being ground down by it all that I will need to go more deeply into those places where the Lord will support me. Only then will I have what I need to be a faithful steward of those things entrusted to me until the morning comes and the master returns. How about you?

Mass Responses for Nineteenth Sunday

PSALM RESPONSE: Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

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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.)

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

Traffic issues There are road closures on Holloway Hill and Flambard Way this week from Monday 8th. There will be closures near St Joseph's in the latter part of the 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 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 on Sunday 14th August from 12 to 4pm, kindly hosted by Richard Grey at 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.

Worship in the Park To end the Staycation week there will be a service at Godalming Bandstand at 10.30am on Sunday 14th August, with refreshments at the Cellar Café.

Ride & Stride Ian Honeysett will be speaking briefly at Mass next weekend about this annual Surrey Churches' event to help preserve our local church buildings. Please sponsor (and/or join) his bike ride if you can.

Guided retreat at Franciscan Centre at Ladywell Convent, accompanied by a Spiritual Director, from August 23rd for up to 8 days <https://franciscancentre.org.uk>

Creation Mass at Ladywell Convent on 4th September To mark the start of the Season of Creation and a month of reflecting more deeply on our stewardship 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. Other Masses as usual.

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.

Grandparents Formation Day On 14th September, to celebrate the importance of Grandparents in handing on the faith, at St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley from 11am (coffee from 10.30am) to 3pm. For more info email: katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

First Holy Communion 2022-2023 There will be a briefing on 15th September for any parents who missed the first meeting. For more info: <https://stedsgod.com/fhc> or email Anne at: communionatsteds@gmail.com.

Cheese and Wine for teachers and lecturers Fr Jonathan invites everyone from the parish who is engaged in teaching or lecturing to join him and one another at the presbytery for cheese and wine 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. The sign up is via the parish calendar.

SVP Afternoon Tea Wednesday 10th, 2.30-4pm, United Reformed Church, Elstead. For a lift please contact Janet on 01252 702156.

Mass with Anointing of the Sick at Ladywell Convent on Saturday 29th October at 3pm, followed by refreshments. Everyone is welcome; to arrange a lift or offer help please contact Jo Pomeroy on 07920 180495.

Supporting the Foodbank & Community Store Please contribute to the collection points at all our Mass centres and at local supermarkets, as many local families are in real need and the foodbank relies on donations. If you'd like to set up a standing order, check their websites for details.

Godalming Community Cupboard Now at the Denningberg Centre on Bridge Street, this offers good quality surplus food to anyone who needs it. No referral is required. The centre is open Monday to Friday 10am-2pm.

SVP Summer Raffle tickets are on sale after Mass during August to help raise funds for SVP work locally and nationally.

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

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

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

The Chosen If you haven't tuned into this crowd funded TV series chronicling the life of Jesus, it's a must watch. Two series have been made so far, with five more due. <https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen>

Sharing the Church's Story Bishop Robert Barron is talking about the future of the Church and its renewal, at a one-day conference in London on 17th September. Frances has two spare tickets; contact her on 01428 684386. There's more info at: <https://www.sharingthechurchsstory.com/>

Live Simply and CTGD August Link-Up Newsletters can be viewed on our website in the Newsletter section.

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 Foodbanks Please contact the SVP or Fr Jonathan if you need a referral for St Marks Foodbank 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 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, 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 Anthony Noble, Antonietta Stamper and Hugh O'Donnell who died recently, and Peter Byrom, Cecilia Leathem, Fr John McSheehy (former Parish Priest), Frank Ings, Robert Fiorentino and Bidy Richards whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Schedule of Masses & Liturgies

Week 19 in Ordinary Time August 7th 2022

Saturday 6th August THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	6.00pm Mass for Feast of the Transfiguration* (St Edmund's) – Lynn Payn RIP
Sunday 7th August NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.45am Mass (St John's) – People of the parish 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – Gillian Barden RIP 12.30pm Baptism Luke Shepherd (St Edmund's)
Monday 8th August St Dominic	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – Dora & Laura Laurengo
Tuesday 9th August ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – Private Intention
Wednesday 10th August St Lawrence	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – Alexander Moore RIP
Thursday 11th August St Clare	<i>10am Mass available at St Joseph's Guildford</i>
Friday 12th August St Jane Frances de Chantal	1.00pm Funeral Mass for Hugh O'Donnell RIP @ St Joseph's
Saturday 13th August	6.00pm Mass* (St Edmund's) – Anthony Noble RIP
Sunday 14th August THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	8.45am Mass (St John's) – People of the parish 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – Maria Chacaltana RIP

Sunday Year C. Weekday Readings Cycle II. Psalter Week 3.

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

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*Hearing loops systems are available in our churches
 For a communion host approved by Coeliac UK - please speak with a welcomer
 Mass Books are available – please ask if you can't find one
 Mass on Saturday evening fulfils the obligation for the following day.