



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*

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 14th 2022

All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty had done great things for me.

This acclamation of Our Lady's becomes also our hymn of praise. 'He who is mighty' did great things for her and by his promise does and will do great things for us too. His plan for us reaches its climax and completion in our sharing in the gift and joy of heaven. It is for this alone that he sent his Son, for this alone that Mary said 'Yes' to sharing in God's plan, for this alone that Jesus died and rose again. Nothing less would be worthy of these great works of love.

This theme runs through the texts of today's liturgy as a golden thread

"grant... that we may merit to be exalted by you on high"

"grant... that we may merit to be sharers of her glory"

"may our hearts... constantly long for you"

"The Virgin Mother of God was assumed into heaven as ... a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people"

"grant that... we may be brought to the glory of the resurrection"

The mysteries of Mary are important because they either confirm important truths about her son, Jesus, or because they provide an exemplar for ourselves as his disciples. We hold the Assumption of Mary to be one of the most important truths of faith because it discloses God's plan for us – that that whole of us (body and soul) is chosen to live for ever in His presence in heaven. It is gifted to Mary on account of her very particular role in the mystery of salvation, but it is to be given to us too on account of the merits of her son, and also on account of her prayers for us. Not that God needs Mary's prayers to decide to do something, but that he has chosen to continue to involve her in the work of our salvation, since Jesus entrusted us to her as our Mother on the Cross.

Mass Responses for The Assumption (Vigil Mass)

PSALM RESPONSE: Go up, Lord, to the place of your rest, you and the ark of your strength.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Happy are those who hear the word of God and keep it.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary, which bore the Son of the eternal Father.

Mass Responses for The Assumption

PSALM RESPONSE: On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mary has been taken up to heaven; all the choirs of angels are rejoicing.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me.

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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 weekend - Parish gathering for the Assumption on Sunday from 12 to 4pm, kindly hosted by Richard Grey at Old Farmhouse, Elstead, GU8 6DB. All are welcome to come for all or part of the day: coffee after Mass, bring a picnic lunch, games in the garden, afternoon tea. For more information contact Richard: 01252 702230.

Next weekend there will be contemporary music with Kate and Carol-Ann at 6pm Mass, and coffee at St John's after 8.45am Mass.

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

Ride & Stride Ian Honeysett will be speaking briefly at Mass this 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.

ADoRE online mini-retreat 'Lead us not into temptation' 10am-1pm on 20th August. To register: <https://www.altonrenewal.com/>

Learn about Catholicism Study Days at St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth, first Saturday of each month, from 3rd September. Led by Fr John Seddon OSB and based on Bishop Robert Barron's series, 'Catholicism: a journey to the heart of the faith'.
<https://www.chilworthbenedictines.com/>

House of Prayer Retreat 'Sitting at the feet of the Carmelite Mystics' St Teresa of Avila famously described prayer as an intimate sharing between friends, taking time to be alone with Him who we know loves us. Saturday 3rd September, in person or zoom, £30. More info at: www.christian-retreat.org

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. If you can help set up/clear up/steward please speak to 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.

St Bernadette Relic Tour This autumn the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland and Wales for the first time, and will come to our diocese on 21 October at St Dunstan's Woking, on 22 October at Arundel Cathedral, and Worth Abbey on 23 October. For more info: <https://stbernadette.org.uk/>

Next CTGD Prayer Breakfast is on Saturday 24 September. Details to follow.

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

Beginning Experience Weekend If you have experienced divorce, separation or the death of your partner, a residential weekend to help you heal takes place 14/16 October at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. For more details contact Maura: 07795 498445 or email: johnabrotherton@gmail.com

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.

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.

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/>

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.

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 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 Anthony Noble and Antonietta Stamper who died recently, and Denis Da Roza, Alfred Scicluna, Tim Holford, Mary Sherwood, Fr Mario Sanderson (former Parish Priest), Emiliana Evergeti-Murtagh, and Joehanna Wertheim whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Schedule of Masses & Liturgies

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Week 20 in Ordinary Time August 14th 2022

Saturday 13th August	6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Anthony Noble RIP</i>
Sunday 14th August THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	8.45am Mass (St John's) – <i>People of the parish</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Maria Chacaltana RIP</i>
Monday 15th August	<i>10am Mass available at St Joseph's Guildford</i>
Tuesday 16th August <i>St Stephen of Hungary</i>	<i>10am Mass available at St Joseph's Guildford</i>
Wednesday 17th August	<i>10am Mass available at St Joseph's Guildford</i>
Thursday 18th August	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Riccio Family RIP</i>
Friday 19th August	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Private Intention</i>
Saturday 20th August <i>St Bernard</i>	6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Private Intention</i>
Sunday 21st August TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.45am Mass (St John's) – <i>People of the Parish</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) <i>– Anthony Reynolds RIP</i>

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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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*