



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*

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 20th August to 3rd September 2022

*When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours,
for fear they repay your courtesies by inviting you in return.*

There seems to be a certain reciprocity about children's birthday parties: an expectation that if you are invited to someone's you should invite them in return. An inability or failure to do so can often be the cause of stress or tension. Of course, once we are mature enough we understand that this isn't a particularly grown up approach. We invite others because it pleases us to do so.

Lesson three in economics from a God's-eye view teaches us about the nature of Christian giving – it is just that, pure gift, made out of love. The reward is in the giving itself and in the way that such a life of virtue prepares us to enjoy the gift of heaven. This should not surprise us, for in the art of giving freely and without expectation of reward we imitate our creator and our saviour. The Father loves us into being simply because it pleases him. The Son gives himself for us out of love of his Father and out of love for us, not for his own reward or glory. Indeed, he leaves his glory behind for our sake.

The welcoming of strangers at the table marked the ministry of Jesus and it marks Christian hospitality too. It is one of the powerful signs of the work that God has done in us, and is a really good way of inviting others to share more deeply in the truth of God's love for them. As we move towards some new things in our parish, I wonder if you would be up for some hospitality, whether making an invitation to someone for tea and toast, a bowl of soup and a bit of cheese, or fellowship over a meal?

Mass Responses for Twenty First Sunday

PSALM RESPONSE: Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Mass Responses for Twenty-Second Sunday

PSALM RESPONSE: In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, says the Lord, for I am gentle and humble in heart.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

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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. If you would like to know more, please speak with Fr Jonathan or Ian Honeysett. (The evenings are often referred to as RCIA.)

Coffee after 8.45am Mass on Sunday 21st – please join us, all are welcome!

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on 1st September

In his message to mark the start of the Season of Creation, Pope Francis calls us to 'cultivate our ecological conversion' and to pray together in 'the great cathedral of Creation'. He warns that we are reaching 'a breaking point' and must act decisively so that 'we and future generations can continue to rejoice in creation's sweet song of life and hope.' You can read his full message here:

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2022/07/21/220721c.html>

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!

Pizza and Prayer for young people in year 9 and above will run on 4th September 6.30pm to 8.00pm at St Edmund's Church if there is enough interest. Let Fr Jonathan know or sign up on the calendar if you'd like to come.

Workshop for Readers If you read at Mass or are thinking of becoming involved in this privileged Ministry, in which the Word of God is proclaimed and shared, please join Fr Jonathan and Anna Rogers for a workshop on Saturday 10th September 10am-12 noon at St Joseph's, Milford. Sign up via the calendar or speak to/email Fr Jonathan.

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 school 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

New(ish) parishioners are invited by Fr Jonathan to join him for supper on 14th or 27th September. Let him know if you'd like to come, or sign up via the website calendar.

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.

Baptism preparation Please speak to Fr Jonathan or email the parish office if you would like to prepare your child for Baptism. The next sessions are on 24 & 29 September.

Cheese and Wine for teachers and lecturers Fr Jonathan invites all who are engaged in teaching or lecturing to join him and each other 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 shared supper and 'Rubbish' talk by Ian Honeysett on **24th September** 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 our diocese on 21 October at St Dunstan's Woking, on 22 October at Arundel Cathedral, and 23 October to Worth Abbey. For more info: <https://stbernadette.org.uk/>

Mass with Anointing of the Sick at 3pm at Ladywell Convent on Saturday 29th October, followed by refreshments. The SVP group welcomes everyone and can help with lifts. Contact Jo Pomeroy on 07920 180495.

Learn about Catholicism Study Days first Saturday of each month at Chilworth Abbey, from 3rd September. Based on Bishop Robert Barron's '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

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 solely 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.

Chef needed for Queen St Baptist Church Friendship Lunch Club From Xmas onwards on Weds & Thurs mornings, on a fortnightly basis, to cook a 3 course meal for up to 40. The club is a wonderful community service as for some it is the only social contact and proper meal all week. If you can help, please contact Ali on 01483 422191.

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. Tickets available from Frances: 01428 684386 <https://www.sharingthechurchstory.com/>

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

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. Cost £27.

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 Andrew Garguilo, Maria Lawson, Servais Coulber, Edward Ball, Anna Saweczko, Maddalene Mahoney, Joseph Lydon, Vittorio & Lydia Del Giudice, Kathleen Young, Veronique Bauthier, Helen O'Kelly, Mara Monen, John Pickard, Bill Wheeler, Bill Stammers, Bridget Street, Keith Farringdon, Edmund Smith, Liselotte Zillekens and Vlasta Quill whose anniversaries occur at this time.

We welcome Fr Anthony Furlong IC to 6pm Vigil Mass on 3rd September.

The Parish Office is now closed for annual leave and re-opens on 30th August.

St Edmund's Church remains open daily, usually from 10am to 5pm.

**Schedule of Masses & Liturgies
Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time &
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday 20th August <i>St Bernard</i>	6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Private Intention</i>
Sunday 21st August 21ST 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>
Monday 22nd August <i>Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<i>10am Mass available at St Joseph's Guildford</i>
Tuesday 23rd August	<i>10am Mass available at St Joseph's Guildford</i>
Wednesday 24th August <i>St Bartholomew</i>	<i>10am Mass available at St Joseph's Guildford</i>
Thursday 25th August	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>For our young people</i>
Friday 26th August	7.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Private Intention</i>
Saturday 27th August <i>St Monica</i>	6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Judy Moyes RIP</i>
Sunday 28th August 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.45am Mass (St John's) – <i>People of the parish</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Tom & Helen O'Kelly RIP</i>
Monday 29th August <i>Passion of St John the Baptist</i>	<i>10am Mass available at St Joseph's Guildford</i>
Tuesday 30th August	<i>10am Mass available at St Joseph's Guildford</i>
Wednesday 31st August	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Private Intention</i>
Thursday 1st September	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Gertrude Magdalene Vane Tempest RIP</i>
Friday 2nd September	7.30am Mass (St Edmund's) –
Saturday 3rd September <i>St Gregory the Great</i>	6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Celebrant's Intention</i>
Sunday 4th September 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.45am Mass (St John's) – 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) –