



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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 18th September 2022

On learning from the dishonest steward

How are we to understand Jesus defending the dishonest steward and even praising him?

Jesus seems to be anticipating and defending himself against any accusation of complicity by his statement that "the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light." The children of this world are clever and quick to make decisions when it comes to business, whereas the children of light, whose goal is the Kingdom, are often so slow and lacking in cleverness when it comes to the means of finding the Kingdom. If people can show themselves so able in the pursuit of perishable blessings, why is it that we are so half hearted in seeking the Kingdom?

Thus, Jesus is not by any means praising the dishonest actions of the steward. **He praises only the steward's shrewdness and regrets that such shrewdness should always be found in those who live for the present world and not in those who seek the Kingdom but often seem so clumsy in their ways.**

One means of entry into the Kingdom is to be generous and make friends in the eternal dwellings so that they may intercede for us at our death. Jesus is here encouraging us to generosity and almsgiving. Use money in order to give generously and you will have intercessors in heaven when the time comes for you to die.

Jesus takes advantage of the parable to point out the true meaning of money. A person cannot serve two masters, namely, God and mammon, or money. There are people who come close to this kind of idolatry every day. If we possess money, it is given to us not so that we should become attached to it as though it was something of unqualified value but so that we might share it. To cling to money is to show that we have not really understood God and the absolute values he embodies. We are bidden, therefore, to use money but also to be detached from it.

-Adrien Nocent

Mass Responses for Twenty-Fifth Sunday

PSALM RESPONSE: Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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First Holy Communion We welcome First Holy Communion families to our 10.30am Mass as they start out on this journey of faith. Please pray for our children and their families that they may grow closer to Jesus and come to know his deep love for them.

Coffee after 8.45am Mass this Sunday
Come and join us, we'd love to meet you!

New Beginnings September is often a time for new beginnings. If you think that now might be a good time to explore (without pressure) becoming a Catholic Christian, please speak with Fr Jonathan/Ian Honeysett.

Offertory Collection We have resumed passing offertory baskets at the preparation of the gifts. It is wholly appropriate that the offertory includes our offerings to 'relieve the needs of the church and of the poor' and was integral to the Eucharist as far back at the second century. Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of church for those who wish or want to be particularly discreet. Many people give by standing order. Please do not feel under any pressure to give at this point.

Sycamore Shorts Friday mornings, 8.55-9.30am at St Edmund's school. A 'drop in at drop off' and a chance to catch up over coffee, explore an aspect of our faith and pray for your children. All parents are welcome, and we hope that it will become a good and supportive group.

Children's Liturgy and Bumps & Babes
We welcome all new families and thank the volunteers whose help enables us to offer these activities in our parish.

Confirmation 2023 Young people in year 10 thinking about confirmation in the coming year are strongly encouraged to come along to Pizza and Prayer. Next on 18th 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. Please sign up using the Calendar or let Fr Jonathan know to help with catering.

Churches Together Prayer Breakfast
Saturday 24th September, 8.30-10am at St John's Farncombe. All welcome.

Shared supper and 'Rubbish' Evening!

The Live Simply group invites you to join them on 24th September at St John's, 7.30pm to 10pm, for this entertaining evening with a shared supper and a chance to discuss all things environmental. We hope to see a good gathering at this event, which takes place as part of Great Big Green Week. Please sign up on the parish calendar/at Mass

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

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.

London Jesuit Centre courses Starting in September, with online options available: <https://www.londonjesuitcentre.org/>

Clerk to Trustees, St Josephs' Specialist Trust Needed urgently to support the work of the Trustees of this Catholic school and home in Cranleigh, which cares for children with complex needs and severe learning disabilities, many on the autistic spectrum. Approx £20/hr, P/T (160hrs/pa). More info: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers>

DEC Pakistan Floods Appeal Your donation will help CAFOD's local partners support communities with clean drinking water, food, emergency medical assistance and shelter. Please pray for those affected and donate online: <https://cafod.org.uk/Give> or via our contactless devices at Mass.

LGBTQ Conversations Bishop Richard is hosting a series of conversations with some young adults who identify as part of the LGBTQ community, and the next session is in Crawley on Friday 30th September from 7pm. It's a good opportunity for young adults who are wrestling with what the teachings of the Church mean for them and to explore this in a safe and supportive environment. Please email Katherine if you'd like to attend, and for support if you feel it may be a difficult occasion, as she'd be happy to discuss it if that would help; her email is: katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

Weekly Holy Hour Every Wednesday, starting on 5th October, Deacon Jeremy will be providing an opportunity for some spiritual and prayerful nourishment, which will include benediction, holy rosary, reflection and silent prayer. At St Joseph's, Milford, 6pm to 7pm.

Anniversaries Mass, Arundel Cathedral with Bishop Richard on 8 October, 11.30am, to celebrate special marriage anniversaries. There will be a small drinks reception after, and family and friends are very welcome too. Email: Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

Thank you from our Ride & Striders Last weekend Ian and Nick completed their cycle ride around local churches as part of the Surrey Churches Ride & Stride to raise money to preserve our local church buildings. So far, they've raised £548, so thank to everyone for such generous support and congrats to them! You can see their photos on our parish fb page: <https://www.facebook.com/stedsgod>

Learn about Catholicism Study Days at Chilworth Abbey, next on Saturday 1st October. Based on Bishop Robert Barron's 'Catholicism: a journey to the heart of the faith'. <https://www.chilworthbenedictines.com/>

St Bernadette Relic Tour Opportunities to gather for prayer are: on 21 October at St Dunstan's Woking; on 22 October at Arundel Cathedral, and 23 October at 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. Please let us know if you are planning to come, either through the Calendar or by contacting the SVP or parish office.

Supporting the Foodbank & Community Store There are collection points at our Mass centres and at local supermarkets. Many local families are in real need and the foodbank relies solely on donations. To set up a standing order, check their websites for info.

Study group for the over 70s with the Chemin Neuf Community On 5 Thursdays in September to November at Storrington Priory RH20 4LM, suggested cost £30. More info at: <https://www.chemin-neuf.org.uk/>

The Universe - free digital issues This Catholic weekly offers new subscribers four free issues. Michelle on 0743 661 7650 or: michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk

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

The people of Ukraine. Those affected by the energy and food shortages that are a consequence of the war. These affected by flooding in Pakistan.

The Holy Father's Intention for September We pray that the abolition of the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

The sick and those who care for them including Adele Noble, Ethel Stammers, Colin Humphrey, Catherine Goodridge, Alan Berry, Margarita Crawford, Rudolf Dorrepaal, Nancy Drapper, Nicolle Ernould, 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 Coral D'Eon, John Hookham and Eileen Fleming who died recently, and Reginald Hurt, Lucyna Czuchnicka, Audrey Burke, Francis Gomez, Patricia Hayes, Malachi O'Donnell, Sally Davey, Celestino Locurto and Florence Gallaher whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Schedule of Masses & Liturgies
Week 25 in Ordinary Time
18th September 2022**

Saturday 17th September	6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Natasha RIP</i>
Sunday 18th September 25 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.45am Mass (St John's) – <i>People of the parish</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Myles Byrne RIP</i> 12 noon Baptism – Fern Bancroft (St Joseph's)
Monday 19th September	2.00pm Requiem Mass - Eileen Fleming RIP (St Joseph's)
Tuesday 20th September St Andrew Kim Taegon & Paul Chong Hasang & Martyrs of Korea	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) <i>– Wellbeing of Reilly Family</i>
Wednesday 21st September St Matthew	<i>10.00am Mass available at St Joseph's, Guildford</i>
Thursday 22nd September	9.30am Mass in Latin (St Edmund's) <i>– Robert Gilmour RIP</i>
Friday 23rd September St Pius of Pietrelcina 'Padre Pio'	7.30am Mass (St Edmund's) <i>– Matthew & Frank Brown RIP</i>
Saturday 24th September	6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)
Sunday 25th September 26 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.45am Mass (St John's) – <i>People of the parish</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Debbie Flynn RIP</i>

Sunday Year C. Weekday Readings Cycle II. Psalter Week 1.

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*