



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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 25th September 2022

"He has sent me to bring Good News to the poor" says Jesus, as he reads from the Prophet Isaiah. The Gospels make clear the content of that Good News – that those who suffer and struggle now but try to live upright lives will be warmed back to life in the loving embrace of the Father. The Gospel for those who are rich – and in relative terms that probably means most of us living in and around Godalming – is much more complex and the pathway to holiness less clear.

At the front of St Edmund's Church are the figures of the four great teachers of the western church – Ambrose, Augustine, Jerome and Gregory. Their writings can help us understand what the Lord is asking of us.

St Jerome highlights the lack of compassion of the rich man. He is not condemned for not giving away his wealth but for not using what he wastes to help the poor man at his gate. Jerome suggests that even the crumbs from the rich man's table would have been warmly welcomed. The rich man's sight, smell, taste, hearing and touch were so caught up in his wealth that he had no eye for poverty. We should then ensure that we are not blind to the poverty and suffering of our brothers and sisters and employ at least some of what we have spare for their relief.

St Ambrose is more direct. We hold wealth and riches as stewards and are to use them for the salvation of our souls. We have money that we may use to do good as well as care for ourselves and our families.

St Augustine draws a helpful distinction between sufficiency and superfluity – that it is completely right and proper to secure for ourselves and those entrusted to us enough for the necessities of life, safety and security. Failure to share of our surplus he speaks of as theft. It is, in effect, a moral obligation, not an extraordinary act of virtue.

The question, of course, is what *do* we need? and the answer may well differ from one to another. The Gospel this Sunday and the prophet Amos challenge us to open our senses, hearts and minds to the poor. And then to consider carefully our lives and be mindful that while God is indeed merciful to those who fall short, we will be judged on how we have used the resources entrusted to us.

Mass Responses for Twenty-Sixth Sunday

PSALM RESPONSE: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jesus Christ was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: By this we came to know the love of God: that Christ laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

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His Majesty King Charles III has expressed the wish that all in the Catholic community know of his gratitude for the many prayers that have been offered for the late Queen and for the Royal Family during these past weeks.

There are plenty of cards with prayers for The Queen and King Charles at the back of church. Please feel free take them also for people who are not at Mass this weekend.

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.

Rosary October is traditionally the month of the Rosary. Even if you don't regularly use this form of prayer you might like to say at least a decade each day in October for Ukraine and the intentions of those from Ukraine who are exiled in Godalming. There are some prayer cards at the back of church which are a good guide, please help yourself.

Servers at Mass If you would like to start serving at Mass please see Fr Jonathan after Mass this Sunday so that we can fix a first training session. If you are away this weekend please get in touch and let him know you are interested.

Confirmation 2023 Young people in year 10 thinking about Confirmation in the coming year are strongly encouraged to come along to **Pizza and Prayer on Sunday evenings**. The next session is 2nd October at 6.30pm.

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.

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.

Monday 3rd October is the Solemnity of the **Anniversary of Dedication** of St Edmund's Church. Mass at 9.30am. Next year will be the centenary.

Fr Rajesh will be celebrating Masses in the parish next weekend. His first in Godalming.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – World Food Crisis Appeal. Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. As each day goes by, the situation worsens. As people of faith we must act. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give today or start a monthly gift to CAFOD. Use the envelope for our parish collection, or contactless machine, or <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>

Trinity Trust Team – Mission on our doorstep For over 20 years TTT has been taking the love of Christ to local young people. Please uphold them in your prayers as they seek to support young people in finding a purpose and direction in their lives and point them to Jesus as the way, the truth and the life. To find out more about their work visit: www.trinitytrustteam.co.uk

Charity concert at St. John's Church On Friday 30th September, Pink Floyd tribute band 'On The Run' perform a charity concert, staged by Julian Lewry Music, with proceeds to support the work of TTT and CAFOD. 7pm for 7.45pm. Tickets are available from: <https://www.wegottickets.com/event/522968>

The Bartimaeus Project returns! Launched earlier this year by a group of A&B parish priests, this second season reflects on the relationship between faith, reason, and science. The first of 4 sessions is on Thursday 29 September at 7.30pm with Fr Stephen Dingley exploring: 'Why seeing isn't believing: what sort of a thing is faith?' You can join online or in person. For more information, or to sign up to participate online visit: www.bartimaeus-project.org

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

Shared Parish Supper and talk on rubbish this Saturday (24th) at St John's, Farncombe at 7.30pm. Please feel free to come along even if you have not registered.

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 Recently 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/stedsqod>

Pilgrimage to the Shine of the Divine Mercy in Krakow Fr John Seddon of Chilworth Abbey is leading this pilgrimage, from 30th November for 5 days, £397. Contact Caroline 07494 339442 or book online at: www.allsaintstravel.co.uk

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.

Sycamore Shorts on Friday mornings at St Edmund's School will re-start after the half-term break.

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

Thank you The family of Eileen Fleming would like to thank all those who attended her funeral and are very grateful for all the messages and support received. Thank you.

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.

Godalming Good Neighbours Volunteer drivers to help with transport for medical appointments, shopping etc. 07943 274461 or email: godalminggoodneighbours@gmail.com

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. Those 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 Alex Jolliffe, 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 Rheenand and Josie Whittle and those in our hospitals and care homes and those who carry their illnesses privately.

The faithful departed, in particular for Pat Wilson, Coral D'Eon, and John Hookham who died recently, and Valerie Millington, Ethne Clark, Mary McCann, Luigi Ferrucci, Edward Winder, Joan Whitbourn, Teresa Mahony, Caroline Marshall, Richard Skinner, Marie Patrick, Patricia Gallagher and Mary Hawkins whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Schedule of Masses & Liturgies
Week 26 in Ordinary Time
25th September 2022

Saturday 24th September	6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Private Intention</i>
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>
Monday 26th September	<i>10.00am Mass available at St Joseph's, Guildford</i>
Tuesday 27th September St Vincent de Paul	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Jesus Lopez RIP</i>
Wednesday 28th September	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) <i>– In Thanksgiving ("In God we Trust")</i>
Thursday 29th September SS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael	3.00pm Requiem Mass for Coral D'Eon RIP (St Joseph's)
Friday 30th September St Jerome	7.30am Mass (St Edmund's) <i>– Dorothy, Arthur & Mary Critchley-Salmenson</i>
Saturday 1st October St Therese of the Child Jesus	6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Private Intention</i>
Sunday 2nd October 27 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.45am Mass (St John's) – <i>Private Intention</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>People of the Parish</i>

Sunday Year C. Weekday Readings Cycle II.

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