



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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time **2nd October 2022**

*Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here,
ever this day, be at my side to light and guard, to rule and guide.*

If it wasn't a Sunday today would be the Memorial of the Guardian Angels. Some of our readers may remember the old prayer to the guardian angels from their younger years. Even though we may not speak about them so often these days the angels remain an important part of God's work of creation and salvation. Here are some reasons why you might like to include them in your view of the world.

Guardian angels are the expression of God's care for each and every one of his children. He created a being whose sole purpose is to look out for me and care for me. In Newman's *Dream of Gerontius* the angel leads the soul through the heavenly hosts into God's presence, and when it arrives she sings out "Alleluia! My work is done!".

Angels are a reminder that God's work of creation extends beyond the visible world. That there are things even more wonderful and glorious that we cannot see. Sometimes we make our world simply too small.

The angels are part of the heavenly host ('army'). When we celebrate Mass we call to mind their work of praise of God and join in with their song. They are creatures who dedicate themselves to serving God.

Angels remind us of the importance of our senses. Being purely spiritual beings they have knowledge that comes to them directly whereas we get our through our senses. Films such as *City of Angels* capture this quite well in their depiction of how angels – though spiritually closer to God – lack the blessings of our senses. And as we draw the season of creation to a close perhaps we might take inspiration and make the most of the turn of the year to expose all our senses to the full wonder of God's creation.

Mass Responses for Twenty-Seventh Sunday

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

PSALM RESPONSE: O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

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We welcome Fr Rajesh Minz to our parish this weekend, to celebrate Masses with us for the first time. Together with Fr Jonathan he shares pastoral responsibility for the parish of Godalming and the parish of Haslemere, Hindhead and Chiddingfold. Fr Rajesh lives in Haslemere and will celebrate Masses here once a month. This weekend please take some time to welcome and chat with Fr Rajesh, and also support the **Fairtrade sale** after 8.45am Mass, with coffee in the Hall.

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 help yourself, and take extras to offer to those not at Mass.

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.

CAFOD Family Fast Day is this Friday 7th October. Please take an envelope home this weekend and contribute to the 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, and as people of faith we must act. Your donations 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 as you can, and either use the CAFOD envelope for our parish collection, or the contactless machine, or donate online: <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>

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 take one if you need a quick guide and will use it.

Servers at Mass If you would like to start serving at Mass or are interested and would like a chat about what's involved, please get in touch with Fr Jonathan.

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 **this Sunday** at 6.30pm. Please let Fr Jonathan know by email or via the calendar if you are planning to come.

Confirmations will next be celebrated at Arundel on **15th July 2023**. If you would like to register an interest in preparing for Confirmation, please sign up via that date on the parish Calendar. (There is a link from the Confirmation page of the website.)

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.

Baby Loss Awareness Week is observed from 9th to 15th October this year. From next weekend there will be a **Baby Loss Memorial** in the Lady Chapel at St Edmund's church for anyone looking for support following the loss of a baby, for example through miscarriage, still birth, abortion or other circumstances. This is a quiet space to pray and write a message or prayer request in the memorial book. There will also be a short service followed by tea and cake on the afternoon of 30th October at St Edmund's.

Season of Creation The children at St Edmund's have been reflecting on the gift of Creation and have produced some beautiful artwork, which is on display at St Edmund's and St Joseph's. Please do take some time to read the lovely messages on their posters! The joyful Season of Creation ends this week with the Feast of St Francis of Assisi.

The Bartimaeus Project This second season reflects on the relationship between faith, reason, and science. Sessions are online or in person; and on Thursday 6th October at 7.30pm Fr Stephen Dingley explores: 'Why faith isn't a leap in the dark'. To register: www.bartimaeus-project.org

Wintershall Stations of the Cross Friday 7th October, 7am, meet at Wintershall House

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

Final Furniture Clearance Sale at St John's Seminary at Wonerish, GU5 0QX, on Saturday 15th October 10am-1pm. Telephone enquiries to 01483 892217.

ADoRE Online mini-retreat 22nd October 10am-1pm. 'Do whatever He tells you', with guest speaker Allegra Mutanda, Director of Evangelisation and Leadership at St Peter's Winchester. To register for the Zoom link <https://www.altonrenewal.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 plan come, by contacting the SVP or parish office or the website Calendar.

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. Book ASAP for £397 deal. Phone Caroline 07494 339442 or book online at: www.allsaintstravel.co.uk

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.

World Youth Day Lisbon 2023 A superb opportunity to gather with a huge number of Catholic young adults (age 18-35) in August next year. To find out our diocese plans email lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk or visit: <https://tinyurl.com/2etdZX99>. Please speak with Fr Jonathan if a small grant would help or you would like to know more (He went to it in 2000, with 2.4 million people!).

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.

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 October We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, infused with a synodal spirit.

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 Rheen 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 Karen Aird, Tony Kirby, Maureen Weller, Alexander Kubik, Rose Rourke and Florence Ronan whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Schedule of Masses & Liturgies
Week 27 in Ordinary Time
2nd October 2022**

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>
Monday 3rd October ANNIVERSARY OF DEDICATION OF ST EDMUND'S CHURCH (SOLEMNITY)	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Deceased benefactors and parishioners</i>
Tuesday 4th October St Francis of Assisi	7.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Matthew & Frank Brown RIP</i>
Wednesday 5th October St Faustina Kowalska	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Alexander Moore RIP</i>
Thursday 6th October St Bruno	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Florence Lydia Shearman RIP</i>
Friday 7th October Our Lady of the Rosary	<i>10.00am Mass available at St Joseph's, Guildford and at Our Lady of Lourdes, Haslemere</i>
Saturday 8th October	6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) –
Sunday 9th October 28 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.45am Mass (St John's) – 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>John Hookham RIP</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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*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*