



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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time **9th October 2022**

On the Anointing of the Sick

Being a bear of very little brain, one of my favourite books at the moment is *YouCat for Kids*. It talks about the Anointing of the Sick as "a meeting point where God, with his strength comes to the aid of those who are sick and have lost their strength". It continues, "The gospels report that Jesus took particular care of the sick; he healed many, many people in body and soul. Sick people can still feel God's love today through the Anointing of the Sick. In the priest Jesus himself is standing at the sick person's bedside... You can receive the Anointing of the Sick if you are seriously ill, especially when the condition is worsening. It does not matter if you are old or young. In serious spiritual need or before an operation people also ask for the Anointing of the Sick."

It may be helpful to say a little more about what is meant by seriously ill. David Power says that "the sacrament is for those who, being clinically ill, undergo serious spiritual crisis, making it difficult for them to sustain faith and hope, and to live human life with resolution and dignity". Lizette Larson-Miller in her commentary on the rite draws attention to the way in which "chronic illnesses such as mental illnesses and severe alcoholism, long-term and frequently terminal illnesses such as AIDS and cancer, as well as debilitating diseases such as Alzheimer's, have generally come to be seen in pastoral circles as appropriate occasions for anointing, even repeated anointing throughout the course of the illness". In summary, I think if one is clinically ill and the illness significantly impacts your life or you are worried that it may do then it is entirely appropriate to seek this special means of grace.

Sacraments are all actions of the Body of Christ and there will be an opportunity later this month both to seek this Sacrament and to offer our prayers and support for those who do so. If you feel the need of this sacrament or wish to discuss any aspect of it at any other time, please feel free to approach Fr Jonathan or Fr Rajesh. If you are going into hospital it is often easier to arrange its celebration before you are admitted.

Mass Responses for Twenty-Eighth Sunday

PSALM RESPONSE: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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Fr Michael Perry RIP We heard with sadness the news of the death of our much-loved former parish priest Fr Michael Perry, who served our parish with great dedication for 22 years, from 1994 to 2016. Fr Michael was well known for his devotion to our parish, kindness and sense of humour. He died peacefully last Saturday, in the sixty-first year of his priesthood. Yours prayers are asked for the repose of his soul.

The arrangements for Fr Michael's funeral are -

Wednesday 26th October

3.15pm Reception of the Body at St Joseph's Milford.

6.00pm Rosary

7pm Vigil Mass at St Joseph's Milford. Followed by refreshments at the Clockhouse, Chapel Lane, Milford GU8 5EZ.

Thursday 27th October

12 noon Requiem Mass at St Joseph's Guildford. Followed by refreshments in the parish hall.

2pm Burial at Eashing Cemetery.

Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/t5pbdje2> or email the parish office if you would like to offer help as a Pall Bearer, Reader, Welcomer, Server, or dressing the coffin or if you can help with catering or car parking.

There is a Memorial Wall to share pictures, stories and prayers at <https://tinyurl.com/7cm5ypa5>

These details and links can also be found on the parish website. The Requiem Mass on Thursday is in Guildford to accommodate the larger numbers expected.

CAFOD Family Fast Day 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 use the CAFOD envelope for our parish collection, or the contactless machines at Mass, 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. Prayer cards at the back of church: please take one if you need a quick guide and will use it.

Confirmation 2023 Young people in year 10 thinking about Confirmation in the coming year are encouraged to come along to **Pizza and Prayer on Sunday evenings**. The next session is **on Sunday 30th October** at 6.30pm. Please let Fr Jonathan know by email or via the calendar if you are planning to come. Confirmations will be celebrated

on **15th July 2023** at Arundel. To register an interest in preparing for Confirmation, sign up via that date on the parish Calendar or via the link on the website Confirmation page.

Weekly Holy Hour Every Wednesday with Deacon Jeremy, at St Joseph's Milford, 6pm to 7pm. An opportunity for some spiritual and prayerful nourishment, including benediction, holy rosary, reflection and silent prayer.

Baby Loss Awareness Week is 9-15th October, and there is 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 service followed by tea on the afternoon of 30th October at St Edmund's church.

If you are interested in Contemplative Prayer you may like to join the Godalming Julian Meeting, in the Lady Chapel at St John's, Farncombe, at 8pm on 11th October; a time of waiting on God in the silence. For more info email: james.toon@mac.com

The Bartimaeus Project The next session is on 13th October at 7.30pm with Fr Tony Milner, who explores: 'Why Dawkins is wrong'. www.bartimaeus-project.org

Pat Wilson RIP Her funeral is on 25th October at 11am at Ladywell Convent. The family invites the parish to join them for lunch afterwards in the refectory.

Fr Jonathan will be on leave for a week from Saturday 15th October.

Final Furniture Clearance Sale at St John's Seminary at Womersley, GU5 0QX, on Saturday 15th October 10am-1pm.

St Bernadette Relic Tour Opportunities to gather for prayer during the October tour to our diocese are: 21st at St Dunstan's Woking; 22nd at Arundel Cathedral, and 23/24th at Worth Abbey. <https://stbernadette.org.uk/>

CTGD Prayer Breakfast is at 8.30am on Saturday 22nd October at Godalming United Church. The latest **Link-Up bulletin** is in the newsletter section on our website.

Mass with Anointing of the Sick at 3pm at Ladywell Convent on Saturday 29th October, followed by refreshments. Please let us know if you come, by contacting the SVP or parish office or the website Calendar.

Bereavement Day led by Rev Peter Jackson on 29th October, at Godalming Baptist Church. Suitable for those who have been bereaved at any time and for those who want to understand more about bereavement in order to become more sensitive and helpful to others experiencing loss. Email Sally: pollard3@hotmail.co.uk or 01483 428646.

Chilworth Abbey Study Day on Saturday 5th November, 9am-3.30pm, for episode 3 of Bishop Robert Barron's 'Catholicism' course: 'The Ineffable Mystery of God'. For more info: <https://www.chilworthbenedictines.com/>

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.

Charity concert at St. John's Church Thank you to all those who supported the Pink Floyd tribute band concert on 30th September. The concert raised a magnificent £2,250 which is being split equally between CAFOD and the Trinity Trust Team. Thankyou

Foundation Governor needed for St Edmund's Catholic Primary School If you are interested and would like to know more about the role, please contact Ashley Gordon for an informal chat Gordonfamily3@sky.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

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 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 Fr Michael Perry, Pat Wilson, Myra Funke, and John Hookham who died recently, and Giorgio Abelli-Riberi, Lorraine Hall, Bridie Rolling, William Phillips, Bridget Pound and Florence Ronan whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Schedule of Masses & Liturgies
Week 28 in Ordinary Time
9th October 2022**

Saturday 8th October	6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Fr Michael Perry RIP</i>
Sunday 9th October 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.45am Mass (St John's) – <i>People of the Parish</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>John Hookham RIP</i>
Monday 10th October	<i>10.00am Mass available at St Joseph's, Guildford</i>
Tuesday 11th October	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Private Intention</i>
Wednesday 12th October St Wilfrid	6.30pm Elstead Mass (Stonehaven, Lower Ham Lane, GU8 6HQ) – <i>Intentions of Burgess Hill Parish</i>
Thursday 13th October St Edward the Confessor	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Laura Fisher</i>
Friday 14th October	7.30am Mass (St Edmund's) <i>– Florence Lydia Shearman</i>
Saturday 15th October St Teresa of Jesus	6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)
Sunday 16th October 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.45am Mass (St John's) 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)

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*