



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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time 16th October 2022

Fr Michael's funeral next week offers an opportunity to reflect a little on the rites that we will celebrate for our departed brothers and sisters.

Sixty years ago the church was invited to revise its funeral rites so that they 'express more clearly the paschal [Easter] character of Christian death'. And so, as the body is received into the church and at other points of the rite, it is sprinkled with holy water, recalling the waters of Baptism. Fr Michael's coffin will be draped with a white funeral pall, recalling the garment with which he was clothed at his Baptism, and which he wore in his liturgical ministry. A cross is placed on the coffin, recalling his being signed with the Cross at his baptism. The Easter candle burns brightly by the coffin. White is now the predominant colour where once black prevailed.

The body will be carried in procession, recalling that we are a pilgrim people, and laid to rest in a particular place bearing witness to our hope of bodily resurrection and that we remain bound to one another in the communion of saints.

At the heart of a Christian funeral is the Requiem Mass: the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ offered for the forgiveness of sin and for our salvation. The funeral of a priest is one of those occasions when the local church (diocese) will usually gather with its shepherd, the bishop, to do Eucharist, make visible God's saving work in our midst and manifest our calling as the body of Christ.

As a mark of Fr Michael's sharing in the priesthood of Jesus Christ through ordination his coffin will be turned to face the people and will bear the chalice and paten which he was presented with at his ordination with the invitation to 'imitate the mystery you celebrate – model your life on the mystery of the Lord's cross'.

The Order of Christian Funerals speaks clearly of the responsibility of the believing community in a Christian funeral: that we exercise the ministry of consolation most of all in our active participation in the celebration of the funeral rites. If you see that there is a funeral in the parish and you are free, please do think about whether you can come along and pray for the deceased and those who mourn. For centuries burying the dead and praying for them has been seen as works or mercy and integral to the Christian life – not just those we have known and loved, but each of those who are our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Mass Responses for Twenty-Ninth Sunday

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

PSALM RESPONSE: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

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Welcome to Fr David Osborne who is celebrating Mass for us this weekend whilst Fr Jonathan is on leave; and maybe meet him at coffee after 8.45am Mass! Fr Antony Furlong will offer 6pm Mass on 22nd October.

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 us 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 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 -

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 tea/coffee at the Clockhouse, Chapel Lane, Milford GU8 5EZ.

Thursday 27th October

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

Fr Michael will be buried after Mass, a little before 2pm, in Eashing Cemetery. The burial is not restricted to family only.

Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/t5pbdje2> or email the parish office if you would like to offer help as a Pall Bearer, Welcomer, Server, Reader, or with car parking. Fr Jonathan will follow up on offers when he returns.

Thank you to those who have shared photos, stories, memories and prayers on the Memorial Wall - and please keep it going! <https://tinyurl.com/7cm5ypa5> -

All information and links are on the parish website. The Requiem Mass is in Guildford to accommodate the larger numbers expected.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Thank you for your donations to help the millions facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. The situation is worsening, so please continue to give as you can, via the CAFOD envelope for our parish collection, or the contactless machines at Mass, or online: <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>

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 Memorial This is a quiet space in which to pray and write a memory or a prayer request in the memorial book, in the Lady Chapel at St Edmund's church. There will be a service on Sunday 30th October at 4pm, followed by tea, for all who have lost a baby, whatever the circumstances.

All Saints 1st November is a Holyday of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at St Edmund's Church with children from the school at 9.30am and at St Joseph's, Milford at 7.30pm in the evening. Please note the change from the usual pattern.

Blessing of Graves On All Souls, Wednesday 2nd November at Milford at 10.20am and Woolfords Lane, Elstead at 11.15am. On the following Sunday 6th November, at Eashing at midday. Please do join us to pray for our brothers and sisters who now rest in peace.

The Bartimaeus Project The last session is on 20th October at 7.30pm with Fr Stephen Dingley, who explores: 'Why Dawkins is wrong again: how science actually points us to God'. www.bartimaeus-project.org

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.

CTGD Prayer Breakfast is at 8.30am on 22nd October at Godalming United Church.

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday

when the Pope invites us to support his charity Missio in helping missionaries work with the poor. Envelopes are available at Mass or donate online at www.missio.org.uk

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.

Bereavement Talk Rev Peter Jackson is giving a talk on 29th October at Godalming Baptist Church. To book email Sally: pollard3@hotmail.co.uk or 01483 428646.

Living with Loss A retreat at Worth Abbey, 14-17 November, £330 per person, for those dealing with loss and bereavement, both recent and not so recent. A healing space in a Christian setting. E: retreats@worth.org.uk

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/>

St Edmund's Quiz Night Please join us for our annual quiz night in aid of CAFOD, on Saturday 19th November at 7pm at St John's Farncombe church room. Tickets are £10, which includes a jacket potato supper, and teams are a max of 8 people. You can sign up at Mass but please pay in advance to secure your ticket as numbers are limited and last year we sold out very quickly! Contact Jo for more details: jolewry@aol.com

Action for the climate crisis Please sign the CAFOD petition urging the PM to work to stop the COP-out at the COP27 in November: <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/113421/action/1>

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.

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

Offertory collections in September

totalled £2,509, and with standing orders, £6,191.52. Thank you for your generosity.

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. Those affected by flooding in Pakistan.

The Holy Father's Intention for October We pray for the Church; ever faithful and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may she be a community of solidarity, fraternity, welcome, with a synodal spirit.

The sick and those who care for them 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 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, Kieran Dalton, Sr Maureen Banyard FMDM, and Pat Wilson, who died recently, and Franciszek Mrozinski, Jan Tanczyn, Michelina Solano, Paul Kreciglowa, Ann Hunt, Sam Townsend, Maisie Field, Evelyn Furlong, Pamela O'Driscoll, Eileen Martin, Derek Pinks, Norma Reid and Stephen Harding whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Schedule of Masses & Liturgies
Week 29 in Ordinary Time
16th October 2022**

Saturday 15th October St Teresa of Avila	6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Celebrant's Intention</i>
Sunday 16th October 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.45am Mass (St John's) – <i>Celebrant's Intention</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Celebrant's Intention</i>
Monday 17th October St Ignatius of Antioch	<i>10.00am Mass available at St Joseph's, Guildford</i>
Tuesday 18th October St Luke	<i>10.00am Mass available at St Joseph's, Guildford</i>
Wednesday 19th October St Philip Howard	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) 6pm Holy Hour (St Joseph's)
Thursday 20th October	<i>10.00am Mass available at St Joseph's, Guildford</i>
Friday 21st October	<i>10.00am Mass available at St Joseph's, Guildford and Our Lady of Lourdes, Haslemere</i>
Saturday 22nd October	6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Celebrant's Intention</i>
Sunday 23rd October 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.45am Mass (St John's) – Patricia Wilson RIP 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>People of the parish</i> 12 noon Baptism – Eleanor Jefferies (St Joseph's) 1pm Baptisms – Otto & Orelia Walters (St Edmund'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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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*