



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*

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time 30th October 2022

We celebrate this Tuesday the great Solemnity of All Saints and then move into the month of the Holy Souls in which our prayer turns in particular to our departed brothers and sisters. We give praise and thanks to the Father for those holy women and men who support us with their prayers and offer an example for our lives and we pray for the forgiveness of sins and beatitude of those who have died.

In his plan for our diocese Bishop Richard speaks about our parishes becoming *communities of saints*. I spoke at Fr Michael's funeral about our being a pilgrim people rather more than a perfect society. One of the other great ideas at the Second Vatican Council sixty years ago was the "universal call to holiness". There is always a temptation to leave certain things to specialists: to think the teacher is responsible for our learning (and that we don't need to do that homework) or that the doctor or medical professional is responsible for our health (and so we don't need to work to live a healthy lifestyle). Some are very happy to leave things they see as religious to priests and nuns and get on with the rest of life. The truth is that holiness of life is the only path to true happiness for each and every human being – it is not the preserve of the specialist. That is why every Christian is called to be a saint.

Ten years ago, when he visited this country, Pope Benedict addressed our school children in "The Big Assembly" saying that God wanted them to his friends, who would reflect something of his infinite goodness in their own lives, and thus be holy saints, feeling compassion for people in difficulties and eager to do something to help them.

More recently in the wonderfully encouraging letter on everyday holiness (*Gaudete et Exsultate*) Pope Francis presents an idea of what it might mean for ordinary human beings, not 'plaster-cast' saints. He writes, "I like to contemplate the holiness present in the patience of God's people: in those parents who raise their children with immense love, in those men and women who work hard to support their families, in the sick, in elderly religious who never lose their smile. In their daily perseverance I see the holiness of the Church militant. Very often it is a holiness found in our next-door neighbours, those who, living in our midst, reflect God's presence. We might call them 'the middle class of holiness'".

This is the invitation that God makes to each and every one of us. It is my hope that our parish will be a community which will transform each of us into such everyday saints, endowed with the virtues of courage and fortitude, radiating the Father's great love into every part of our world.

Mass Responses for Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

PSALM RESPONSE: I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

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

Blessing of Graves take place after Mass on All Souls, Wednesday November 2nd, at Milford at 10.20am and at 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.

Books of Remembrance We have been preparing a book of remembrance for each of our churches, carrying the names of deceased parishioners. Please feel free to let us know of anyone who is missing. There will also be sheets each November to write in the names of other deceased family and friends for whom you wish to pray.

Baby Loss service at St Edmund's church this Sunday 30th October at 4pm, followed by tea and cake, to pray for all who have lost a baby, whatever the circumstances.

Next Sunday the First Communion children and their families will be with us for the 8.45am Mass in Farncombe, and there will be tea/coffee and squash served after Mass so please join us for a chat over coffee.

Fr Michael Perry RIP Thank you to everyone who contributed to Fr Michael's wonderful send-off this week, especially to those who helped with the liturgy and with preparing St Joseph's; and to all parishioners who attended the services; and to those who have offered prayers for the response of Fr Michael's soul. May he rest in peace. Thank you also for sharing memories and photos of Fr Michael on the Memorial Wall - there's still space for more! <https://tinyurl.com/7cm5ypa5>

Our Call to Stewardship Next weekend we launch our Stewardship journey of renewal. Over the coming weeks we will be prayerfully reflecting as a parish and as individuals, on the many and varied gifts with which we have been blessed, and on the needs of our parish. We pray that the Holy Spirit will soften our hearts and stir us into action so that our parish community may be renewed.

Sycamore Shorts at St Edmund's school after 'drop-off', please join Fr Jonathan for an informal half hour which includes a short Sycamore film clip, discussion, coffee and prayer. Starts on Friday 4th November at 8.55am. All welcome, no sign-up needed.

Appeal for 'Les Amis of Burkina Faso' Due to the restrictions of Covid it has been a while since Gillie was last able to give a talk about the work of her charity, and she is really delighted to let you know that there is an opportunity to hear about her work, and ask questions, at 7pm on Wednesday 16th November at St Edmund's School, Godalming, GU7 1PF. The talk should last about an hour. Gillie will also be handing out the charity's latest newsletter after every Mass this weekend; if you're not already on the mailing list, please take one and then do consider coming to the talk. www.les-amis-bf.org.uk

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 **this Sunday 30th October** at 6.30pm. Please let Fr Jonathan know if you are planning to come. Confirmations will be celebrated on **15th July 2023** at Arundel. To register an interest, sign up via that date on the website Calendar or Confirmation page.

Weekly Holy Hour Every Wednesday with Deacon Jeremy, at St Joseph's Milford, 6pm to 7pm. With rosary, and benediction.

Chilworth Abbey Study Day on Saturday 5th November, with Fr John Seddon OSB, on 'The Ineffable Mystery of God', Episode 3 of Bishop Barron's 'Catholicism' series. More info: <https://www.chilworthbenedictines.com/>

The Challenges and Opportunities of Synodality This webinar with Fr James Mallon, Sr Nathalie Becquart and Dr Hannah Vaughan-Spruce focuses on how to respond to Pope Francis' vision of becoming a 'Church of closeness' and what synodality means in the context of our parishes. On November 18th at 6pm. <https://divinerenovation.org/synod/>

CAFOD family fast day Thank you for so generously supporting this appeal. Donations through the parish (offertory and contactless devices) have so far totalled over £680.

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. Teams are a max of 8 people, and 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

SVP Christmas Cards will be on sale at all Masses w/e 12/13 November. Cards are £2 per pack of 5. All profit goes to the work of helping those in need, so please remember to bring cash with you to Mass and support the sale and raise funds for our local SVP group.

Christmas Lunch Whilst it may seem rather early to be thinking about Christmas, the Churches Together Christmas Lunch takes some planning in advance, and they need someone to coordinate the volunteers. It's a really enjoyable event to be part of, and the arrangements are tried and tested. If you are interested or to know more, please contact Sarah Higgins sarahhiggins478@gmail.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>

Retreats at the House of Prayer Details of their retreats from November to February are available at: www.christian-retreat.org
Information on **Retreats at Worth Abbey** is at: <https://worth.co.uk/retreats/>

World Mission Sunday Thank you for your donations to World Mission Sunday last week. Your prayers and support help missionaries work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. To continue supporting Missio throughout the year, visit: www.missio.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755.

World Youth Day Lisbon August 2023 A superb opportunity to gather with a huge number of Catholic young adults (age 18-35). More info: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk
Please speak with Fr Jonathan if a small grant would help, or to chat about going as 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 available to help with transport to medical appointments, for 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 November We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

The sick and those who care for them Danny O'Sullivan, 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 Andrew Jolliffe, Mel Hunter, Kieran Dalton, Edouard De La Maistre, and Fr Michael Perry, who died recently, and Anne-Marie Barnsdale, Robert Gray, Ellen Holman, Doreen Rogers, Agnes Wright, John Bernard Norton, Fr Bernard Rowley, Anna Warner, Phyllis Dunn, Emma Scavolo and Michael Savedra, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Schedule of Masses & Liturgies
Week 31 in Ordinary Time
30th October 2022**

Saturday 29th October	6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Andrew Jolliffe RIP</i>
Sunday 30th October 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.45am Mass (St John's) – <i>People of the Parish</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Tommy & Nuala Gallagher (55th Wedding Anniversary)</i> 12.20pm Baptism – Bobby Sloan (St Edmund's) 1.00pm Baptism – Siena Owen (St Edmund's) 4.00pm Baby Loss Memorial service (St Edmund's)
Monday 31st October	<i>10.00am Mass available at St Joseph's, Guildford</i>
Tuesday 1st November All Saints	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>People of the Parish</i> 7.30pm Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Doreen Rogers RIP</i>
Wednesday 2nd November All Souls	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) in English & Polish <i>– Holy Souls</i> 6pm Holy Hour (St Joseph's) 7.30pm Mass (St Edmund's) <i>– Fr Bernard Rowley RIP</i>
Thursday 3rd November	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Slavka Bodova RIP</i>
Friday 4th November St Charles Borromeo	11.00am Requiem Mass for Kieran Dalton RIP (St Joseph's)
Saturday 5th November	6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) <i>– Deceased relatives of Brenda Brown</i>
Sunday 6th November 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.45am Mass (St John's) – <i>People of the Parish</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Alexander Moore RIP</i>

Sunday Year C. Weekday Readings Cycle II.

St Edmund's Church is open each day, usually from 10am to 5pm

www.stedsgod.com

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