



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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 6th November 2022

Today's Gospel reading offers us a wonderful teaching of Jesus on the resurrection of the dead. Jesus is asked by some Sadducees, who did not believe in the resurrection and therefore provoke Him with an insidious question: in resurrection, whose wife would a woman be if she had seven successive husbands, who were all brothers, who all died one after the other? Jesus does not fall into the trap and replies that in the hereafter the risen "neither marry nor are given in marriage, for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection" (vv. 35-36). This is how Jesus responds.

With this response, first and foremost, Jesus invites His interlocutors — and us too — to consider that this earthly dimension in which we now live is not the only dimension, but that there is another, no longer subject to death, which will fully manifest that we are children of God. It is of great comfort and hope to listen to this simple and clear word of Jesus about life beyond death; we need it very much especially in our time, so rich in knowledge about the universe but so lacking in wisdom about eternal life.

Jesus' clear certainty about resurrection is based entirely on the fidelity of God, who is the God of life. In fact, behind the question of the Sadducees is hidden a more profound question: not only whose wife will be the widow of the seven husbands, but to whom will her life belong. This is a doubt that touches mankind of every age and also us: after this earthly pilgrimage, what will become of our life? Will it belong to nothing, to death?

Jesus responds that life belongs to God, who loves us and cares very deeply about us, to the point of linking His name to ours: He is "the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now He is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him". Life exists where there is [a] bond, communion, brotherhood; and it is a life stronger than death when it is built on true relationships and bonds of fidelity. On the contrary, there is no life where one has the presumption of belonging only to oneself and of living as an island: death prevails in these attitudes. It is selfishness. If I live for myself, I am sowing death in my heart.

May the Virgin Mary help us to live every day from the perspective of what we affirm in the final part of the Creed: "We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come". Awaiting the hereafter.

(Reflection from Pope Francis, 10.xi.2019)

Mass Responses for Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

PSALM RESPONSE: I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

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Our Call to Stewardship This 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. Please take the leaflet home with you and take some time to read it prayerfully. We have some large print copies so please ask if you would like one of these.

This 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 come along for a chat over coffee.

Blessing of Graves takes place after Mass on Sunday, at Eashing at midday. Please do join us to pray for our brothers and sisters who now rest in peace.

Retired Priests Fund. There will be a Retiring collection this weekend for the support of our retired priests.

Books of Remembrance We have been preparing a book of remembrance for each of our churches, carrying the names of deceased parishioners. We are hoping to have them in place this week. Please 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.

Sycamore Shorts at St Edmund's school after 'drop-off', join Fr Jonathan on Friday mornings at 8.55am for an informal half hour with a short Sycamore film clip, discussion, coffee and prayer. No sign-up needed.

SVP Afternoon Tea on Wednesday 8th November at 2.30pm at Elstead United Reform Church. If you need a lift please contact SVP or Janet on 01252 702156.

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 8th November; a time of waiting on God in the silence. For more info email: james.toon@mac.com

Remembrance Sunday The 10.30am Mass will be a Requiem Mass for those killed in war, and a silence will be included during the Prayers of the Faithful. Deacon Jeremy will lay a wreath on behalf of our parish at the Act of Remembrance at the Godalming War Memorial following the 10am Service on Sunday 13th, and procession and parade.

'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, 7-8pm on **Monday 14th November** (note change of date) at St Edmund's School, Godalming, GU7 1PF. More information at: www.les-amis-bf.org.uk

Confirmation 2023 Plans for the coming year are now on the parish website and begin with **Pizza and Prayer on Sunday evenings**. The next session is **Sunday 13th November** at 6.30pm. To register please sign up via the website Confirmation page.

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

Lectio Divina Fr Jonathan will lead four sessions of this prayerful reading of scripture on zoom at 7.30pm on Wednesday evenings in Advent. Zoom details to follow.

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; there are a couple of spaces left, either to form a team or join one. To secure your ticket please contact Jo asap – and pay in advance! jolewry@aol.com

November Churches Together Prayer Breakfast is on Saturday 26th at 8.30am at the Cellar Camino Café, opposite Waitrose.

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.

Live Simply Christmas Appeal for St Mark's Foodbank During the Christmas period the foodbank sends special Christmas food parcels to families at four local schools, to spread love and good cheer at a time of extra need and difficulty. Please support the appeal with some Christmas themed food items eg: Christmas puddings, Christmas cakes, Fancy biscuits/Selection boxes Mr Kipling cakes: eg Angel/Unicorn slices Stuffing mix Mince pies Cranberry sauce Christmas crackers Foil Wild All Butter Mince Pies, and add your donations to the collection boxes at our churches by 11th December. More info from Jo Pomeroy: 07920 180495.

Catenians on Pilgrimage to the Holy Land If you'd like our parish Catenian group to carry your prayers and intentions with them on their pilgrimage this month, or to know more about the Catenians, please email Pat Finn patrickgfinn@yahoo.co.uk

Three Choirs Gospel Concert is on 11th November at Godalming United Church at 7.30pm. £10 tickets can be purchased in person at Record Corner or on the door.

Wintershall Nativity Journey Performed locally from 14-19th December. Tickets available from www.wintershall.org.uk

Christmas Lunch The Churches Together are looking for a co-ordinator for the Lunch volunteers. It's a fun event to be part of, and the arrangements are tried and tested. Contact Sarah: sarahhiggins478@gmail.com

World Mission Sunday Thank you for your donations to Missio, which is vital to the growth of the Church and the spread of the Gospel in poor and remote areas overseas. To continue supporting Missio visit: www.missio.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755.

Sign up to the A&B weekly email It's a good way to feel part of the wider diocesan community, and the bulletin covers a wide range of news and events. Click the link on homepage: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/>

Fr Michael Perry RIP The memories and photos of Fr Michael on the Memorial Wall are a joy to read and there's still space for more! <https://tinyurl.com/7cm5ypa5>

CTGD and Live Simply latest newsletters are available on our website in 'Newsletters'.

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, 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 Irene Grant, Andrew Jolliffe, Mel Hunter, Kieran Dalton, and Edouard Le Maistre, who died recently, and Joseph Smith, Theodore Pilch, John Reilly, Ita Avenell, John Foster, Edward Barnard, Leo Donnelly and Margaret Cox whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Schedule of Masses & Liturgies
Week 32 in Ordinary Time
6th November 2022

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| 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> 12.00 Noon Blessing of Graves (Eashing) |
| Monday 7th November | 9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>John Reilly RIP</i> |
| Tuesday 8th November | 11.00am Mass for Deceased Clergy (St Joseph's, Guildford) |
| Wednesday 9th November Dedication of the Lateran Basilica | 9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Kieran Dalton RIP</i> 6pm Holy Hour (St Joseph's) |
| Thursday 10th November St Leo the Great | <i>10.00am Mass available at St Joseph's, Guildford</i> |
| Friday 11th November St Martin of Tours | 7.30am Mass (St Edmund's) |
| Saturday 12th November St Josaphat | 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) <i>– Marie & Harry Mason RIP</i> |
| Sunday 13th November 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 8.45am Mass (St John's) – <i>People of the Parish</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) <i>– For those who died in war</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