



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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 13th November 2022

Despite another very mild period (the result I now know of a "Tropical continental air mass"), the change of the clocks, shorter days and falling leaves bring with them a sense of ending and closing down. It is no surprise then that the attention of the church turns to the last things and the end of days.

The readings at this time of year are often from apocalyptic writing – writing that seems to be prophetic of death and disaster all around, and the coming of a pretty horrible time. It is important to remember that these readings were not written in times of peace and prosperity as reminders of doom and destruction. They originate rather as God's revelation of himself and his plan to a people that were already in the midst of a crisis. They are intended to encourage God's people that even this experience of theirs is not outside of God's power and his plan. *The Oxford Companion to the Bible* puts it simply: "As tracts for the times, they were written to encourage those who were oppressed and saw little or no hope in terms of either politics or armed might. Their message was that God himself would intervene and reverse the situation in which they found themselves, delivering the godly from the hands of the wicked and establishing his rule for all to see."

The stories that we listen to, and that we tell one another can have a powerful influence on our faith, our hope and our wellbeing. The news will always privilege that which is novel and powerful – inevitably giving more room to matters of concern than to good news. While we need to read the signs of the times, if we do so with the eyes of faith and listen to the stories of God's love and of how that is reflected in the thirst for God and the everyday holiness of so many of those who live among us it can build up in us an awareness of the coming of the dawn from on high that will sustain us through the night.

I learned a few years ago, working on a Scout Jamboree, that if we spend all our time dealing with problems, we get a distorted idea of reality. I learned that I needed to speak also to the young people on the camp and hear their stories of new friendships and plans for their futures. Seeming surrounded by so many crises I need to make sure that I pay as much attention to the signs of coming of spring – in God's love and in the flourishing of grace in his children.

Mass Responses for Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

PSALM RESPONSE: The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

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Our Call to Stewardship – Week 2 We continue our Stewardship journey of renewal as we prayerfully reflect 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 this week's leaflet home with you and give some time to read it prayerfully; and pick up a copy of last week's leaflet if you missed it.

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.

St Edmund, King and Martyr Next Saturday is the Feast of St Edmund, patron of our parish (transferred from the Sunday). Mass will be celebrated at the school on Friday afternoon (to which all are welcome) and at St Edmund's Church on Saturday morning. (Saturday evening Mass will be of the Solemnity of Christ the King.)

St Edmund's Quiz Night on Saturday 19th November at 7pm at St John's Farncombe church room. There are a couple of spaces left, either to form a team of 8, or join a team. To secure your ticket please contact Jo asap – and pay in advance! jolewry@aol.com

Fr Rajesh will be formally entrusted by Bishop Richard with the pastoral care of the parish of Godalming, alongside Fr Jonathan, at the 6pm Mass at St Edmund's on 10th December. Fr Jonathan and Fr Rajesh will be inducted as pastors of the parish of Haslemere at 11.00am Haslemere Mass on the following day, Sunday 11th December.

Christmas in the Parish will follow the same pattern as in 2021 with outdoor carols at Ladywell early afternoon on Sunday 18th December, and Christmas Masses at 5pm, 7pm, 10pm on Christmas Eve, and 8.45am and 10.30am on Christmas Day. Details to follow.

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.

'Les Amis of Burkina Faso' An opportunity to find out about how Godalming supports life in a very difficult part of the world as Gillie talks about her charity 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

Books of Remembrance We have prepared a Book of Remembrance for each of our churches, carrying the names of deceased parishioners, and these are now in place. 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.

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

Weekly Holy Hour with Deacon Jeremy, at St Joseph's Milford, Wednesdays 6-7pm, with rosary, and benediction. Until 23rd November.

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.

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

SVP Christmas Cards are on sale at all Masses this weekend. Cards are £2 per pack of 5. All profit goes to the work of helping those in need, so please support the sale and raise funds for our local SVP group.

World Gifts Catalogues from CAFOD are available to take home from Mass this weekend, packed full of Christmas gift ideas, such as super soup kitchens, trees for life, or water for a family – all of which will help transform lives and share the promise of hope. <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk>

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.

ADoRE mini-retreat with Fr Anthony Meredith on Saturday 26th November from 10am-1pm on Zoom. 'Love one another as I have loved you' - we are called to receive and give God's love. www.altonrenewal.com

CTGD Christmas Lunch If you know of anyone who might like to attend this lunch at the Baptist Church on Christmas Day, or if you would like to help or coordinate, contact the office or sarahhiggins478@gmail.com

Synod 2021-2024 The Synod process has now been expanded with a new opportunity to reflect on a document summarising all the submissions from around the world, prior to the next phase. From Monday, you can view the document, FAQs and an online feedback form at www.abdiocese.org.uk/synod For any queries email: synod@abdiocese.org.uk

The Challenges and Opportunities of Synodality webinar with Fr James Mallon, Dr Hannah Vaughan-Spruce and Sr Nathalie Becquart is on November 18th at 6pm and focuses on synodality in the context of our parishes. <https://divinerenovation.org/synod/>

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>

October Offertory Collection The parish has gratefully received a total of £5,464 from last month's Offertory donations and standing orders. In addition, £221 was raised for Missio and £681 for CAFOD. Thank you all for your generosity.

Next week Special Collection is for the Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund.

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 Paul Bannister, Irene Grant, Andrew Jolliffe, Mel Hunter, Kieran Dalton, and Edouard Le Maistre, who died recently, and Joseph Redmen, Jill Macpherson, Rose Hall, William Stilwell, Olive Spalding and Marjorie Jones whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Schedule of Masses & Liturgies
Week 33 in Ordinary Time
13th November 2022**

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>Margot Barber RIP</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) <i>– For those who died in war</i>
Monday 14th November	10.30am Requiem Mass - John Hookham RIP (St Joseph's)
Tuesday 15th November	<i>10.00am Mass available at St Joseph's, Guildford</i>
Wednesday 16th November	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>William Stilwell RIP</i> 6pm Holy Hour (St Joseph's)
Thursday 17th November	7.30am Mass (St Edmund's) <i>– Ogolo Family Intentions</i>
Friday 18th November	2pm Feast Mass – <i>People of the Parish</i> (St Edmund's School, The Drive, Godalming, GU7 1PF)
Saturday 19th November ST EDMUND, KING & MARTYR	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's) 6.00pm Vigil Mass (St Edmund's) <i>– Francesco Locurto RIP</i>
Sunday 20th November CHRIST THE KING	8.45am Mass (St John's) – <i>People of the parish</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) <i>– Deceased members of Knights of St Columba</i> 12 noon Baptism (St Joseph's) – Zachary Betson

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