

Our Call to Stewardship – In our final week of our Stewardship journey we will be considering how we have been blessed individually with Time, Talents and Treasure, and during the Offertory we will have the opportunity to affirm our commitment to the parish. We know that some people may need a little more time to reflect; do speak to the stewards after Mass if you have queries, and/or complete the forms at home and bring them back next week. We are providing envelopes to protect privacy and so that any financial information will only be seen by our Gift Aid coordinator.

You can find out more about how to share your Time and Talents on our website at <https://stedsgod.com/time-and-talents> and make your offer via the handout or online at: <https://stedsgod.churchsuite.com/forms/rqrm97bf>

After Mass Eileen, our Gift Aid co-ordinator, and Adrian and Fr Jonathan, will be available to chat and answer queries; you can join them for **coffee after 8.45am Mass.**

Good luck to all our parish quizzers at the annual **St Edmund's Quiz Night** this Saturday at 7pm. There are a couple of last-minute places available: jolewry@aol.com

This Sunday is Youth Sunday. Please pray for the young people of our parish, and particularly those meeting for 'Pizza and Prayer' and who will be preparing for Confirmation in 2023.

Details of **Confirmation Preparation** for 2023 are on the parish website, with a link to register at <https://stedsgod.com/confirmation>

First Communion families will be joining us for 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's next Sunday. Those who are able are encouraged to park nearby and walk along to the church.

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.

Lectio Divina in Advent Fr Jonathan invites you to join him for this prayerful reading of scripture, on Wednesday evenings, starting on 30th November at 7.30pm on Zoom (ID 846 7892 5944, password 2022). This is a particularly fruitful form of prayer and can really bring the scriptures alive, and if you haven't given it a try before, there's always a first time! See the parish website for some background information and resources on Lectio Divina: <https://stedsgod.com/lectio-divina>

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, all butter mince pies - and bring your donations to the collection boxes at our churches by 11th December. You can also donate funds to the Foodbank via the contactless devices at Mass. More info from Jo Pomeroy: 07920 180495.

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, and 10pm on Christmas Eve, and 8.45am and 10.30am on Christmas Day.

St John's After School Meals For all families affected by the increase in cost-of-living, hot meals will be offered in a warm space on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3.45-5.45; Monday will be a sit-down meal and Wednesdays a takeaway meal. Seven volunteers are needed for each evening, ideally on a rota basis and using WhatsApp to sign up, to help serve food, wash up, clear away and act as 'Welcomers' - to take the register, help people settle in and oversee some activities for the children. If you can help, email: Sue@ suepetty60@gmail.com

Weekly Holy Hour The last session is on Wednesday 23rd with Deacon Jeremy, at St Joseph's, 6pm, with rosary, and benediction.

SVP Christmas Cards A big thank you to all who supported the sale last weekend. Every card was sold, and £202 was raised for SVP.

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

World Gifts Catalogues from CAFOD are available now, packed full of Christmas gift ideas, such as super soup kitchens, trees for life, or water for a family – all of which bring hope and help transform lives. You can order online at: <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk>

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

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.

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

'The Mind's Long Journey to the Trinity' - spiritual insights from Evagrius, Retreat-day in person at the House of Prayer or on Zoom, on 26th November, led by Angela Tilby, £30. www.christian-retreat.org

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. To view the document, FAQs and complete an online feedback form visit: www.abdiocese.org.uk/synod For any queries email: synod@abdiocese.org.uk

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.

This weekend's Special Collection is for the Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund (Gift Aided).

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, Mel Hunter, Kieran Dalton, and Edouard Le Maistre, who died recently, Tony Burke, Aileen Mayfield, Lucia Mintern, Ken Dunn, Mary White, Philip Youd, Sheila Burger and Michael Scanlon whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Schedule of Masses & Liturgies
Christ the King & Last Week of Ordinary Time
20th November 2022

<p>Saturday 19th November ST EDMUND, KING & MARTYR</p>	<p>9.30am Mass (St Edmund's) <i>– Deceased Parishioners, Clergy and Benefactors</i></p> <p>6.00pm Vigil Mass Christ the King (St Edmund's) <i>– Francesco Locurto RIP</i></p>
<p>Sunday 20th November CHRIST THE KING</p>	<p>8.45am Mass (St John's) – <i>People of the parish</i></p> <p>10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) <i>– Deceased members of Knights of St Columba</i></p> <p>12 noon Baptism (St Joseph's) – Zachary Betson</p>
<p>Monday 21st November Presentation of the BV Mary</p>	<p><i>10.00am Mass available at St Joseph's, Guildford</i></p>
<p>Tuesday 22nd November St Cecelia</p>	<p>9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Olive Flynn RIP</i></p>
<p>Wednesday 23rd November</p>	<p>9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Pat Wilson RIP</i></p> <p>6pm Holy Hour (St Joseph's)</p>
<p>Thursday 24th November St Andrew Dũng-Lạc & companions</p>	<p>9.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Maj Bob Corbey RIP</i></p>
<p>Friday 25th November</p>	<p>7.30am Mass (St Edmund's) <i>– Mrs Weguelin & family RIP</i></p>
<p>Saturday 26th November</p>	<p>12.30pm Wedding (St Edmund's) <i>– Steve Dagg & Aisling Jensen-Humphreys</i></p> <p>6.00pm Vigil Mass (St Edmund's)</p>
<p>Sunday 27th November FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p>	<p>8.45am Mass (St John's) – <i>Ruth de Stefani RIP</i></p> <p>10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>People of the parish</i></p>

This Sunday Year C. Weekday Readings Cycle II.
St Edmund's Church is open each day, usually from 10am to 4pm
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



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*

Solemnity of Christ the King 20th November 2022

On the 6th May 2023 Charles III will be anointed king at his coronation. It is an ancient rite and the anointing of kings, and Jesus in particular, provides the focus for today's feast in this year of the cycle of reading. Remember how at the start of his ministry Jesus stands up in the synagogue in Nazareth and reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah, "The spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me". This anointing of Jesus reaches its consummation on the cross, where having had his feet anointed, he is now questioned about and acknowledged as the Christ. "Christ" is the Greek word meaning the anointed one, and it translates the Hebrew word "Messiah". The kingship of Christ is revealed on the cross.

We are rightly named Christians not only because we follow Jesus, the Christ, but because we too are chosen and anointed – outwardly at our Baptism and Confirmation and inwardly by the Holy Spirit. We are chosen and anointed to share in the person and the work of Christ. Each has been given their own gifts (time, talents and treasure) to bring to this work, and others are chosen from them and anointed again as shepherds, holding the rich diversity of the body of Christ in communion.

Our parish is a community, and over the last few weeks many have expressed their appreciation for what they have experienced. Lovely as the sense of community is, it is not an end in itself. The community of our parish exists as a lifeboat or a field-hospital for sinners, the lost and the broken. It has to provide, through the network of relationships that make it up, a place of friendship on our journey through life, a place of light and hope. Even the ancient writers knew very well the power and joy of friendship – its role in protecting us from error when we are young and lacking wisdom, supporting us in our infirmity or weakness and providing us with others with whom we can do wonderful deeds.

I invite you to consider how you might share, possibly more deeply, in the mission of our parish, by sharing your time, talents and treasure, for God has chosen you and anointed you as prophets, priests and kings to share in the work of Jesus, the Christ, the King of the Universe.

Mass Responses for Christ the King

PSALM RESPONSE: I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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