



# **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*

## **Fourth 'Laetare' Sunday of Lent – 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

### **What is a Parish Community?**

So much of society these days is about being an "individual". Working from sunup to sundown. Often, we wake up as tired as when we went to bed. In addition, the reality is that more and more people are feeling spiritually, physically and emotionally lonely and isolated.

We come together at Church to be spiritually nourished through the glorious gift of the Eucharist, but we are also given the opportunity to nourish each other with our friendship and our sense of belonging, as a family in Christ. We can support each other, we can be a Parish Community that has fun together, looks out for each other.

Scripture tells us again and again that "community" is important for many reasons:

- It is evidence that we walk in the light (1 John 1:7). We fulfil Christ's commands of love, by helping those in our faith community (Galatians 6:2).
- It provides us with prayer support for our healing, which is not found elsewhere (James 5:16). It is the place where we can challenge each other and help each other grow to maturity (Proverbs 27:17).
- It is the place where Christ promised His presence would be (Matthew 18:20). It is the place where we can be encouraged by each other's faith in times of abundance, as well as in times of difficulty (Romans 1:11-12).

We are not just individuals, but part of the Body of Christ, and part of our calling is to show concern for the other members of that Body (1 Corinthians 12:25-27).

We are called by Christ to this one Body, and He expects us to be in unity with that Body (Ephesians 4:2-6). It is the place where we can use the gifts God has given us, loving and serving others without complaining or resentment (1 Peter 4:8-11).

*We will be launching an exciting new initiative – Parish Small Communities - after Easter. If you'd like to be part of the steering group please speak to Fr Jonathan.*

**Come and See – during and after Sunday Mass on 22nd/23rd April**

### **Mass Responses for Fourth Sunday of Lent**

PSALM RESPONSE: The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

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**Please pray for** Siri, Nicole, Alison, Jess and Betsy as they are received this Saturday into full Communion at 6pm Mass at St Edmund's.

**This Sunday is Mother's Day** and we welcome First Holy Communion families and St Edmund's School to the 8.45am Mass at St John's – and look forward to seeing as many as possible after Mass for coffee and chat.

**Solemnity of St Joseph** (20<sup>th</sup> March) Mass is at 9.30am at St Joseph's with a gathering at Squires for coffee and cake after the Mass, around 10.30am. Please do join us.

The following day is the Solemnity of the Anniversary of the dedication of that church.

**New(ish) parishioners' evening** Fr Jonathan warmly invites anyone who is fairly new to the parish to join him and others for supper at the presbytery on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March, the Feast of St Joseph. Please speak with him after Mass or phone the office.

**Solemnity of the Annunciation** There will be a Vigil Mass at 7.30pm at St Edmund's on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> and all are invited for a drink afterwards from 8.30pm at The Star pub on Church Street, Godalming.

**Of your Charity** pray for the repose of the soul of Ian Gordon. If anyone would like to know funeral details, please contact Ashley via the parish office.

Jean Tyrrell's funeral takes place at 11am this Wednesday at Ladywell. All are welcome. Ursula Polack's funeral will be at 11am on 25<sup>th</sup> April at St Joseph's, Milford.

### Holy Week Highlights

**Penitential Service** @ St Joseph's on Tuesday at 7.30pm with visiting confessors

Wednesday 6pm **Chrism Mass** @ Arundel

Thursday 8pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper** @ St Joseph's

Good Friday 10.30am **Children's Stations of the Cross** @ St Edmund's

Good Friday 3pm **Solemn Liturgy** @ St Joseph's

Holy Saturday 11am **Blessing of Easter Baskets** @ St Edmund's

Holy Saturday 8.30pm **Easter Vigil** @ St Joseph's

### Lent Focus

**Stations of the Cross** Usually Fridays at 7pm during Lent at St Joseph's, Milford **but not this week** (24<sup>th</sup>). And at 7am at Wintershall on Good Friday.

**Lent Groups** on **Wednesday** evenings 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> March, & 5<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm at the Franciscan Centre at Ladywell. We are following the '**Belong and Believe**' CaFE course which draws on the immense wisdom and inspiration of our Celtic spiritual heritage to help us to find renewed faith and vision together. Please feel free to join any session or sign up on the parish calendar.

**The Big Lent Walk** This week our walkers have jointly walked another 1,050km, and altogether 4,184km! Please support our parish team this Lent to help them raise money for CAFOD, and overcome global poverty, and sponsor them if you can: <https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/st-edmund-godalming>

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

This is available in the parish as advertised in the newsletter (often on **Saturday** morning in Lent and Advent) and by arrangement.

**50 years at St John's** We are delighted to note that last weekend marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Sunday Mass at St John's, Farncombe. We are grateful to all who have supported this Mass and built a lively community at St John's, and for the ecumenical spirit it has fostered.

**Ministry of Consolation** We are hoping to set up a parish group to support bereaved parishioners. If you feel called to this ministry, please contact Anna Rogers/ Colette W-G for more information via parish office.

**Next weekend Fr Rajesh** will celebrate the Masses here, whilst Fr Jonathan celebrates Mass in the Haslemere parish.

**Centenary of Consecration of St Edmund's Church** is in October and Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass on 8<sup>th</sup> October followed by a parish lunch. It would be great to get a task group together to plan and deliver this special occasion. Please speak with Fr Jonathan if you are up for having some fun working on this. (The first really big parish celebration since COVID.)

**Dates for your diary** A few other special events are in the planning, and you might like to save the date (and perhaps offer to help):

**11<sup>th</sup> June** Corpus Christi Mass at Ladywell

**13<sup>th</sup> August** Outdoor Mass for the Feast of the Assumption at the Old Barn, Elstead, followed by a picnic lunch.

**Receive the parish newsletter by email**

Please let us know if you'd like a digital copy by emailing [godalming@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:godalming@abdiocese.org.uk)

**Pete's Plant Sale** will take place on the weekend of the 20th/21st May to raise money for this year's Kasanka Appeal. Please start thinking now about growing, sowing or dividing plants, as we'll need lots to sell, and contact Jo on 07920 180 495 if you can help.

**Homes for Ukraine** Would you be willing to open up your home to welcome a Ukrainian guest? The need is as great as ever. SJOG is one of the government's approved providers on the Homes for Ukraine scheme and offers a comprehensive matching and support programme. <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/>

**Churches Together in Godalming**

**Monthly Prayer Breakfast** is at 8.30am on Saturday 25th at Godalming United Church.

**ADoRE mini retreat** online on 25 March, 10am-1pm, 'Going deeper with Jesus' with Jenny Baker. [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com)

**Chilworth Abbey Study Day** on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 9am-3.30pm, for episode 8 of Bishop Robert Barron's 'Catholicism' course: 'A Vast Company of Witnesses: the Communion of Saints'. <https://www.chilworthbenedictines.com/>

**Worth Abbey Retreats** offer themed, silent or self-guided retreats, and you can join in the rhythm of monastic prayer and liturgy and enjoy the peace of the Sussex countryside. <https://worth.co.uk/retreats/>

**Franciscan Centre at Ladywell** Growing in God's Life: Exploring four recurring movements within spiritual development, June 28<sup>th</sup> - July 2<sup>nd</sup>, led by Christopher Chapman: [www.franciscancentre.org.uk](http://www.franciscancentre.org.uk)

**Save your old stamps** and we will despatch to the RNIB to raise funds for the charity.

**Bumps, Babies & Toddlers** All are welcome to Monday morning sessions at 10.30am at St John's parish centre, Farncombe.

**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 or to sign up for Gift Aid, please contact Eileen: [ga.godalming@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:ga.godalming@abdiocese.org.uk)

**Some sources of practical support**

**SVP** members offer regular visits, friendship and practical support to those in need. 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.

**Good Neighbour schemes** with volunteer drivers to help with transport to appointments, shopping, befriending etc: **Farncombe & Binscombe:** 07531 888398; **Godalming:** 07943 274461; **Witley & Milford:** 07871 570160; **Elstead** 01252 702702.

**Mental Health support** Local mental health crisis helpline is 0800 915 4644, open 24/7 for support for adults and CYP. If you're worried about yourself/young person, there's face-to-face support and assessment at Guildford Safe Haven.

**Please remember in your prayers** The people of Ukraine. Those affected by energy and food shortages that are a consequence of the war.

**The Holy Father's Intention for March** is for victims of abuse: we pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

**The sick and those who care for them** Alex Jolliffe, Marilyn Jones, David Kennealy, Gerry Hoey, Mona, Pam & John Lennox, Nigel Ambrose, Tony McDonald, Sylvia Reilly, Valentina Masella, Danny O'Sullivan, Ethel Stammers, Colin Humphrey, Catherine Goodridge, Alan Berry, Rudolf Dorrepaal, Nicolle Ernould, Nuala Gallagher, George Gelder, Audrey Hockey, Cliff Hutchinson, Ann Lloyd, Maria Lopez, Betty Matthews, Gerry Newell, Jean Rejniak, Maria Rogers, Margaret Silvester, Anne Stephens, Anita van Rheen and Josie Whittle; those in our hospitals and care homes; and those who carry their illnesses privately.

**The faithful departed**, in particular for Ian Gordon, Canon Martin Lee, Ursula Polack, Guisepina Locurto and Jean Tyrell who died recently, and Kevin McKenna, Jeremy Holmes, Pauline MacNamara, Francesco Masella, Fr Edmund Daly, Maria Brindle, Edward McMullen, Bernard O'Hagan, On Lai, Josef Pawlyszyn, Stan Selley and John Meagher whose anniversaries occur at this time.

## Schedule of Masses Fourth Sunday of Lent - 19th March 2023

<b>Saturday 18th March</b>	<b>10am Mass &amp; Confessions (St Joseph's)</b>  <b>6pm Mass with receptions into full communion (St Edmund's)</b> – <i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>Sunday 19th March</b> FOURTH 'LAETARE' SUNDAY OF LENT	<b>8.45am Mass (St John's)</b> – <i>Private Intention</i>  <b>10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)</b> – <i>Robert Gilmour RIP</i>  12pm Baptism – Oskar Godsmark (St Joseph's)
<b>Monday 20th March</b> ST JOSEPH	<b>9.30am Mass (St Joseph's)</b> – <i>Jeremiah Flynn RIP</i>  8pm Mass in Polish (St Joseph's)
<b>Tuesday 21st March</b> ANNIVERSARY OF DEDICATION OF ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, MILFORD	<b>9.30am Mass (St Joseph's)</b> – <i>Private Intention</i>  8pm Mass in Polish (St Joseph's)
<b>Wednesday 22nd March</b>	<b>7.30am Mass (St Edmund's)</b> –  11am Requiem Mass for Jean Tyrell (Ladywell Convent)
<b>Thursday 23rd March</b>	<b>9.30am Mass (St Edmund's)</b> – <i>Private Intention</i>
<b>Friday 24th March</b>	<b>7.30pm Vigil Mass of Annunciation (St Edmund's)</b>
<b>Saturday 25th March</b> THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	<b>10.30am Confessions (St Edmund's)</b>  <b>6pm Vigil Mass (St Edmund's)</b> – <i>People of the parish</i>
<b>Sunday 26th March</b> FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	<b>8.45am Mass (St John's)</b> – <i>Private Intention</i>  <b>10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)</b> – <i>Frank Comerford RIP</i>

Sunday Cycle Year A / Weekday Cycle Year 1

**St Edmund's Church is open each day, usually from 10am to 5pm**  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation as above and by arrangement  
*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.*

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