



## **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*

### **Holy Week 2023**

*"I have earnestly desired to celebrate this Passover with you."*

This is how Jesus speaks to his disciples in the upper room when he takes bread and wine on the night before he dies. These words, once spoken to the twelve apostles, are spoken to each of us now. The Lord Jesus, the one who came from heaven for us and for our salvation, now reveals to us his innermost heart. He does not wish us to be onlookers or passive recipients, but to be his intimate companions in this most important part of his life. Notice the tone – it is not some simple wish, but a really deep desire, one that burns with a love that makes visible the love of the Father himself. Notice to whom it is addressed – I imagine Jesus looking at me directly and perhaps even speaking my name as he does so. And notice what is happening – nothing less than the passage from death to life, from darkness to light, from slavery to freedom, the mighty triumph over sin and death and the opening of the gateway to heaven.

The Passover of Jesus – his saving death and his glorious resurrection – is the central event in the whole history of creation and in the history of every human being. It is a mystery that causes us to marvel and wonder and draws our own lives and situations, our joys and sorrows, hopes and fears into its transformative drama. He is present in its celebration to welcome us, heal us and restore us to a new and more abundant life.

Whenever, in the Mass, we eat of the bread which is broken and wine that is poured we take part in the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus, are exposed to its unique power and receive that power, strength and help for our lives. The Mass was Jesus's gift to his disciples on the night before he died so that they would always have him with them and be able to enjoy his friendship and the effects of his saving work. And so, at the heart of our celebration of Easter lies the celebration of Mass, especially on Easter morning and Maundy Thursday.

There are then, two tasks for us in the coming week. Firstly to immerse ourselves in the story of Jesus's saving death and glorious resurrection: to be present with him in his entry into Jerusalem, at the Last Supper when he washes his disciples feet and commands them to do as he has done, watching with him in the Garden of Gethsemane, standing before Pilate, Herod, and the baying crowd, at the foot of the cross, at his burial and descent into hell and finally with Mary of Magdala and the disciples as he appears to them. Secondly, renewed by that work of love, to meet the risen but wounded Jesus in the Mass of Easter, and experience the joy and new life of his victory over sin and death.

#### **Mass Responses for Palm Sunday**

PSALM RESPONSE: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

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## Holy Week Highlights

### Easter Sunday Mass

\*8.45am at St John's; 10.30am at St Joseph's

### The solemn liturgies at St Joseph's

\*Mass of the Lord's Supper 8.00pm

\*Good Friday 3.00pm

\*Easter Vigil 8.30pm

### For children and families

\*Stations of the Cross at 10.30am on Good Friday at St Edmund's

\*Blessing of Easter Baskets at 11.00am on Holy Saturday at St Edmund's (Święconka in Polish at St Joseph's at 9am)

\*Mass on Easter morning at 8.45am and 10.30am

### The Liturgy of the Hours & Watching

\*Maundy Thursday Watching at the Altar of Repose after Mass until Night Prayer at 10.45pm at St Joseph's

\*Good Friday – Morning Prayer and Readings at 9.30am at St Edmund's

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### For early risers

\*Stations of the Cross at Wintershall at 7am on Good Friday (led by Fr Jonathan)

\*Ecumenical Dawn Service (not Mass) at 6.45am at Minster Field on Easter Sunday.

### For those who like larger events

\*Mass of Chrism at 6pm on Wednesday at Arundel Cathedral with blessing of oils and renewal of priestly promises.

\*Passion in Trafalgar Square at noon and 3.15pm on Good Friday by the Wintershall Players (No tickets required but arrive early).

### Special Collections in Holy Week

**Maundy Thursday** is a particular day for making offerings for those in need, and you may like to consider the local foodbank:

<https://parishofgodalming.org.uk/st-marks-food-bank/>

**Good Friday** there will be a collection for the Holy Places to support the Christian communities who still live and worship in the places of Jesus' life and saving death.

**Easter** The offering at Easter is for the support of the priests of the parish, and envelopes are available at church that can also be used for Gift Aid. (See also the next page for more details on how to donate and gift aid.)

**Please join us for coffee** after 8.45am Mass at St John's this Sunday.

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

**Lent Group** Our last session is on 5<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm, at the Franciscan Centre at Ladywell. Please feel free to come along even if you've missed the earlier sessions.

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

**5<sup>th</sup> June** Parish Forum 7.30pm for 8.00pm

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

**13<sup>th</sup> August** Outdoor Mass and picnic lunch for the Assumption at the Old Barn, Elstead.

**8<sup>th</sup> October** Centenary of Consecration of St Edmund's. Mass with Bishop Richard followed by a parish lunch.

**The Big Lent Walk** Our final week of walking, and the team has so far raised £1,750. Please sponsor us if you haven't already as we would really like to reach our £2,000 target by Easter and raise money for CAFOD's work on global poverty. Thank you.  
<https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/st-edmund-godalming>

**Cake Sale – please get baking!** We will be fund-raising for Kasanka, our twin parish in Zambia, with a cake sale after all Masses on **w/e 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> April**. All types, sizes and flavours of cake are welcome – and as many as you can offer! Please label your cakes to identify allergens: gluten, eggs, milk, peanuts, sesame, and nuts. Thank you.

**Pete's Plant Sale** is on the weekend of the 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> May so start growing, sowing or dividing plants, as we'll need lots to sell, and contact Jo on 07920 180495 if you can help.

**No faith in fossil fuels: Service and pilgrimage to Parliament** Make your voice heard on the climate emergency on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April. Contact Jo Lewry for more info.  
<https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/no-faith-in-fossil-fuels>

**Love the Stranger** Please write to our MP Jeremy Hunt (email: [huntj@parliament.uk](mailto:huntj@parliament.uk)) if you have concerns about the proposed Illegal Migration bill and would like to suggest more caring and humane options eg increasing safe routes. Bishop Paul McAleenan's statement on behalf of the CBCEW can be read here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/love-the-stranger>

### **Our Parish Community – A Family for All**

In his recent Pastoral Plan for the Diocese Bishop Richard shares with us his vision for the future as he “invites everyone in the Diocese – lay faithful and religious, deacons and priests – to join with me in forging our parishes into communities of saints, into strong, lively, and welcoming schools of discipleship. May they be communities where the Lord is known and loved; where the liturgy is experienced as an encounter with the wonder of heaven; where daily prayer is a natural part of life; where all are welcomed and their dignity as children of God always recognized; where young people grow in deep love for the Gospel, for the sacramental life of the Church and for prayer; where all know the riches of the faith and seek to share it with others”

A call to us all to be a community, to look to the very beginnings of our Church 2000 years ago, when the early Church grew through the relationships, the love, the support for one and all in the Lord's name. Were everyone had a role and purpose within their community.

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

**Parish Summer Alpha** We are delighted to announce a parish Alpha course. Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly and informal environment. Each session includes supper, a short film and discussion, and the course will run on Sunday evenings 7-9pm, from 30<sup>th</sup> April. More details and sign-up are on our website [www.stedsgod.com](http://www.stedsgod.com) (scroll down home page). This course is for everyone and is the ideal tonic to renew and to inspire you, especially if you feel your faith has waned as a result of recent world events. And, if you know of anyone who might like to come too, please invite them or offer to come along with them – as the greatest gift we can give a fellow human is faith, a gift which can last for eternity. For more information: Nicki and Alan 01483 420859 E: [alion@btinternet.com](mailto:alion@btinternet.com)

**Livesimply newsletter** You can read the latest issue in the newsletters section of the website. If you'd like to subscribe, please email Sarah: [godalming@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:godalming@abdiocese.org.uk) and if you'd like to join the next meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> May, email Jo: [jolewry@aol.com](mailto:jolewry@aol.com)

**Children's Liturgy** continues during the school holidays at 8.45am Mass.

**February Offertory Collection** The parish gratefully received a total of £6,673 from offertory and standing orders; and a further £770 for charities (CAFOD Syria/Turkey and Lourdes). Thank you for your generosity.

**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 April** is for a culture of peace and non-violence. We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

**The sick and those who care for them** Freda Aparak, Philip Doyle, Alex Jolliffe, Marilyn Jones, David Kennealy, Gerry Hoey, Mona, Pam & John Lennox, Nigel Ambrose, Tony McDonald, Sylvia Reilly, Valentina Masella, Danny O'Sullivan, 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 Ethel Stammers, Ian Gordon, Ursula Polack and William Breslin who died recently, and Mark Loughlin, Hugh Rourke, Robert Garcia, Martin Crosbie, Fr Tony Clarke, Margarita McCade, Joan Glithero, Terry Bayley, Joan Dalton, Domenico Spina and Peter Grant whose anniversaries occur at this time.

## Schedule of Masses Holy Week 2023

<b>Saturday 1st April</b>	<b>6pm Vigil Mass with blessing of Palms (St Edmund's)</b> <i>– Gareth Barnbrook RIP</i>
<b>Sunday 2nd April</b> PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	<b>8.45am Mass (St John's)</b> – <i>People of the Parish</i> <b>10.30am Sung Mass with Procession (St Joseph's)</b> <i>– Jim Flynn RIP</i>
<b>Monday 3rd April</b> MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK	<i>10.00am Mass available at St Joseph's, Guildford</i>
<b>Tuesday 4th April</b> TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK	<b>9.30am Mass (St Joseph's)</b> – <i>Helen Holmes RIP</i> <b>7.30pm Penitential Service (St Joseph's)</b>
<b>Wednesday 5th April</b> WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK	<b>10.00am Requiem Mass for Ethel Stammers</b> <b>(St Joseph's)</b>
<b>Thursday 6th April</b> MAUNDY THURSDAY	<b>8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (St Joseph's)</b>
<b>Friday 7th April</b> GOOD FRIDAY	7.00am Stations of the Cross (Wintershall) 9.30am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (St Edmund's) 10.30am Children's Stations of the Cross (St Edmund's) <b>3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion</b> <b>(St Joseph's)</b>
<b>Saturday 8th April</b> HOLY SATURDAY	9am Świąconka at St Joseph's (in Polish) 9.30am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (St Edmund's) 11am Blessing of Easter Baskets (St Edmund's) <b>8.30pm Solemn Vigil of Easter (St Joseph's)</b>
<b>Sunday 9th April</b> EASTER SUNDAY	<b>8.45am Mass of Easter Sunday (St John's)</b> <b>10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)</b> – <i>Frank &amp; Matthew Brown</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  
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