



Catholic Parish of St Edmund, King and Martyr, Godalming with St Joseph's, Milford

Easter 2023



On Easter morning we hear the words of St Peter addressed to Cornelius and his household. He speaks convincingly and easily of what he and those with him have seen, and in particular of “eating and drinking with Jesus after his resurrection from the dead”. The events of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and their sharing in them have touched them and changed them.

To be Christian is to have been touched and changed by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Our regular “eating and drinking with him after his resurrection from the dead” in the Mass sustains and continues that change in us. To come close to the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus, to “hold the death of the Lord deep in our hearts”, whether by choice or by circumstance, is almost always a traumatic experience and runs against the way most people think the world ought to work. Yet we know that it is the only path to wholeness and lasting happiness.

Those who have been through this trauma are bound together by what they have seen and experienced – they become a gathering, an *ekklesia*, a church. We need the support of one another to make sense of it and to see and understand more clearly how Jesus continues to be present in our lives. We need the support of one another too, to live out its consequences – whether by way of common action or more often by way of a place to which we can return after a hard day in the vineyard.

This is why we have chosen Eastertide as the time to engage with the ‘Our Parish Community’ initiative in the Diocese, strengthening the ways in which we welcome and support one another and provide a family for all. Wishing you every blessing. Fr Jonathan

Mass Responses for Easter Sunday

PSALM RESPONSE: This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed: let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

Mass Responses for Second Sunday of Easter

PSALM RESPONSE: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: ‘You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’ Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

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Wishing the Lord's blessing to everyone as we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord, and throughout this joyful season of Easter.

Thank you to all who helped prepare our churches and liturgies for the Easter Mysteries. A great team effort!

Coffee after 8.45am Mass on Easter Sunday with hot cross buns and chocolate treats. It will be lovely to meet together and wish each other Happy Easter, so do join us!

Easter Offering 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 next page for more details on how to donate and gift aid.)

After Easter, Deacon Jeremy will be stepping back from his regular Sunday duties. We thank him for his ministry and ask you to keep him and Annabella in your prayers as they continue to participate in other ways in the life of the parish.

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, and the support for one and all in the Lord's name. Where everyone had a role and purpose within their community.

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

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

No SVP Afternoon Tea on 14th April due to the Easter break. The next tea is on 10th May.

Ursula Polack's funeral will take place at St Joseph's on 25th April at 11.00am.

April Churches Together Prayer Breakfast is at the Old Barn, Elstead, on Saturday 22nd April, 8.30 to 10am. Contact Richard: 01252 702230.

Pizza and Prayer Sunday 23rd April at 6.30pm. A bit of space and spirituality for those preparing for confirmation or exams. Year 10 and above.

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):

13th May Mass and Picnic in memory of Maria Chacaltana at the Old Barn, Elstead

5th June Parish Forum at St Edmund's School, 7.30 for 8.00pm

11th June Corpus Christi Mass and Procession at Ladywell Convent.

13th August Outdoor Mass for the Feast of the Assumption at the Old Barn, Elstead, followed by a picnic lunch

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

Coming up in the Diocese

14th June Grandparents Pilgrimage to West Grinstead

16th June Mass for Engaged Couples at Arundel Cathedral at 7.00pm

22nd July Mass and Afternoon Tea for grandparents in Arundel. Mass is at 2.30pm

30th September Marriage Anniversaries Mass in Eastbourne

For more information on these events and to register, click on the date on the calendar at: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

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 30th April**. Next weekend 15th/16th April there will be a short talk about Alpha at Mass, and you can sign up at www.stedsgod.com (scroll to the bottom of the 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 because 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 info: Nicki & Alan G:420859 alison@btinternet.com

Latest CTGD Link-Up and Live Simply newsletters are available on our website.

The Big Lent Walk Congratulations to our parish team of walkers - Jo and Julian, Sarah, Jude, Mary, Fr Jonathan, Antonia, Anna, Fiona, Catherine, Ian, Jo, Dawn, Hannah, Angela, Susan, Audrey, Eleanor, Fionnuala, Jo, Monica, Colette, Paula and the FMDM sisters from Ladywell convent - who have succeeded in raising **£2,120** and walked 8,400km, all for CAFOD's work to alleviate global poverty. Well done everyone, what a super team effort. Thank you for all donations so far, and any still to come! <https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/st-edmund-godalming>

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

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 15th & 16th 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 for your support.

Who Cares? Is a self-help support group for people who have experienced or are going through divorce or separation, giving a warm welcome and safe space to talk and listen and give help and advice. The next meeting is at St John's Catholic Church in Horsham on 22nd April, 1pm-3.30 pm. There are people in our parish who are part of the group and find it helpful.

April Retreat at Franciscan Centre 'Re-imagining the World: The Vision of Saint Francis and Pope Francis', 26-30 April with Br William Short OFM. www.franciscancentre.org.uk

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

Supporting Missio In 2022 our parish raised £2,446 in support of Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. **Thank you!** As a missionary community we are part of a worldwide network supporting through prayer and financial assistance many vital Mill Hill missionary projects which empower people to turn away from conflict and towards faith in God. To learn more about Missio/receive a Red Box/set up a standing order, please contact our parish co-ordinator Nick: nickdec1@btinternet.com or 07985096233.

Lourdes Pilgrimage Some more helpers are needed for the pilgrimage at the end of July. Grants may be available to help with costs.

Fr Jonathan is away for a few days in Easter week. St Edmund's church is open 10-5 as usual. Fr Rajesh is available if you need a priest.

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

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 Margaret & Terry Punter, Freda Apark, 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, Nicole 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 Rheenan and Josie Whittle; those in our hospitals and care homes; and those who carry their illnesses privately.

The faithful departed in particular for Bishop Christopher Budd, Fr David Russell, Ethel Stammers, Ursula Polack and William Breslin who died recently, and Salvador Barbato, Jan Orlinski, Fred Putter, Patrick Murray, Lilian Duffield, Frank Matthews, Mike Keen, Eva Crane, Hannah Clark, Edith Houston, Peter Allen, Gordon Monk, Sisto Ferrucci, Albert Whitbourn and Giovanni Silano, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Schedule of Masses

Octave and Second Week of Easter 2023

Saturday 8th April HOLY SATURDAY	9am Świąconka at St Joseph's (in Polish) 9.30am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (St Edmund's) 11.00am Blessing of Easter Baskets (St Edmund's) 8.30pm Solemn Vigil of Easter (St Joseph's) <i>People of the parish</i>
Sunday 9th April EASTER SUNDAY	8.45am Mass of Easter Sunday (St John's) – <i>Fr Martin Jakubas</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Frank & Matthew Brown RIP</i>
Monday 10th April EASTER MONDAY	10.00am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>For Vocations to the Priesthood</i> 11.00am Baptism – Saskia Greaves (St Edmund's)
Tuesday 11th April EASTER TUESDAY	<i>10.00am Mass at St Joseph's, Guildford</i>
Wednesday 12th April EASTER WEDNESDAY	<i>10.00am Mass at St Joseph's, Guildford</i>
Thursday 13th April EASTER THURSDAY	<i>10.00am Mass at St Joseph's, Guildford</i>
Friday 14th April EASTER FRIDAY	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Irene Hookham RIP</i> 6.00pm Confirmations in Polish (St Joseph's)
Saturday 15th April EASTER SATURDAY	10.15am Baptism - Penelope O'Loughlin (St Edmund's) 12.30pm Wedding - Matthew Hobkinson & Laura Asnong <div style="text-align: right;">(St Edmund's)</div> 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 16th April SECOND 'LOW' SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.45am Mass (St John's) – <i>Jean Tyrrell & Ursula Polack RIP</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Jesus Lopez RIP</i>
Monday 17th April	<i>10.00am Mass at St Joseph's, Guildford</i>
Tuesday 18th April	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Frank Comerford RIP</i>
Wednesday 19th April	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Stephen Crimmins RIP</i>
Thursday 20th April	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Private Intention</i>
Friday 21st April	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's Primary School)
Saturday 22nd April	6.00pm Mass with FHC families (St Edmund's) –
Sunday 23rd April THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.45am Mass (St John's) 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Matthew & Frank Brown RIP</i>

St Edmund's Church is open each day, usually from 10am to 5pm

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