



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*

Third Sunday of Easter - 23rd April 2023



Jesus gave us two commandments – to love God with all our heart and all our soul and to love our neighbour as ourselves. But how do you love something that we don't really know? We can "like" someone - for their shared values with us, we can be sociable with someone that we see at a distance each week. But the good Lord calls us to "love" our neighbour, not just "like".

The importance of a united, strong community is something that Bishop Richard also brings to us in his vision for the Diocese going forward so that we can bring hope and joy to the fractured and hope-less world of today.

In his own words, our Bishop shares that a "Parish community" is made up of lay faithful, religious, deacons and priests –with the common aim of forging our parishes into communities of saints, into strong, lively and welcoming schools of discipleship, where the Lord is known and loved; where all are welcomed and their dignity as children of God always recognized; where all know the riches of the faith and seek to share it with others". A beautiful but very large ambition I'm sure you will agree!

So, would you like to get to know your fellow parishioners that little bit better? To build a community into a family, with an eye to the future of the parish, the glory of God's Kingdom and the "inclusion of all".

Complete the registration form and come and see what "Our Parish Community" can really do for us all as we get to know each other.

Deacon Simon South

Mass Responses for Third Sunday of Easter

PSALM RESPONSE: Show us, Lord, the path of life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

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Parish Summer Alpha The Alpha course is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly and informal environment, and each session includes supper, a film and discussion. The summer course will run on **Sunday evenings from 7-9pm, from 30th April** and is for everyone, especially if you have questions about your faith, or if you feel it has waned over the years. 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. Sign up at www.stedsgod.com (scroll to bottom of home page) or contact Nicki & Alan for more info G:420859 alton@btinternet.com

Solemnity of St George is transferred this year to Monday 24th April.

Easter Offering Fr Jonathan and Fr Raj thank everyone for their kind and generous offerings this Easter.

Next weekend we welcome the Comboni Missionaries who are visiting our parish to appeal for prayer and funds to support some of the most unfortunate and disadvantaged communities in the world, including the Central African Republic, South Sudan and Congo. Please pray for their work, especially for the missionaries who are working in difficult and dangerous conditions.

Maria Chacaltana's Celebration Picnic is on Saturday 13th May from 12 noon, starting with Mass and followed by family picnics and activities in the garden at the Old Farmhouse, Elstead, GU8 6DB; closing at 4pm after tea and a special time of memories of Maria. We hope this will be a sunny and joyful day for our parish community; for more information please contact the SVP: 07379 108009.

Ashley's fund-raising Marathon Ashley is running the London Marathon this Sunday for the Shooting Star hospice, in Maria's memory; please support her if you can: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ashleyslondonmarathon>

Pizza and Prayer This Sunday at 6.30pm at St Edmund's. For 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):

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

11th June Corpus Christi Mass and Procession at Ladywell Convent

16th June Live Simply shared supper + Green Energy evening at St John's

13th August Outdoor Mass for the Feast of the Assumption at the Old Farmhouse, 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

8th June Corpus Christi Mass, Procession and carpet of flowers at Arundel Cathedral, 6pm.

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>

Retreats and Talks

New Light from Old Stories 9-11 June at Ladywell, a retreat led by Brian Purfield on spiritual insights from the Old Testament that can illumine our Christian life today. £160, bursaries available. www.franciscancentre.org.uk

Encountering the Love and Mercy of God A retreat at The House of Prayer, East Molesey, led by Sr Helen Costigane, 27 May, 10am-4pm, online and in person, £30. We often hear it said that 'God loves and forgives us', but what might get in the way of truly experiencing His love and mercy? www.christian-retreat.org/

London Jesuit Centre Visit their website to view the range of online courses to deepen your faith www.londonjesuitcentre.org

Fund-raising for Kasanka

This year the FMDM mission at the St Francis Community School hopes to instal an irrigation system on the school farm, so that food production is increased which will help with feeding the school children. All the donations to our parish cake and plant sales help us to support this good cause, make a huge difference and are so appreciated

Cake sale raises £370! Thank you so much for supporting this – we had a fabulous selection of cakes and no difficulty in selling them! Thank you to all who baked the cakes and bought them. And if you took a Kasanka envelope away with you, please do return it with your donation. Thankyou.

Pete's Plant Sale is over the weekend of the 20th/21st May in St Joseph's car park. Please get gardening, and grow, sow and divide plants, as we'll need lots to sell! If you are able to help at the sale please contact Jo on 07920 180495.

CAFOD School Volunteers If you enjoy working with young people and would like to inspire them and bring alive their sense of global justice, CAFOD would like to hear from you! In your volunteer role you would be supported from our local A&B CAFOD office in Merrow, Guildford, and with training and resources. For more information email: arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk

And Thank You!

Missio In 2022 our parish raised £2,446 in support of Missio and Mill Hill Missionaries. To learn more about Missio and/or receive a Red Box/set up a standing order, please contact our parish co-ordinator Nick: nickdec1@btinternet.com or 07985096233.

CAFOD - The Big Lent Walk The total raised has risen to an amazing **£2,360!** <https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/st-edmund-godalming>

For the March Offertory The parish gratefully received a total of £7,148 from offertory and standing orders; and a further £544 for charities. Thank you all 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

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, 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 Rheen 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, Marilyn Jones, Ethel Stammers, Ursula Polack and William Breslin who died recently, and Evelina Bivona, John Ferrucci, Anna Weinberg, Kitty Bishop, Maria Warner, Mary Casey, Maura Goodfellow, Mary Lamb, Fr Colum Murphy, Paul Bryant, Tony Strudwick, Mary Youd, Anthony Edwards, Philip Downey, Marie-Louise Hayward, Jaya Lake, and Luca Simpson, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Schedule of Masses Third Week of Easter

Saturday 22nd April	6.00pm Mass with First Holy Communion families (St Edmund's) – <i>Bishop Christopher Budd RIP</i>
Sunday 23rd April THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.45am Mass (St John's) – <i>People of the Parish</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Matthew & Frank Brown RIP</i>
Monday 24th April ST GEORGE	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Peggy Dann RIP</i> 4.30pm Reception of the Ursula Polack's Body (St Joseph's)
Tuesday 25th April St Mark	11.00am Requiem Mass Ursula Polack (St Joseph's)
Wednesday 26th April	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Tony Strudwick RIP</i>
Thursday 27th April	7.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Lystra Hitchings, Carla Scarano D'Antonio, Trevor Parks & Lewis Mulhearn RIP</i>
Friday 28th April	<i>10.00am Mass available at St Joseph's, Guildford</i>
Saturday 29th April St Catherine of Siena	6.00pm Vigil Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Celebrant's Intention</i>
Sunday 30th April FOURTH 'GOOD SHEPHERD' SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.45am Mass (St John's) – <i>Celebrant's Intention</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Alexander Moore RIP</i>

Sunday Cycle Year A

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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