



Catholic Parish of St Edmund, King and Martyr, Godalming

with St Joseph's, Milford



Fifth Sunday of Easter - 7th May 2023

Christians, and English Catholics in particular, have always prayed for those in civil governance over them, both in times of prosperity and in times of persecution. On this weekend of the Coronation of King Charles III we continue that tradition, for we need good leaders to secure for us the peace that underpins freedom.

Prayers for King Charles III

*O God, to whom every human power is subject,
grant to your servant our sovereign Charles
success in the exercise of his high office,
so that, always revering you and striving to please you,
he may constantly secure and preserve
for the people entrusted to his care
the freedom that comes from civil peace.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen*

V: O Lord, save Charles, our King.

R: And hear us on the day we call upon you.

V: O Lord, hear my prayer.

R: And let my cry come before you.

V: The Lord be with you.

R: And with your spirit.

*Almighty God, we pray, that your servant Charles, our King,
who, by your providence has received the governance of this realm, may continue to grow in every virtue,
that, imbued with your heavenly grace, he may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil and,
being blessed with your favour may, with his consort and the royal family, come at last into your presence,
through Christ who is the way, the truth and the life
and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen*

Mass Responses for Fifth Sunday of Easter

PSALM RESPONSE: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

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First Holy Communion will be celebrated at Masses this Sunday (12.30pm) and next. Please do pray for the children and their families. Some seating is reserved, but everyone is welcome to attend these Masses, and it's likely there will be enough seating available for all. Please also pray for Jude as he is baptised at 10.30am Mass this Sunday.

Coffee after Mass at Farncombe Please join us for coffee and Fairtrade this Sunday.

Thank you for your generosity to the Comboni Missionaries Appeal last weekend.

Our Parish Community – a family for all Flyers and registration forms are available, and if possible, please return your sign-up form early this week so that we can get the groups up and running by the summer. If you have any questions, please ask Fr Jonathan. If you think it's a good idea, then please encourage your friends to join us too!

May is the Month of Mary and there will be an opportunity to pray the rosary together after the 9.30am Masses, in particular for the intention of vocations to priesthood.

Ascension Day is Thursday 18th May and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Do join us for coffee and cake at Squires in Milford after 10am Mass at St Joseph's, or for a drink after the 7.30pm evening Mass at St Edmund's. Parishioners and visitors are also welcome to the afternoon Mass at St Edmund's School.

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. For more details contact SVP: 07379 108009.

Corpus Christi We are looking forward to gathering for outdoor Mass at Ladywell on 11th June for Mass and a short procession. The FMDM community are kindly offering their wonderful refreshments afterwards and we hope that our First Holy Communion families will join us. If you are able to help with welcoming or setting up please speak with Fr Jonathan or Sarah. This will replace the usual 10.30am Mass. Please bring a chair with you, or something to sit on.

Live Simply Supper & Green Energy Talk

As part of Big Green week the Live Simply group invite you to a shared supper and talk on renewable energy on Friday 16th June at St John's, Farncombe, from 7.15pm. Our two speakers are parishioners: Marek, who is a research Scientist at AFC Energy plc, will talk on the green potential of hydrogen; and Angela, who works for Cisco, will talk on solar and wind farms. Please do join us; and sign up after Mass or contact Jo: jolewry@aol.com

Kasanka This year the FMDM mission at the St Francis Community School hopes to instal an irrigation system on the school farm, to help increase food production for the school children. All donations to our parish cake and plant sales help us to support this good cause, make a huge difference and are so appreciated. The **Cake sale raised £420** - thank you so much!

Pete's Plant Sale is over the weekend of the 20th/21st May in St Joseph's car park. We hope to have lots of bargains, and please drop off your donated plants from 8.30am on Saturday. If you're able to help with the sale, please contact Jo on 07920 180495. Whilst you're there, **please help yourself to free compost** from the compost heap at the back of the car park and take as much as you can!

CAFOD's Latest Campaigns Did you know that Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty? In Pope Benedict XVI's words: *"Love (caritas) is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace."* For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice and poverty. To find out more and get involved: <https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/latest-campaigns>

SVP Afternoon Tea on Wednesday 10th May at 2.30pm at URC, Elstead. Please phone SVP if you need a lift.

Pizza and Prayer Next Sunday at 6.30pm at St Edmund's. For Year 10 and above.

St Edmund's Primary School is likely to have vacancies in Reception for September 2023 as it is a small birth year. Please do encourage anyone who would like a good Catholic education for their children to apply.

Dates for your diary

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

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. Always a good afternoon out.

14th June Grandparents Pilgrimage to West Grinstead. 11am-3pm. Booking required: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

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

CTGD Link Up May Their latest newsletter is available on our website with newsletters.

The Life of Christ 27th June to 1st July at Wintershall. Watch as hundreds of actors bring the story of Jesus to life in an open-air epic production set in stunning Surrey countryside. To book tickets now: 01483 892167 or www.wintershall.org.uk

ADoRE mini-retreat 20th May 'Mission Possible: practical ways of proclaiming the Good News', with guest speakers Fr Jon Bielawski and Michele Thompson. More info: <https://www.altonrenewal.com/>

The Universe is back in print To subscribe and receive a weekly copy in the post (3 month subscription of 13 copies, £42 /£3.20 per copy) <https://universecatholicweekly.co.uk/>

Time Out at Worth Abbey Individual self-guided retreats on 15-18 May, 26-30 June, 1-6 August. £90pp, per night. Early booking is advised: 01342 710318 <https://worth.co.uk>

Growing in God's Life 30 June-2 July, at the Franciscan Centre, exploring recurring movements within spiritual development, led by Christopher Chapman, with a suggested offering of £170 www.franciscancentre.org.uk

Encountering the Love and Mercy of God at The House of Prayer, East Molesey, led by Sr Helen Costigane, 27 May, 10am-4pm, online and in person, £30. www.christian-retreat.org/

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

Bereavement support The parish team can be contacted by email: bereavementatsteds@gmail.com

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, Burkina Faso and Sudan. Those affected by energy and food shortages that are a consequence of the war.

Vocations for the mission of the church and for the priesthood in our diocese. There is a leaflet to take home with you to help focus your prayer.

The Holy Father's Intention for May we pray that church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

The sick and those who care for them Alfonso Mora, Margaret & Terry Punter, Freda Apark, Philip Doyle, Alex Jolliffe, David Kennealy, 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 Maria Lukaszewicz and Allison Clark who died recently, and Cynthia Hughes, Eileen Bryant, Michael Flannery, Rose Moroney, Peter Kelly, Teodor Skoropad, James Grant, Sr Anne Kavanagh, Jenny Bryant and Krystyna Miszko, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Schedule of Masses Fifth Week of Easter

Saturday 6th May	6.00pm Vigil Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>HM King Charles III</i>
Sunday 7th May FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.45am Mass (St John's) – <i>People of the parish</i> 10.30am Mass with Baptism (St Joseph's) <i>– Pat Cooke RIP</i> 12.30pm Mass with First Holy Communion (St Joseph's)
Monday 8th May	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Pete Kelly RIP</i>
Tuesday 9th May	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) <i>– Frs Michael Perry & Jan Gora RIP</i>
Wednesday 10th May St John of Avila	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Alexander Moore RIP</i>
Thursday 11th May	<i>10.00am Mass available at St Joseph's, Guildford</i>
Friday 12th May The Carthusian Martyrs	2.30pm Requiem Mass for Maria Lukaszewicz RIP (St Joseph's)
Saturday 13th May Our Lady of Fatima	12.10pm Mass for Maria Chacaltana (The Old Farmhouse, Elstead, GU8 6DB) 6.00pm Vigil Mass (St Edmund's)
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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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