



# **Catholic Parish of St Edmund, King and Martyr, Godalming**

with St Joseph's, Milford



## **Sixth Sunday of Easter - 14th May 2023**

In today's Gospel, taken from Jesus's words to the disciples at the last supper, we hear the promise of the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate (*parakletos*). One of the fruits of the twentieth century is a more visible presentation of the presence and working of the Holy Spirit in the liturgy and in the sacraments.

The Holy Spirit is too good a gift and too vital to confine to Confirmation alone! For example, in the Mass, we hear the invocation of the Holy Spirit both upon the bread and wine (that they may become the body and blood of Christ) and upon the assembly (that we too may become one body, one spirit in Christ). We see the same invocation with the extending of the priest's hands over the bread and wine as the words are spoken. The most important prayers are always offered "in the unity of the Holy Spirit". In Baptism, the Holy Spirit is invoked over the waters of the font (such a great and wonderful moment that it was the original location of the acclamation *Holy, holy, holy*). In the Nuptial Blessing the Holy Spirit is called down on the bride and groom.

It can be helpful to think of the Holy Spirit as a sort of glue that binds us into the life and love of God. So, when we receive Holy Communion, it is the Holy Spirit who is at work and who brings us into intimate union with Jesus, whom we receive under the appearance of bread and wine. It is the Holy Spirit at work in us who calls us to worship and to prayer.

In the days between Ascension and Pentecost the church prays more intently for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who makes us holy, who makes us more like Jesus and brings us closer to the Father. It is the Holy Spirit at work who renews us, who fills us with a new life in Christ. It is the Holy Spirit whose presence in believers can be seen in the fruits they bear of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

How do we get the Holy Spirit? It is especially through the Mass and the other Sacraments that God chooses to come to us and strengthen us with the Holy Spirit that will bear fruit in our lives. For our part, we need to desire this gift, and to cherish and nurture it by responding to his promptings. This is our calling. This is the simple way of holiness and life that is set before us.

### **Mass Responses for Sixth Sunday of Easter**

PSALM RESPONSE: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

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**First Holy Communion** will be celebrated at 10.30am and 12.30pm Masses on Sunday. 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.

**Parish Community Groups** We're delighted by all the registrations we've received so far. The groups are a simple, fun and supportive way of living out our Christian lives which can fit well even into a busy life. Groups have about 20 members and meet every month or so for simple events such as picnics, quiz evenings, games in the park, etc. They really are open to all, no matter how often you come to church, whether you are Catholic or not, whether you come with your family or household or come on your own. If you're thinking of signing up please hand in your form this week if possible. And please save the date of Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August which is when we aim to launch the groups. If you have any questions, please ask Fr Jonathan.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

Please note change of time and place for Mass on Wednesday to 9am at St Edmund's, to accommodate a school visit to the church.

**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.

**Of your charity** pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Pink, whose funeral will take place at St Joseph's at 2.15pm on 31<sup>st</sup> May.

### **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](mailto: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** takes place next weekend in St Joseph's car park, and we hope to have lots of bargains! 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!

**Pizza and Prayer** This 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**

**5<sup>th</sup> June** Parish Forum at St Edmund's School, 7.30 for 8.00pm

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

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

## Coming up in the Diocese

**8<sup>th</sup> June** Corpus Christi Mass, Procession and carpet of flowers at Arundel Cathedral, 6pm. Always a good afternoon out.

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

**22<sup>nd</sup> July** Mass and Afternoon Tea for grandparents in Arundel. Mass is at 2.30pm.

**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](http://www.wintershall.org.uk)

**CTGD Prayer Breakfast** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May 8.30am at Godalming Baptist Church.

**Christian Aid Week 14th-20th May** If you would like to support their annual appeal please visit: [www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals)

**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/>

**Chilworth Abbey Study Day** on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 9am-3.30pm, for episode 10 of Bishop Robert Barron's 'Catholicism' course: 'World without End: the Last things'. <https://www.chilworthbenedictines.com/>

**New Light from Old Stories** 9-11 June. A weekend workshop with Brian Purfield on the spiritual insights of the Old Testament that can illumine Christian life today. With time to pray, reflect and share insights gained. £170 (bursaries available) [www.franciscancentre.org.uk](http://www.franciscancentre.org.uk)

**Franciscan Centre at Ladywell** For more information about their Retreats, Quiet Days and Spiritual Direction: 01483 675575 [www.franciscancentre.org.uk](http://www.franciscancentre.org.uk)

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### Some sources of practical support

**Bereavement support** The parish team can be contacted by email: [bereavementatsteds@gmail.com](mailto: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 Mary Pinks and Allison Clark who died recently, and Ralph Kriby, Angela Skinner, Louisa Godier, Francis Metcalfe, Richard Orlinski, Rev Jim Lawler, Francesco Locurto, Michele Ciccone, Arthur Apark and Mary O'Sullivan whose anniversaries occur at this time.

## Schedule of Masses Sixth Week of Easter

<b>Saturday 13th May</b> <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	<b>12.10pm Mass for Maria Chacaltana</b> (The Old Farmhouse, Elstead, GU8 6DB) <b>6.00pm Vigil Mass (St Edmund's)</b>
<b>Sunday 14th May</b> SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	<b>8.45am Mass (St John's)</b> – <i>Vocations to the Priesthood</i> <b>10.30am Mass with First Holy Communion</b> <b>(St Joseph's)</b> – <i>People of the Parish</i> <b>12.30pm Mass with First Holy Communion</b> <b>(St Joseph's)</b>
<b>Monday 15th May</b> <i>St Jeanne Lestonnac</i>	<i>10.00am Mass available at St Joseph's, Guildford</i>
<b>Tuesday 16th May</b>	<b>9.30am Mass (St Joseph's)</b> 7.00pm Mass in Polish (St Joseph's)
<b>Wednesday 17th May</b>	<b>9.00am Mass (St Edmund's)</b>
<b>Thursday 18th May</b> THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	<b>10.00am Mass (St Joseph's)</b> – <i>Rev Jim Lawler RIP</i> <b>2.00pm Mass (St Edmund's Primary School)</b> <b>7.30pm Mass (St Edmund's)</b>
<b>Friday 19th May</b> St Dunstan	<b>7.30am Mass (St Edmund's)</b> – <i>Fr Frank Harrington RIP</i>
<b>Saturday 20th May</b>	<b>6.00pm Vigil Mass (St Edmund's)</b> <i>– Vocations to the Priesthood</i>
<b>Sunday 21st May</b> SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	<b>8.45am Mass (St John's)</b> – <i>People of the Parish</i> <b>10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)</b> <i>– Eugene &amp; Roisin McClinton RIP</i> 1.30pm Baptism - Jacob Sims (St Edmund's)

Sunday Cycle Year A

**St Edmund's Church is open each day, usually from 10am to 5pm**  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation in Guildford each Saturday morning and by arrangement  
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