



Catholic Parish of St Edmund, King and Martyr, Godalming

with St Joseph's, Milford



Pentecost Sunday – 28th May 2023

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.
All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.
Amen.

At the start of most meetings I use the traditional and probably best known prayers for the coming of the Holy Spirit (*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful... Pour forth we ask you O Lord...*). This Pentecost I would like to share with you another and **invite you to pray it each and every day** until the Feast of Peter & Paul on 29th June for our parish and our diocese.

The prayer is a version of the *Adsumus Sante Spiritus* and has been used at important church meetings for hundreds of years and was said at the start of each session of the Second Vatican Council. It is being used as the prayer for the synod process and one I commend to us for an important time of discernment for our parish and our diocese.

When he first came to our diocese Bishop Richard visited each deanery three times in the course of the development of a pastoral plan *The Word Who is Life*, listening, discerning and feeding back. Last year he updated the plan and made his invitation for us to become "communities of saints, strong lively and welcoming schools of discipleship". In 2023 he is meeting with clergy and with parish pastoral teams in the deaneries of the diocese to discern and start to put in place the shapes and structures that will support the mission of the church and its sacramental life in the coming years. He is meeting with us in later in June and the outcome of these meetings will have a major role in shaping the pattern of our ministry and mission into the future. God is at work in the church and in our world, and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit we will know what it is that we must do and have the courage to do it.

Mass Responses for Pentecost Sunday

PSALM RESPONSE: Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMMATION: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

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Corpus Christi in Godalming We are looking forward to gathering for outdoor Mass at 10.45am at Ladywell on **11th June** and ending with a short procession from the Novices Lawn into the main chapel. 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 get in touch. This will replace the usual 10.30am Mass. Please bring a chair with you, or something to sit on, and sun hats and sun cream.

Corpus Christi in Arundel has long been a really good day out. A carpet of flowers is on display during Wednesday and Thursday and at 6pm on **Thursday 8th June** the Bishop celebrates Mass followed by a procession of the Blessed Sacrament into Arundel Castle. It is probably the most significant such event in England and almost on our doorstep. Fr Jonathan will be there.

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. Talks start at 8.15pm. Our two speakers are parishioners: Marek, from AFC Energy plc, will talk on the green potential of hydrogen; and Angela, from Cisco, will talk on solar and wind farms. Please do join us; sign up after Mass or email: jolewry@aol.com

Diocesan Annual Clergy Gathering Last week Fr Jonathan joined the diocesan clergy and pastoral team for their annual in-service. They spent 24 hours reflecting on walking faithfully alongside those people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer, recognising the complexity of the cultural context, the sense of alienation they often experience and the importance of proclaiming the Good News of divine truth and mercy. It was a helpful and positive gathering, affirming the commitment to being a church that really is a family for all, recalling the depth of God's love and plan that he has revealed to us in Jesus, and how deeply we are both wounded and loved.

Wintershall Stations of the Cross Friday 2nd June at 7am.

Parish Forum Monday 5th June at St Edmund's School, 7.30 for 8.00pm. The forum will include an update on parish finances, an opportunity to celebrate some of the great things happening in the parish and share thoughts on the coming year. While a good deal of progress has been made on evaluating the feasibility of various options on our churches, discussion of these will wait until we have a clearer picture of how our parish will work with others in the area.

Parish Community Groups If you're still thinking about signing up - give it a go! 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 meet monthly for simple social events and are open to all, no matter how often you come to church, whether you are Catholic or not, or if you come on your own. If you have any questions, please ask Fr Jonathan, and keep Sunday 13th August free, for the launch of the groups. For more info and to register: <https://stedsgod.com/our-parish-community>

Young Adults Group for Catholics (and others) aged 18-40 meets regularly for prayer, catechesis and good times. Visit <https://cpg.churchsuite.com/groups/rdynee0u> to sign up to their mailing list.

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

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

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.

Franciscan Centre at Ladywell For info on their Retreats, Quiet Days and Spiritual Direction: www.franciscancentre.org.uk

CAFOD's Fix the Food Campaign During June you will be invited to sign a giant letter from a small-scale farmer called Salina, who lives in Bangladesh. She, like millions of small-scale farmers, is under threat from laws, pushed by the World Bank, that restrict /criminalise their free access to seeds, and force them to purchase more expensive commercial seeds. These laws will make it even harder for small farmers to produce enough food. Salina asks the World Bank to protect the rights of small farmers to use and share their own seeds. Please note this is not a petition, it's a show of support. Thank you. <https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/fix-the-food-system>

The Wintershall Life of Christ - 27th June to 1st July This powerful biblical outdoor drama re-enacts the remarkable events of Jesus' life in an epic production. Please support the play if you can, as our parish is so blessed to have Wintershall nearby. www.wintershall.org.uk

'Signs of Hope in a Troubled World' Christine Allen, Director of CAFOD, is giving this Anthony Storey Memorial Lecture on June 6th at 7pm on Zoom. To register for the lecture email: bhungin@yahoo.co.uk

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

St Francis Exhibition at National Gallery The first major UK art exhibition to explore Saint Francis of Assisi's life and legacy. <https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/exhibition/s/saint-francis-of-assisi>

Summer Silence 14-18 August, a retreat at Aylesford Priory. A time to listen to the voice of God in silence with daily spiritual direction. <https://www.thefriars.org.uk/Pilgrimage+%26+Retreat>

Thank you An immense thank you to all who supported and helped at Pete's Plant Sale, which raised over £675, and the offertory and envelope donations are still to be counted! These funds, plus £735 from the cake sale, make possible the building of a drip irrigation system for the farm at the St Francis Community School in Kasanka, to help feed the school children, which is fantastic news.

April Offertory Collection The parish gratefully received a total of £10,250 from offertory/standing orders/donation (includes Easter Offering); and a further £1,059 for charities (Kasanka, Holy Places, CAFOD).

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.

The Holy Father's Intention for June is the abolition of torture and the guarantee of support to victims and their families.

The sick and those who care for them Malcolm Baldwin, Alfonso Mora, Margaret & Terry Punter, Freda Aparak, 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 Ernoult, 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 Dr Michael Wilkinson, Christopher Hill, Mary Pinks and Allison Clark who died recently, and Deidre Richardson, Arthur Kelly, Kathleen Laskiewicz, Fr Maurice Pledger, Molly Barton and Lionel Meade, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Schedule of Masses
Solemnity of Pentecost
and Week 8 of Ordinary Time**

Saturday 27th May St Augustine of Canterbury	6.00pm Vigil Mass (St Edmund's) <i>– Frank & Matthew Brown RIP</i>
Sunday 28th May PENTECOST	8.45am Mass (St John's) – <i>People of the parish</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Ian Gordon RIP</i> 12.00pm Baptism – Caspar Winn (St Joseph's)
Monday 29th May Mary, Mother of the Church	<i>10.00am Mass available at St Joseph's, Guildford</i>
Tuesday 30th May	7.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Margaret McLaren RIP</i> <i>Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit</i>
Wednesday 31st May The Visitation of the BV Mary	2.15pm Mary Pinks RIP Requiem Mass (St Joseph's)
Thursday 1st June Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	7.30am Mass (St Edmund's) <i>– For vocations to the Priesthood</i>
Friday 2nd June St Philip Neri	1.30pm Allison Clark RIP Requiem Mass (St Joseph's)
Saturday 3rd June <i>Ss Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs</i>	6.00pm Vigil Mass (St Edmund's)
Sunday 4th June THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	8.45am Mass (St John's) – <i>Ursula Polack RIP</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)

Sunday Cycle Year A. Weekday Readings Cycle I.

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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Hearing loops systems are available in our churches

For a communion host approved by Coeliac UK - please speak with a welcomer

Mass Books are available – please ask if you can't find one.