



Catholic Parish of St Edmund, King and Martyr, Godalming

with St Joseph's, Milford



Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 15th October 2023

Dear brothers and sisters,

In recent days, the news from Gaza and Israel has brought great sadness. This renewed flashpoint of conflict, along with the continuing battles in Ukraine and unrest in other parts of the world, is a reminder to us of the fragility of peace across the globe. The impact on families, especially the young, is devastating beyond words and at such times as these we might wonder what the future will bring.

I know that we are all keeping these situations in our minds and in our prayers, and I ask you today to redouble prayers for peace. **In this month of October – the month of the Holy Rosary – it would be wonderful if we could all offer the rosary each day for the intentions of peace in the world.** I know from personal experience the appreciation of the Christian community in the Holy Land who find comfort in knowing they are remembered in prayer. Our prayers have their effect in ways we do not see and in places to which we have never travelled.

The humanitarian crisis that is so often the result of conflict has lasting effects, so our prayers must not falter. Should the time come when practical aid is needed, let us respond with generous hearts. The welcome offered to the refugee – wherever this may be required – is important beyond words, especially when loved ones have been lost. Let us pray that this welcome will always be offered, and that we shall extend this welcome when our brothers and sisters in need come to our own shores.

O God of peace, who are peace itself
and whom a spirit of discord cannot grasp,
nor a violent mind receive,
grant that those who are one in heart
may persevere in what is good
and that those in conflict
may forget evil and so be healed.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

With every blessing,
+ Richard

Mass Responses for Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

PSALM RESPONSE: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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Centenary Celebrations Sunday was a joyful and memorable day for the parish, and St Edmund's church was full of people and praise! The choir and the unique liturgy marked the occasion beautifully and it was also wonderful to see so many altar servers on the sanctuary alongside Bishop Richard, Fr Jonathan and Deacon Jeremy. The lunch at Godalming College was enjoyed by all and Bishop Richard made a point of visiting each table and chatting to everyone. Thanks to everyone who helped make the day such a wonderful celebration. There are lots of pics of the Mass and lunch on our fb page!

This Sunday is Prisons Sunday and it brings to a close Prisons Week, a time of prayer and a time to raise awareness, motivate volunteers to step forward and give their time and gifts, and encourage us to give generously on Prisons Sunday. It's also a time for the Christian community to pray for the needs of all those affected by prisons: prisoners and their families, victims of crime and their communities, those working in the criminal justice system and the many people who are involved in caring for those affected by crime inside and outside our prisons.

There will be a talk at 10.30am Mass this Sunday, and a retiring collection. Thank you to all who supported the raffle at Sunday's lunch **which raised £300+ for the prison charity PACT.** We hope Petra and Kevin enjoy the hamper!

We welcome First Holy Communion families to the 8.45am Mass this Sunday; and everyone to coffee after Mass in St John's parish room.

Mass with Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on Sunday at 2pm at Ladywell Convent, followed by afternoon tea. All are welcome. The sacrament of the sick is available for all whose health is 'seriously impaired by old age or sickness in mind or body'. If you are unsure about whether this sacrament is appropriate, please speak with Fr Jonathan. If you need a lift or more details please contact Godalming SVP on 07379 108009.

Invited Season III Sessions start this Advent. and are designed to inspire and engage, challenging people to make Christ the centre of everything and work together to build the kingdom of God in this new era of apostolic mission. Everyone is encouraged to attend - there will be parish groups and you can also watch online at home. More information to follow.

World Mission Sunday is next Sunday. The special collection will be for the Pope's charity Missio; there will be Missio envelopes to take home. <https://missio.org.uk/>

CAFOD Family Fast Day the Appeal this year focuses on the crisis help provided by CAFOD in the aftermath of the floods in Pakistan, enabling children and families to get the treatment they need. To support the appeal please use the contactless machines or the envelope in church or donate online: www.cafod.org.uk You can hand in your envelope via collection baskets. Thank you.

Laudate Deum Pope Francis has just published his Exhortation, an update to his Laudate Si' encyclical on the climate crisis. It is online at: <https://www.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html> and there will be printed copies available from the parish office and at the back of church. Please do read his important message.

October is the month of the Rosary and if you aren't familiar with this prayer maybe you can take some time this month to discover how to pray the rosary. It's not a mechanical prayer; rather it's a meditation on the life of Jesus and is a simple, tangible way of keeping Jesus at the front and centre of our lives. A helpful resource is: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/rosary-mysteries-and-prayers/> We are especially encouraged to pray the rosary at this time for peace in the Holy Land.

Pizza and Prayer this Sunday evening at the presbytery. Those wishing to prepare for Confirmation are particularly welcome. Sign up <https://stedsgod.churchsuite.com/events/j9iyjbzl>

St Peter's School Admissions 2024 Please contact the parish office if you need Fr Jonathan to sign a supplementary information form for applications to St Peter's School in Sept 2024.

Drivers needed for lifts to 10.30am Sunday Mass We have two parishioners who would like help with getting to Mass; one from Farncombe and another from Ockford Ridge. Please phone SVP if you can help, or the parish office.

Shapes of the Church to Come on 21 October, 2.30-4pm at St Hugh of Lincoln, Knaphill. Mgr Michael Nazir-Ali will explore how the Church is shaped by the Gospel, and how apostolic teaching is received and lived in different cultures and contexts. To book your place: Guildfordknightsofstcolumba@gmail.com

Join Bishop Richard on 4 November at St Pius, Merrow for 'The Lord Jesus speaks to us through the Scriptures', an afternoon unpacking the riches of the Bible, as Bishop Richard shares his decades of experience with lectio divina. Also includes prayer time to listen to the Lord's voice in prayer. 2pm, concludes with Mass at 5.30pm.

To receive the weekly parish newsletter by email contact godalming@abdiocese.org.uk

Clothing for Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group

Good quality second hand clothes are needed for men held in detention; some arrive with only the clothes they are wearing and in some cases these clothes are wet. No women's clothes please. Items needed are jeans, T-shirts, jogging bottoms, coats, jumpers, belts (in all sizes); and trainers (sizes 6–13). The Live Simply group will arrange delivery to GDWG so please drop off items to the parish office or at church.

Individually Guided Retreat Step away from the noise and haste of your everyday life and into the quiet beauty of the Franciscan Centre at Ladywell. Each day you will be accompanied by a trained spiritual director. 22-29 October. 01483 675575 or: franciscancentre@ladywell.org.uk

Engage the Disengaged is an online seminar about how to accompany the 'non-religious'. 21 November 6-8pm, £10, with Sherry Weddell. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/engage-the-disengaged-how-to-accompany-non-religious-persons/>

CTGD Churches Together The new 'Link Up' Newsletter is on our website. For the very popular Christmas Lunch to run on Christmas Day this year a cook is urgently needed; if you can help please contact: jamesrattue@hotmail.com

Baby Loss memorial The memorial book and prayer book is in the Lady Chapel at St Edmund's church throughout October.

Blessing of Graves Fr Jonathan will bless the graves of deceased parishioners at Milford Cemetery on 2nd November at 10.30am and at Eashing Cemetery on 5th November at 12 noon.

Bereavement Service this has been postponed and we hope to arrange it for the new year.

Bereavement Journey Course Busbridge parish is running this 6-week course from 18th October for those who have lost a loved one, whether recently or in the past, and who would like to take some time to reflect on their loss. Contact Sandra at: pastoral@bhcgodalming.org

Christmas cards to support SVP will be on sale w/e 11/12 November @ £2.50 per pack. All profit goes to support the work of our local SVP group, and donations are also accepted. Payment for cards is with cash as unable to accept card payment. Thank you for your support.

Save your old stamps and we will despatch to the RNIB to raise funds for the charity.

A3 closure this weekend If you're heading out on the A3 remember the Wisley section is closed in both directions from 9pm on Friday 13 to 5am on Monday 16, for work on M25/Junction 10.

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 via: 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 the Holy Land, Ukraine, Afghanistan; prisoners.

The Holy Father's Intention for October is for the Synod. We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

The sick and those who care for them John McCarthy, Rosaria Mantio, Gabrielle Dumble, 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, Catherine Goodridge, Alan Berry, Rudolf Dorrepaal, Nicolle Ernould, Nuala Gallagher, George Gelder, Audrey Hockey, Cliff Hutchinson, Ann Lloyd, Betty Matthews, Gerry Newell, Jean Rejniak, Maria Rogers, Margaret Silvester, Anne Stephens, Anita van Rheenan & Josie Whittle; those in our hospitals & care homes; and those who carry their illnesses privately.

The faithful departed in particular for Assunta Goncalves-Matthews, Peter Wilson, Hugh Cooke and Diane Donne who died recently, and for William Phillips, Bridget Pound, Franciszek Mrozinski, Jan Tanczyn, Michelina Solano, Paul Kreciglowa, Ann Hunt, Sam Townsend, Maisie Field, Evelyn Furlong, Pamela O'Driscoll, Eileen Martin, Derek Pinks, Norma Reid and Stephen Harding, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Schedule of Masses

Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time 15 October 2023

Saturday 14th October	6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>Paddy & Brenda O'Flaherty</i>
Sunday 15th October 28 TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	8.45am Mass (St John's) – <i>People of the parish</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Kath Brennan</i>
Monday 16th October <i>St Margaret Mary Alacoque</i>	<i>10.00am Mass available at St Joseph's, Guildford</i>
Tuesday 17th October St Ignatius of Antioch	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Intentions of Ronan Myles Dorrepaal & Sophia Diver</i>
Wednesday 18th October St Luke	7.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>For Vocations</i>
Thursday 19th October ST PHILIP HOWARD	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Mary Marshall RIP</i>
Friday 20th October	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>For Peace in the Holy Land</i>
Saturday 21st October	6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)
Sunday 22nd October 29 TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR World Mission Day	8.45am Mass (St John's) – <i>People of the Parish</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Matthew Leigh RIP</i>

Sunday Readings 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 with Fr Jonathan by arrangement (after Mass is often a good time)

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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*