



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

with St Joseph's, Milford



## 20th and 21st Sundays in Ordinary Time 20th August to 3rd September 2023

### An ecumenical winter?

Last week some 200 members of *Societas Liturgica* met at St Patrick's, Maynooth, Ireland. Two years ago we had to meet online and it was so good to gather again and meet old and new friends from as far afield as Australia, USA, Canada, France, Germany, and Finland. We are from all sorts of Christian traditions – Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist, Orthodox, Calvinist – but we share a common interest in liturgical scholarship. Most importantly we share a common Baptism and the congress was once again a rich experience of living, praying and enquiring together as one Christian community.

Among the highlights for me were the celebration of the liturgy of the hours in confident song, and in particular the opening liturgy rooting us in our baptism, from which comes the right and duty to celebrate the liturgy. Some of the papers we listened to and discussed looked at the Revised Common Lectionary, the ecumenical origins of the Lectionary for the Mass in the Roman Catholic Church, the ecumenical flavour of the peer evangelisation which took place in the Black Atlantic, the centrality of the phenomenon of *gift* in our relationship with God and with one another, the recent joint statement on reconciliation between the Roman Catholic and Methodist churches, and (since we were in Ireland) whether there was a distinctive 'Celtic' rite of Mass.

Add to that a traipse through a housing estate to a sports bar for take away pizza and Chinese with a Baptist, a Catholic and a Methodist (sounds like the start of a joke), the delights of the manuscripts at the Chester Beatty and some rather good red wine from a screw top bottle - it was a week of renewal in prayer, in shared curiosity and enquiry and most importantly of true Christian fellowship.

True, we may not have the full visible unity which in the 1980s many thought might happen in our lifetime, but my experience there – and often here too – is that ecumenism is indeed alive and well.

*Fr Jonathan*

### Mass Responses for Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

PSALM RESPONSE: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

### Mass Responses for Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time

PSALM RESPONSE: Your love, O Lord, is eternal: discard not the work of your hands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

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**Season of Creation** (September 1st to October 4th) During this time we are invited to ponder on the many gifts that God has given to us and to consider how we can protect and care for our world. On the weekend of **23rd and 24th September** our Sunday Masses will be of thanksgiving for Creation. Please think about what aspect of Creation you would like to thank God for and bring to Mass a photo, picture or example e.g. plant/ flower to create a display which can be part of the Offertory procession.

**Fr Tony Furlong IC** will be celebrating our weekend Masses for the next couple of weeks. The 10.30am may be shorter than usual so that he can be in Haslemere for Mass at 11.30am.

**Fr Jonathan is on leave** with Surrey Scouts until after the Bank Holiday weekend. Sarah, our Parish Assistant will be available as usual, and Fr Rajesh is also at hand.

**Coffee after 8.45am Mass** Please join us! Also, thank you to everyone who supports the coffee after Mass on the first and third Sundays of the month, which raises funds for the St Edmund's SVP. It would be great to have a few more helpers on the rota so that people only organise coffee every couple of months. If you can help, please email Jo your mobile number for the WhatsApp group: [jolewry@aol.com](mailto:jolewry@aol.com)

**Surrey Churches Ride & Stride** is on Saturday 9th September; why not come along & join us (helps if you have a bike!)? We gather at 10am outside St John's, Farncombe. More info from Ian Honeysett, who will be speaking at Masses the weekend of 19/20th in an appeal for sponsorship.

**First Holy Communion 2024** There will be a follow-up meeting on 12 September for parents wishing to prepare their children (Year 4 or above) for First Holy Communion next year but who were unable to attend the first meeting earlier this month. Please register for this via: <https://stedsgod.churchsuite.com/forms/yy3fvafx> Registration for the programme is now open at: <https://stedsgod.churchsuite.com/forms/yy3fvafx>

**Music Group** If you would be interested in joining a small 'band' to support the singing at the First Holy Communion Masses, please email Frances at [communionatsteds@gmail.com](mailto:communionatsteds@gmail.com) The first Mass will be at 10.30am on Sunday 17th September, and once or twice a month thereafter, mainly at 10.30am or 6.00pm.

**Communion under both kinds** will resume at Sunday Masses in Milford from September. Preparation will be offered for children who missed out in the years when it was not available.

**Confirmation** preparation for next year will begin with Pizza & Prayer at the presbytery on Sunday evenings, and you can sign up now for the first session on 17<sup>th</sup> September: <https://stedsgod.churchsuite.com/events/j9iyjbzl>

**Sacraments for Adults** The next group for adults wishing to be Baptised, received into full communion (to become Catholic) or who wish to be Confirmed starts in the autumn. If you are interested in exploring this, please speak with Fr Jonathan or Ian Honeysett.

**Launch of our Parish Community Groups** The outdoor Mass last Sunday was a sunny and joyful occasion, with over 80 parishioners enjoying this annual gathering on/near the Feast of the Assumption. Special thanks to Richard Grey for his warm welcome and hospitality and to all who helped set up, serve refreshments and clear up. The occasion was also the setting for the launch of our new Parish Community Groups, with Deacon Simon there to oversee and encourage us. So far 80+ parishioners have joined one of the 'PCGs', including several who were welcomed on Sunday. The groups have great plans in place for the autumn – BBQs, curry nights etc, and if you would like to register go to: <https://stedsgod.com/our-parish-community>

**Mass and Lunch for Centenary of Consecration of St Edmund's Church** At 10.30am on Sunday 8th October Bishop Richard will preside at Mass at St Edmund's Church to mark the centenary of its consecration. This is a great opportunity to gather as many of the parish as possible to give thanks to God for how he has brought us together as living stones. We know that not everyone can make the steps at St Edmund's, but hope that everyone might wish to join us for lunch after. Lunch will be from 12 noon in the Main Hall at Godalming College and to keep things easy we are looking for contributions to a cold buffet lunch. To help with planning please sign up via the website or at <https://stedsgod.churchsuite.com/events/yh2nf3zo> There is good access to the hall (including disabled access) and plenty of parking.

**Lectionary** A new translation of the lectionary will come into use in England, Wales and Scotland in Advent 2024. It will be based on the ESV, which is freely available online and as an app. It is the conclusion of a project which began in the 1980s. Those looking for a bible for personal use might like to consider the Revised New Jerusalem Bible; the study edition includes helpful notes.

**To receive the weekly parish newsletter by email** contact [godalming@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:godalming@abdiocese.org.uk)

## **Adventurous Accompaniment Programme**

"We need a Church capable of walking at people's side... a church which accompanies them on their journey", says Pope Francis, and he calls us to be initiated into the 'art of accompaniment'. This programme explores how to walk alongside people we encounter in life and faith - in our family, workplace, and in parish ministry, extending God's love to them whilst walking shoulder-to-shoulder with them. Join the Catholic Parish of Guildford over six weeks in September and October to gain new skills and increase your confidence as an accompanier. Sign-up at: [www.cpg.church/accompaniment](http://www.cpg.church/accompaniment)

**Podcast from the World Youth Day** This event with Pope Francis in Lisbon brought over one million young people together, including a large group from our diocese, and was featured on BBC Radio 4 last Sunday. The many personal testimonies from youngsters of great faith are a true grace to hear. You can listen on BBC Sounds; <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m001pm6s>

**Supporting the local Foodbanks** Please make an extra effort to donate to the Foodbanks at this time of year as it's particularly difficult for struggling families who don't benefit from free school meals during the school hols. There are boxes at St Joseph's and St Edmund's, as well as at supermarkets. You can check items needed at: <https://parishofgodalming.org.uk/st-marks-food-bank/>

**ADoRE mini-retreat** 26th August 10am-1pm 'Release the oppressed – the charism of deliverance in evangelisation'. With guest speaker Ros Powell. <https://www.altonrenewal.com/>

**Youth Mental Health First Aid** This training is for all who have contact with young people aged 8-18, and who would like to develop their awareness of mental health issues and how to respond and signpost to the right kind of support. The training is online on four evenings: 12,13,19 & 20 September. Please contact Sarah if you're interested or would like more information.

**New courses at the London Jesuit Centre** Many events and courses – in person and online - are on offer this autumn. More information at: [www.londonjesuitcentre.org](http://www.londonjesuitcentre.org)

**Foreign currency collection to support Mary's Meals charity** Final call to return your envelope of foreign coins/non legal UK coins at Mass this week or via the parish office. Thankyou!

**June Offertory Collection** The parish gratefully received a total of £7,591 from offertory and standing orders; and a further £795 for charities (Kasanka). 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](mailto:ga.godalming@abdiocese.org.uk)

### **Some sources of practical support**

**Bereavement support** The parish team can be contacted via: [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 Niger.

**The Holy Father's Intention for August** We pray that the experience of World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

**The sick and those who care for them** Rosaria Mancio, Gabrielle Dumble, David Sapseid, 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** Joehanna Wertheim, Andrew Garguilo, Maria Lawson, Servais Coulber, Edward Ball, Anna Saweczko, Maddalene Mahoney, Joseh Lydon, Vittorio Del Giudice, Eileen Fleming, Kathleen Young, Veronique Bauthier, Lydia Del Giudice, Helen O'Kelly, Mara Monen, John Pickard, Bill Wheeler, Bill Stammers, Bridget Street, Keith Farrington, Mary Jane Richardson, Edmund Smith, Liselotte Zillekens, Josephine Court and Vlasta Quill whose anniversaries occur at this time.

## Schedule of Masses

### 20th and 21st Sundays in Ordinary Time 20 August to 3 September 2023

<b>Saturday 19th August</b>	<b>6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)</b>
<b>Sunday 20th August</b> 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>8.45am Mass (St John's) – Doris Bridger RIP</b> <b>10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)</b>
<b>Monday 21st August to Friday 25th August</b>	<i>10am Mass available at St Joseph's Guildford</i>
<b>Saturday 26th August</b>	<b>6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)</b>
<b>Sunday 27th August</b> 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>8.45am Mass (St John's)</b> <b>10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – Tom &amp; Helen O'Kelly RIP</b>
<b>Monday 28th August</b>	<i>10am Mass available at St Joseph's Guildford</i>
<b>Tuesday 29th August</b>	<i>10am Mass available at St Joseph's Guildford</i>
<b>Wednesday 30th August</b>	<b>9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – Riccio Family RIP</b>
<b>Thursday 31st August</b>	<b>9.30am Mass (St Edmund's)</b>
<b>Friday 1st September</b>	<b>9.30am Mass (St Edmund's)</b>
<b>Saturday 2 September</b>	<b>6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) – Celebrant's Intention</b>
<b>Sunday 3 September</b> 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>8.45am Mass (St John's) – Private Intention</b> <b>10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – Arthur Kelly RIP</b>

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 can often be a good time).

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