



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

with St Joseph's, Milford



## The Transfiguration of the Lord & Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 6 August to 20 August 2023

### The Transfiguration and The Assumption

Over the coming ten days we keep the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The two feasts are quite separate but the mysteries they celebrate are intimately linked. In the first Jesus is revealed in his glory to his disciples to strengthen them for the trial of his passion and death. In the second Mary is assumed into heaven, body and soul, in order that she might share the glory of her Son.

What is bestowed on Mary in this singular honour is revealed also to be God's plan for us, that with our sins healed and forgiven through the saving work of Jesus, we too should share in the glory of his Son. The collect (opening prayer) for the Transfiguration makes this clear when it speaks of this mystery as "prefiguring our full adoption". In other words, the glory of Jesus revealed in his human body is a glimpse of what we are to become.

That same prayer, drawing on the Gospel, also reminds us that we become coheirs by listening to the voice of the beloved Son. Listening to his voice we become transformed into his likeness. It is this phrase that I think we should pay attention to this week – **Listen to him**. Often, I speak to people who find themselves rushing from pillar to post and who long for something of the simplicity, space and slower pace of life that was the experience of many during the early months of COVID. It is something that I recognise for myself too – that part of me is crying out to slow down and listen. Peter, James and John needed to come away from Tabor, the mountain of the transfiguration. Perhaps we need to create time to climb that mountain and to listen to what the Lord has to say to each of us.

#### Mass Responses for The Transfiguration

PSALM RESPONSE: The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! This is my Son, the Beloved: he enjoys my favour. Listen to him. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

#### Mass Responses for Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

PSALM RESPONSE: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

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### **Outdoor Mass and Picnic on Sunday 13 August**

The 10.30am Mass takes place at The Old Farmhouse, Elstead, GU8 6DB. All are welcome and there is plenty of parking in the grounds. We hope for a sunny day so that we can relax and enjoy picnics but if it is (still) raining we will be under cover in the barn. We will also be launching our newly formed 'Parish Community Groups', with prayers at Mass for special blessings on them. Please get in touch if you can arrive early to help with setting up, parking and refreshments.

The picnic has usually been on the actual Feast of the Assumption but this year it falls on Tuesday and we thought Sunday a better day to celebrate.

**The Solemnity of the Assumption** is on Tuesday 15 August and is a Holyday of Obligation. There will be Mass at 10.00am at St Joseph's in Milford. There is a 7.30pm Vigil Mass on Monday 14 in Cranleigh.

**Our Priests** Fr Jonathan will be at the Congress of Societas Liturgica in August before helping Surrey Scouts take 650 people on expedition to Switzerland. Fr Rajesh will be away for ten days at the start of August.

**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.

**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>

**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.

**SVP Afternoon Tea** is on Wednesday 9 August at 2.30pm at URC in Elstead. All welcome.

### **Staycation Events 6-13 August**

**Open Afternoon at Ladywell Convent** This popular annual event is on Tuesday 8th, 2-4pm. There are tours, a chance to look at the new exhibition and facilities and really good cream teas! Ladywell is a bit of a gem for both the town and the local Catholic community, so do go along. And, if you've not seen what the Convent was like in early years have a look at this Pathe film: <https://www.britishpathe.com/asset/37159/>

**Godalming Green Gala** on Saturday 12 August 11am-4pm. This free event is all about living sustainably and protecting the environment and takes place on The Bury's Field. Lots of stalls, food, workshops and ideas on how to be green.

The Staycation programme offers loads of activities & events for all the family during 6-13th August: <https://godalming-tc.gov.uk/staycation/>

**Our Parish Community Groups** The groups have started to arrange their first gatherings, which have been much enjoyed. If you're still thinking about registering, please do! <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.

**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)

**Host Family for Ukrainian** Olia, one of our parishioners from Ukraine, tells us that a close friend of hers in Dnipro is looking to get away from the bombing and wonders if anyone might be able and willing to act as a host? If you can help please speak to Olia or Fr Jonathan.

**Foreign currency collection to support Mary's Meals charity** Please return your envelope filled with your leftover foreign coins/ non legal UK coins at Mass. Thank you to all who have already returned their envelopes.

**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/>

#### **Opportunities for Catholic study**

The course leading to the **Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies** runs from October to April, with a mix of home study and days at Crawley on Saturdays. It may suit anyone interested in developing knowledge of their faith, whether personally or to support a ministry. For more information: [jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk)

**Maryvale International Catholic College** offers a range of part time and distance learning courses in theological studies which lead to BPhil, MA and PhD. Applications are now open. Consider yourself a possible future graduate! <https://www.maryvale.ac.uk>

**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.

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

**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 Sudan.

**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** Gabrielle Dumble, David Sapseid, Malcolm Baldwin, 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, 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 Rheen and Josie Whittle; those in our hospitals and care homes; and those who carry their illnesses privately.

**The faithful departed** in particular for Leo Brooks and Jesus Perez Duarte who died recently and for Rudolf Orlinki, Damian Norris, Peter Byrom, Cecilia Leathem, Paul Lingard, Fr John McSheehy, Frank Ings, Robert Fiorentino, Bidy Richards, Denis da Roza, Alfred Scicluna, Tim Holford, William Currington, Mary Sherwood, Fr Mario Sanderson, Rosemary Masella and Emiliana Evergeti-Murtagh whose anniversaries occur at this time.

## Schedule of Masses

### The Transfiguration of the Lord & Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 6 August to 20 August 2023

<b>Saturday 5th August</b>	<b>6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)</b> – <i>Intentions of Cole Family</i>
<b>Sunday 6th August</b> TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	<b>8.45am Mass (St John's)</b> – <i>People of the parish</i> <b>10.30am Mass</b> (with Baptism of Louis Kelly) <b>(St Joseph's)</b> – <i>James &amp; Daithi McEvoy RIP</i> 12.00pm Baptisms – Fernanda, Harrison & Isla (St Joseph's)
<b>Monday 7th August to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<i>10am Mass available at St Joseph's Guildford</i>
<b>Saturday 12th August</b>	<b>6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)</b> –
<b>Sunday 13th August</b> 19 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>8.45am Mass (St John's)</b> – <i>People of the Parish</i> <b>10.30am Outdoor Mass</b> (The Old Farmhouse, Elstead GU8 6DB) – <i>Alexander Moore RIP</i>
<b>Monday 14th August</b> St Maximilian Kolbe	<b>9.30am Mass (St Edmund's)</b> 7.30pm Vigil Mass for Solemnity of the Assumption of BVM (JCROM, Cranleigh)
<b>Tuesday 15th August</b> ASSUMPTION OF THE BL. VIRGIN MARY	<b>10am Mass (St Joseph's)</b> – <i>People of the parish</i>
<b>Wednesday 16th August</b> St Stephen of Hungary	<b>9.30am Mass (St Joseph's)</b> – <i>Sinead O'Connor RIP</i>
<b>Thursday 17th August</b>	<b>9.30am Mass (St Edmund's)</b> – <i>Lucy Barlow RIP</i>
<b>Friday 18th August</b>	<i>10am Mass available at St Joseph's Guildford</i>
<b>Saturday 19th August</b>	<b>6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)</b>
<b>Sunday 20th August</b> 20 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>8.45am Mass (St John's)</b> – <i>Doris Bridger RIP</i> <b>10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)</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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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.*