



Catholic Parish of St Edmund, King and Martyr, Godalming

with St Joseph's, Milford



Easter 2024

May those you have redeemed understand that there exists nothing more marvellous than the world's creation in the beginning except that, at the end of the ages, Christ our Passover has been sacrificed

Much of our understanding of God over recent decades has sought to emphasise God's vulnerability and com-compassion, his closeness to us and our human condition. That his power is shown in his capacity to embrace the suffering of the cross in love, and that the perfection of his love is revealed in the heart of his Son which feels with our joys and sorrows, hopes and fears. This is right and proper. We need a God who is Emmanuel, God-with-us, not a God who is distant. We need a God who can associate with the weak and vulnerable, not one who is aligned with the structures of power and coercion.

On Easter night, however, the other side of God is revealed to us. That he is also the God who in love and wondrous power created the world. Who in love and wondrous power comes to the aid of his people. Who in love and wondrous power fought with sin and death. Who in love and wondrous power raised Jesus from the dead. Who in love and wondrous power shares his divine life with women and men through the waters of baptism and the sacraments.

The image of a vulnerable and compassionate God needs to have behind it the image of God who is indeed God, who has the power and strength to save us from our enemies, and from all that would keep us from the abundant life in which he wishes us to share. In our encounter with the risen Christ, may we experience a new hope in our hearts and be so filled with joy as to radiate his presence to all around us.

Mass Responses for Easter Sunday

PSALM RESPONSE: This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed: let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

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Wishing the Lord's blessing to everyone as we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord, and throughout this joyful season of Easter.

Thank you to all who helped prepare our churches and liturgies for the Easter Mysteries.

Don't forget the clocks go forward on Easter Sunday morning.

Easter Offering The collection at Easter is for the support of our priests. (Our priests do not receive a salary: their income comes from the offering at Christmas and Easter, offerings for baptisms, weddings and funerals and offerings for Masses. These are gratefully received.) Please use the Gift Aid envelopes if you can.

Welcome to Adrian, Ioana, Gabriel and Sonia, who will be received into full communion at the 6pm Mass at St Edmund's next weekend.

The Solemnity of the Annunciation this year is transferred to 8 April, after Easter Week.

Children's Liturgy The next session is on Sunday 21 April. The **Bumps & Babes** group restarts on Monday 15 April.

Baptism preparation The next sessions are in late April/early May. Please get in touch if you would like to arrange baptism for your child.

CAFOD Big Lent Walk Congratulations to our parish team of walkers - Jo & Julian, Colette, Mary, Ian, Angela, Anna, Sarah, Catherine, Jo, Antonia, Andrew, Jude, Joanna & Marek, Liz, Catherine, Chris, Eleanor, Monica, Jo, Paula, Helen & Dean, Andrew, Martin, Annie, families from St Edmund's School, and FMDM Sisters at Ladywell - who have succeeded in raising £1,605 and walked 8,004km, all for CAFOD's work to alleviate global poverty. Well done everyone, what a super team effort. Thank you for all donations so far, and any still to come! We hope to reach our target of £2,000 by Easter: <https://parishes.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-edmund-godalming>

Cake Sale – please get baking! We will be fund-raising for Kasanka, our twin parish in Zambia, with a cake sale after all Masses on 20 and 21 April. All types, sizes and flavours of cake are welcome – and as many as you can offer! Please label your cakes to identify allergens: gluten, eggs, dairy, peanuts, sesame, and nuts. Thank you for your support.

Pete's Plant Sale – please get growing! This annual fundraiser for Kasanka is at Ladywell on 2 June after Corpus Christi Mass. We need lots of plants to sell so please start planting and contact Jo Pomeroy on 07920 180495 if you can help.

What is your view on the future of our Churches?

The period of consultation continues until Easter Monday to allow time for further reflection after the meeting. Responses can be made using the purple questionnaires or online at <https://forms.office.com/e/cf4CCFVcz2>.

If you wish to amend a previous submission please email saying as much as you can about how you responded first time and what you wish to change and this will be taken into account. <https://www.stedsgod.com/news/our-churches>

Prayer for our parish Please do continue to pray for our parish and diocese:

*Lord, the Word who is Life,
May all the people of our Diocese
grow in openness to the power of the Holy Spirit,
so that through a growth in understanding and
courage, and truly open to your call,
we may bear powerful witness to all around us,
for you are Lord for ever and ever. Amen.*

There is also a group who are praying the Angelus daily at noon and 6pm for the parish.

Churches Together in Godalming Fr Jonathan would like to hear from anyone interested in supporting the work of Churches Together. Please chat to him or Angela Gilmour to find out more. The latest **CTGD Link-Up** and **Live Simply newsletters** are available on our website.

April Churches Together Prayer Breakfast is at the Old Barn, Elstead, on Saturday 27 April, 8.30 to 10am. Contact Richard: 01252 702230.

Forgiveness Revd Tim Carter will lead a session on 27 April 10am-12.30pm at Godalming Baptist Church on this: what it is, what damage we can do to ourselves, the hurt and pain it causes us. For info: Sally G 428646 / pollard3@hotmail.co.uk

The Promise of the Father – New Life in the Holy Spirit A new course at St Joan's, Farnham, on Wednesday evenings, 10 April to 29 May, to prepare us for a new life in the Holy Spirit this Pentecost. It will benefit anyone seeking to discover more about the Holy Spirit and how He helps us to live the Christian life. More info: www.stjoanofarcfarnham.co.uk or email: alastairemblem@yahoo.co.uk

What's it like to be a Benedictine monk? This talk is at St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth, on 18 May, 10am-11.30 am, and explores the centuries old Benedictine way of life, from chanting in Latin to the discipline of dawn prayer. To attend, please email: richardatob@gmail.com More info at: <http://www.chilworthbenedictines.com>

Lifts to Mass Please get in touch if you are able to give an elderly parishioner a lift to Mass.

Mental Health Awareness Seminar The diocese is offering subsidised places at a seminar led by MHFA England on 13 April (Crawley) or 15 June (Burgess Hill), which helps you to understand the impacts and realities of mental health on the individual; identify early signs and symptoms; and signpost effectively. Please contact Sarah in the parish office if interested.

Parenting young people and mental health The Green Hub Project for Teens is a local community project supporting teenagers and their families/carers facing mental health challenges. Their Parent Support Group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7pm-8.30pm. More info: <https://greenhub.org.uk/parent-hub/>

Please consider writing to your MP and signing the Petition (by 15 April) to reduce the abortion time limit from 24 to 22 weeks; babies born prematurely at 22 weeks are thriving and there is a contradiction in our abortion law. <https://righttolife.org.uk/littlefighters> Also consider the impact of the Johnson amendments <https://righttolife.org.uk/johnsonabortionamendment>

Assisted Suicide debate is tabled for 29 April. Please write to your MP if you do not want assisted suicide to be legalised. More info at: <https://www.spuc.org.uk/livesworthliving>

April Retreat at Franciscan Centre Becoming Easter People www.franciscancentre.org.uk

Back copies of Magnificat & Bible Alive The Catholic charity 'Crown of Thorns' can redistribute these to good homes. Please enclose a donation to cover costs of onward shipping. Send to: Crown of Thorns, c/o D.K. Glovesheets, 25 High Street, Dormansland, Lingfield, Surrey RH7 6PU. <https://www.crownofthorns.org.uk/>

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat The Godalming Theatre Group are staging this production at the Baptist Church 9-14th April. Tickets from: <https://www.gtguk.com/>

Gift Aid and contactless devices If you pay tax you are able to join our parish Gift Aid scheme and we can claim 25p from HMRC for every £1 you donate, which makes a big difference to our parish finances. Please note that even if you have already signed up for GA with the parish, a separate GA declaration is needed for donations via our contactless devices. It's quick and easy to do on the machine itself, and you only need to sign up once (and not for subsequent donations). For more info please contact Eileen: ga.godalming@abdiocese.org.uk

February Offertory Collection The parish gratefully received a total of £7,400 from offertory and standing orders; and a further £858 for charities (£350 for Lourdes; £508 for CAFOD). Thank you for your generous support.

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.

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.

Pope Francis' prayer intention for April is for the role of women. Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination women face in various parts of the world.

Please remember to pray for our diocese and parish and our clergy; for women; for peace.

The sick and those who care for them Nicole Gebhardt, Kate Hall, Ana Carvalho, Yvonne Cova, Penny Blackett, David Coombs, Liliane Hills, John McCarthy, Malcolm Baldwin, Alfonso Mora, Margaret Punter, Freda Aparak, Philip Doyle, Alex Jolliffe, Pam & John Lennox, Nigel Ambrose, Tony McDonald, Sylvia Reilly, Valentina Masella, Danny O'Sullivan, Catherine Goodridge, Alan Berry, Nicolle Ernould, Nuala Gallagher, George Gelder, Audrey Hockey, Cliff Hutchinson, Ann Lloyd, Betty Matthews, 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 (Rita) Lane, John Donnelly, Simon McCann and Canon Michael Spelman who died recently, and Arthur Pheby, Mark Loughlin, Hugh Rourke, Robert Garcia, Martin Crosby, Fr Tony Clarke, Margarita McCade, Joan Clithero, Terry Bayley, Joan Dalton and Domenico Spena whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Schedule of Liturgies Easter 2024

Saturday 30th March HOLY SATURDAY	8.30am & 9.00am Święconka (St Joseph's) 9.30am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (St Edmund's)
Saturday 30th March EASTER NIGHT	8pm Easter Vigil Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 31st March EASTER SUNDAY	6.45am Dawn Service (not Mass) (Minster Field) 8.45am Mass (St John's) – <i>Jack & Kathleen Lewis RIP</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Frank & Matthew Brown RIP</i>
Monday 1st April EASTER MONDAY	10.00am Mass (St Edmund's) –
Tuesday 2nd April EASTER TUESDAY	<i>10.00am Mass available at St Joseph's, Guildford</i>
Wednesday 3rd April EASTER WEDNESDAY	<i>10.00am Mass available at St Joseph's, Guildford</i>
Thursday 4th April EASTER THURSDAY	<i>10.00am Mass available at St Joseph's, Guildford</i>
Friday 5th April EASTER FRIDAY	9.30am Mass (St Edmund's) –
Saturday 6th April EASTER SATURDAY	6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's) – <i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 7th April SECOND 'LOW' SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.45am Mass (St John's) – <i>People of the Parish</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Gerry Newell RIP</i> 12.30pm Baptism (St Edmund's) - <i>Arabella & Rose Blakemore</i>

Sunday Cycle Year B

St Edmund's Church is open each day, usually from 10am to 5pm
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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*

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