

### THIS WEEK

**6 pm (G):** Tony & Catherine Ashworth  
**Sunday: 8 45am (F):** People of the Parish  
**10 15 am (M):** Jim & Nora Flynn RIP  
**Monday: NO SERVICE**  
**Tuesday: 9 30 am (G): NO SERVICE**  
**Wednesday: 9 30 am (M):** Rose Rogers RIP  
**Thursday: 9 30 am (G):** Paddy Curtin RIP & Deceased  
Members of the Curtin Family  
**Friday: 9 30 am (M):** Christine Ashworth  
**Saturday: 9 30 am (G):** People of the Parish  
**6 pm (G):** Tommy & Nuala Gallagher  
**Sunday: 8 45am (F):** Phyllis Dunn RIP  
**10 15 am (M):** Donagh O'Brien RIP

### CONFESSION

At call and 5 15 to 5 45 pm Saturdays

### SECOND COLLECTION

CAFOD Fast Day - £1,196.23

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### WEEKLY

**Mon Bump, Baby and Toddler Group**  
10 30 am (St John's, Farncombe)  
**Parish Prayer Group except Bank Holidays**  
8 pm (Richard Grey, Old Farmhouse, Elstead -  
01252 702230)  
**TTT WowZa**, for Years 3 to 6, from  
3 05 pm to 4 05 pm (Godalming Junior School)  
**Tue Bible Study** 10 30 am (St Joseph's Room)  
**TTT Little Noise** faith exploration for  
Years 7 to 9 from 4 pm to 5 30 pm  
(Farncombe Community Centre)  
**Wed TTT Discipleship Group**, for Years 10+, from  
8 pm to 9 30 pm (Godalming Baptist Church)  
**Fri TTT WowZa**, for Years 3 to 6, from  
3 30 pm to 4 30 pm (St Edmund's School)  
**Rosary and Benediction** 6 45 pm (M)

### ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL - REGISTER YOUR MASS ATTENDANCE

All parents/carers with children who will need St Edmund's School Supplementary Information Forms signed by Father David in the future are invited to sign the Mass Attendance Register every time you attend Mass here.  
If you have not yet completed an Initial Registration Form, please do so as soon as possible.

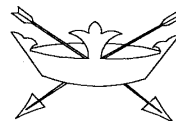
### OUR LADY'S MEDJUGORE MESSAGE November 2018

Dear children! This is a time of grace and prayer, a time of waiting and giving. God is giving Himself to you that we may love Him above everything. Therefore, little children, open your hearts and families, so that this waiting may become prayer and love and, especially, giving. I am with you, little children, and encourage you not to give up from what is good, because the fruits are seen and heard of afar. That is why the enemy is angry and uses everything to lead you away from prayer. Thank you for having responded to my call.

### CALENDAR OF FUTURE EVENTS

#### DECEMBER

**Sun 2 Know Your Neighbour** 8 45 am (F)  
**Coffee** (F)  
**Wed 12 Afternoon Tea** 2 30 pm (SJR)  
**SVP Meeting** 8 pm (SJR)  
**Elstead Mass** 8 pm (Ham Lane)  
**Thu 13 School Advent Service** 6 pm (G)  
**Sat 15 Confirmation Preparation** 4 15 pm +  
**Youth Mass** 6 pm (G)



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### SUNDAY, 2ND DECEMBER 2018

First Sunday of Advent Year C : Divine Office Week 3  
(Parish Mass Book page 82)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.*

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14 - 16.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 24:4 - 5. 8 - 10. 14.

RESPONSE: *To you, Lord, I lift up my soul.*

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia.*

GOSPEL: Luke 21:25 - 28: 34 - 36.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.*



### Vision Prayer

Heavenly Father, everything we have and everything we are comes from you. Please guide the vision of our Parish to make your Son, Jesus, known. Help us to reach out to all people so that they may come to know the beauty of a personal encounter with Him.

Pour out your Spirit upon your people. Grant each one of us ... a new vision of your Glory; a new experience of your Power; a new faithfulness to your Word and a new dedication to your service, that your love may grow among us and your Kingdom come. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.



# REFLECTION

## GIVING OUR WHOLE SELF

I don't want you to give to us from your abundance. I don't need money from your abundance. Instead, I ask that you share in our work. I ask that you lend your hands in understanding. Come and help care for our needy. Come and see. This very day I have found myself with some of our people who came to one of our homes to eat. They are such kind people! They give thanks from the very bottom of their hearts. They have NOTHING! It isn't that we have given them any extras, just some sandwiches and a cup of tea. Very little! But it has been enough to give them the sense that they are loved, that there is a place where they can come. They are being offered a concrete expression of love. They are being taken into account. This is something I wanted to share with you.

I think we need to grow more as co-workers, taking the place that is rightfully ours. Sharing is the distinctive note of co-workers. I repeat that I don't want you to give to me from your abundance. I want you to give with the attitude of that little boy who said: "I will not eat sugar for three days. I will give it to Mother Teresa." Little things like that make all the difference. I am convinced that for us as adults that seems like something insignificant. But we forget that that child loved with a big heart. And there are so many things that happen around us that go almost unnoticed.

Children in England have been doing this kind of thing for the last twenty years. They have been giving bread to the children of Calcutta. More than four thousand Indian children receive their daily ration of bread, thanks to the generosity of these children. It is something truly beautiful.

*St Teresa of Calcutta*

# PARISH NEWS

## FEASTS/MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Mon	St Francis Xavier, Priest
Tue	St John Damascene, Priest & Doctor
Thu	St Nicholas, Bishop
Fri	St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor
Sat	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

ST EDMUNDS SVP is our local branch of the St Vincent de Paul Society, an international Christian charity working to support disadvantaged people. In the Godalming area this may be the elderly housebound, the lonely and those in poor health, as well as families with very limited means. They make personal visits to their homes, and keep in touch in other ways such as by arranging tea afternoons and taking people to hospital appointments. They have provided material assistance where it is needed, including contributions to the Godalming Foodbank.

They also support people in other parts of the world afflicted by natural disasters (e.g. Kerala) or war and civil unrest (e.g. South Sudan) by donations administered through local members of the SVP.

They raise funds through donations and by running stalls at local fetes or charity fairs. They are hugely grateful for the support they receive from St Edmund's Parishioners and others in this area.

There are about a dozen members who meet every fortnight to discuss their work and pray together. Why not go and join them! Their phone number is 07990 717067.

THE PASSAGE is raising funds through the Big Give until 12 noon on **Tuesday, 5th December** to support its work with homeless people this winter. **Double your Donation, Double your impact.** This is a matched giving scheme for online donations. If someone (can be company, individual or trust) gave £10 online matched giving of £10 would bring the Gift up to £20 (and for individuals to £22.50 with Gift Aid with higher rate tax relief it may cost the donor less than £10). For more information ring Andrew Hollingsworth 020 75921855 or email [andrew.h@passage.org.uk](mailto:andrew.h@passage.org.uk). The maximum is £5,000 from any one donation. It is not a limit per person.

CALLING HOME BAKERS The SVP "kneads" you. They would be most grateful for home made produce for their stall in Godalming High Street on **Saturday, 8th December**. They need scones, cakes, biscuits and seasonal goodies and can arrange to collect. Please let them know in advance if you can contribute something delicious to help raise funds. Call the SVP number on 07990 717067 or contact any SVP member.

THE FAMILY OF FLORENCE GALLAHER would like to thank those who attended Florence's funeral service at St Joseph's Church on 17th October. £405 was raised in donations for the Clockhouse Day Centre.

SATURDAY 8TH DECEMBER sees the welcome return to St John's,

*Through the love of the Father, Son and Spirit, our parish will be the Body of Christ in Godalming*

## AUTUMN ALPHA

This week sees the end of our second parish-wide Alpha programme, and I know from conversations with parishioners that the course has been well received and beneficial. The Holy Spirit Day was one of many highlights in an excellently presented and run course. I thank all who have helped or been involved in some way.

Hopefully your attendance on an Alpha course has inspired you to see that we all need the fun, friendship and faith that the course offers. Our role now is to reach out to others, both by walking alongside them and by serving them. One way to do this will be to invite and bring other people along to the next Alpha course and more details on this will follow in the New Year. I would also like to encourage all those parishioners who have not yet been on one of Alpha courses to attend next year's course. Going forward, I believe it is really important for our parish that everybody takes advantage of this course.

However, we need to remember that we have only just started out on our journey of Divine Renovation. So as we approach the Christmas holidays, the first thing is for everybody to have a well-earned break with family and loved ones, and also the chance to reflect on what we as a parish have done and learnt this year as we move forward on our Divine Renovation journey.

The question you may be asking yourselves is "What else is being planned?" As you know I recently announced our next Divine Renovation initiative with the setting up of three "DR Reading Groups" giving you the opportunity to explore your faith together in small informal weekly sessions. The groups are now under way and being led by lay members of the parish,

## PARISH NEWS continued

Farncombe of the fabulous Pink Floyd tribute band, Any Colour You Like, performing that band's music alongside an incredible visual and lighting show. The aim is to raise over £2,000 for the Trinity Trust Team youth project as achieved at Any Colour You Like's show last year. Advance tickets at £14 each available from Record Corner or by contacting Julian Lewry on 421520 or e-mail [julianlewrym@aol.com](mailto:julianlewrym@aol.com). £17 on the door. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 7.45 p.m.

'SLAVERY ON OUR DOORSTEP' is the theme for the Justice & Peace Assembly taking place on **Saturday, 26th January** from 10 a.m. (coffee from 9.30 a.m.) at The St Philip Howard Centre (formerly DABCEC), 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, RH10 6RP. Learn about the slave trade hidden under your nose and how you can help those affected. Speakers from the Santa Marta Group and Sussex Police. To book contact Rosie Read, Formation Secretary at [rosie.read@dabnet.org](mailto:rosie.read@dabnet.org) or on 01293 651161.

drawing from the themes of personal and shared faith as discussed in "Divine Renovation". This challenging and inspirational book identifies the need to live out our fundamental Christian vocation as missionary discipleship. Sessions invite discussion of the processes Fr Mallon has used to create a joyful invitational culture in his own parish and how these processes can be used by us here in Godalming.

Looked at in a wider context, DR Reading Groups are a part of the process which we have embarked upon in this parish to make ourselves the Body of Christ in Godalming. The first three steps in this process involve attending the current Alpha course, helping on Alpha (if you are able) and participating in a DR Reading Group. For this reason, I am very keen that those who have attended an Alpha course should now be joining a Reading Group. My aim is that as well as next year's Alpha programme we will also set up more DR Reading Groups, and I will confirm details in the New Year.

There are other initiatives that I will be announcing shortly, and these are still in the planning stage and include a Faith exploration group and a Lent group but more on this in the coming weeks. However, to move forward and properly support and resource all these exciting initiatives will require a generous commitment by parishioners and I do believe everybody has a part to play.

Many thanks for all the support and encouragement that I have received so far as we continue on our Divine Renovation journey. Let's make sure that our whole parish moves forward together in faith and love.

God bless you all.  
*Father David*

DESIGN HELP NEEDED! If you study or enjoy graphic design and would like to help create a set of colourful and lively posters for our noticeboards at St Edmund's and St Joseph's churches, please get in touch with Sarah via the Parish office ([stedmundchurch@outlook.com](mailto:stedmundchurch@outlook.com)).

RAFFLE TICKETS will be on sale after Masses for the next few weeks for a beautiful and delicious homemade Christmas cake to support Project Peru. Project Peru is a UK charity which provides a children's refuge in the desert shanty towns of Lima. Project Peru is a totally voluntary run charity offering food, clothes, shelter, education, health and fun to those in extreme poverty. PLEASE support them - and hopefully win this delicious cake! [www.projectperu.org.uk](http://www.projectperu.org.uk). Reg. charity number: 1049413

For our latest news items see: [www.projectperu.org.uk/news/index.htm](http://www.projectperu.org.uk/news/index.htm).

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Holy Father's Intention for December that people who are involved in the service and transmission of faith may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time; the sick and those who care for them especially - Betsy Bawdelly-Smith, Josephine Whittle, Cliff Hutchinson, Alan Berry, Nicolle Ernould, Christine Ashworth, Gerry Newell, Pat Cooke, Jesu Lopez, Ruth de Stefani, Michael Polack, Barbara Brightman, Nuala Gallagher, Alex Joliffe and Rudolf Dorrepaal; David Benson, Dick Glithero, Madeline van Pelt, Michael Savedra and Lucia Mintern recently deceased and Joan Wheeler, Bridget Madden, John Piasecki, Chris Ronan, Helene Ede, Geoffrey Simmonds, Michael Lada-Walicki and Cynthia Stowell whose anniversaries occur around this time.