

THIS WEEK

6 pm (G): Tommy & Nuala Gallagher

Sunday: 8 45am (F): Phyllis Dunn RIP

10 15 am (M): Donagh O'Brien RIP

Monday: NO SERVICE

Tuesday: 9 30 am (G): Rose Rogers RIP

Wednesday: 9 30 am (M): Deceased Friends & Relatives of Brenda Brown

Thursday: 9 30 am (G): Sr Kathleen Gardner (Jubilee Thanksgiving)

Friday: 9 30 am (M): Rose Rogers RIP

Saturday: 9 30 am (G): People of the Parish

6 pm (G): Alexander Moore RIP

Sunday: 8 45am (F): Stephen Dunn RIP

10 15 am (M): Paddy-Anne Brown RIP

CONFESSION

At call and 5 15 to 5 45 pm Saturdays

SECOND COLLECTION

Survive Miva - £684.80

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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.

CALENDAR OF FUTURE EVENTS

DECEMBER

Sun 9 Baby Naming 10 15 am (M)
Coffee (M)

Wed 12 Afternoon Tea 2 30 pm (SJR)
SVP Meeting 8 pm (SJR)

Elstead Mass 8 pm (Ham Lane)
School Advent Service 6 pm (G)

Sun 16 Baby Naming 10 15 am (M)
Coffee (M)

Wed 19 Evening of Prayer for Parish Renewal
7 30 pm (M)

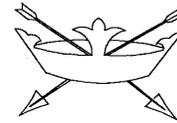
Mon 24 Christmas Eve
Children's Mass 5 pm (M)
Service of Readings & Carols 9 30 pm (G)
Midnight Mass 10 pm (G)

Tue 25 Christmas Day
Mass 8 45 am (F) & 10 15 am (M)

Mon 31 Wedding

JANUARY

Wed 2 Elstead Mass 8 pm (The Old Farmhouse)



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SUNDAY, 9TH DECEMBER 2018

2nd Sunday of Advent Year C

(Parish Mass Book page 84)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.*

FIRST READING: **Baruch 5:1 - 9.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: **Ps 125**

RESPONSE: *What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.*

SECOND READING: **Philippians 1:4 - 6; 8 - 11.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.*

GOSPEL: **Luke 3:1 - 6.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.*



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

PARISH NEWS

PARISH DEVELOPMENT

AN IMPORTANT MEETING – PLEASE ATTEND

When I wrote in the Newsletter on 19th October 2017, I explained that we needed to make some very difficult decisions regarding our buildings. We need to do this so that we can recommend to Bishop Richard a plan of action. However, before doing this, we needed a lot more information. Over the past 14 months, I and a number of Parishioners have been working with architects to identify our options moving forward. As I said in the Newsletter in October 2017 we would be investigating whether St Edmund's could be sold and the money raised used both to improve significantly St Joseph's and provide accommodation for a priest.

In the first instance, our focus has been on our options in respect of the St Edmund's site. In June we submitted a pre-application to Waverley Borough Council ("WBC"). This is a document that sets out what we might do with the site and asks WBC's planning department to respond. In mid-October, we received an initial response from WBC. Since then we have been and are still working through the points raised by WBC. Despite the fact that we do not have a definite answer to all our questions, I am hopeful that we are coming to a point where we can come together as a Parish to consider how we can best move forward.

Although the St Edmund's site has been our primary focus, we have also started to consider what we can do at St Joseph's. After interviewing four firms of architects in September, we have commissioned two firms to come up with some initial designs for the development of the site. A team from the Parish met with one of the firms this week.

It has always been my intention to involve the Parish in a period of consultation and discussion as soon as is practical. However, and as I am sure you will appreciate, it did not make sense to do this until we had something meaningful to present. I am hopeful that we are now reaching that point.

For this reason, I propose to hold the next Parish AGM on **Tuesday, 29th January 2019**. This will take place at 7.30 p.m. at St Edmund's School. I would strongly encourage as many of you as possible to attend. This will be a chance for you to hear and see what we have so far learnt and to make your views known.

Let me reiterate what I said at the start. These are very difficult decisions and ultimately will be taken by Bishop Richard and his Diocesan Trustees. There is nothing that we can do to move forward with which everybody will be happy. However, as has been explained over the past three or four years, staying where we are is neither a spiritual nor practical option. In the past year, things have started to move forward. It is a slow process, but I am delighted to see that we are coming together as a Parish and community. I ask God to send his Holy Spirit to help all of us to discern what is best for this Parish.

God bless you all,
Father David

FEASTS/MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Tue	St Damasus I, Pope
Wed	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Thu	St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
Fri	St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor

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.

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED to a presentation of the fourth episode of 'Catholicism - a journey to the heart of the faith', by the acclaimed author and speaker Bishop Barron, on **Saturday, 15th December**. This is a Chilworth Abbey Study Day given by Fr John Seddon OSB, who will contextualise the episode and then teach and lead discussion about its subject matter. The day begins with Mass at 9 a.m., followed by coffee. The third film investigates 'Mary, the Mother of God' and will be shown, chapter by chapter followed by teaching and discussion. Midday prayer and lunch will divide the day and concludes at 4 p.m. Go to part, or all of the day, as it suits you. Take a packed lunch and a friend. Tea and coffee is provided. St Augustine's Abbey, Sample Oak Lane, Chilworth, Near Guildford. GU4 8QR Online information: www.chilworthbenedictines.com.

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 (stedmundschurch@outlook.com).

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

The next Know Your Neighbour ("KYN") weekend will take place over the weekend of **15th and 16th December** at **St Edmund's** and **St Joseph's** churches only.

As I explained previously and due to the limited time available at **St John's** to distribute name badges before Mass starts, I decided to run KYN weekends in tandem with St John's Sunday coffee mornings at the beginning of every month. I am pleased to say that last weekend's KYN at St John's went very well and a lot of people stayed for coffee after Mass, and the Fair Trade stall also did a roaring trade! This is an encouraging step forward as we continue to build our Parish into a community "where everyone knows your name" and strengthens our sense of being a community of faith.

As with previous KYN weekends, I would like all Parishioners to try and arrive earlier at Mass and collect your name badges and then go

and sit next to somebody that you **do not know** or that you **do not usually sit next to**. This new neighbour can be your **Prayer Partner** for the entire service – that is someone you can pray for and someone who will pray for you throughout the Mass. You do not need to know what you are praying for; God knows. I encourage you all to do this and find someone new to sit next to. My wish is that KYN week-ends will continue to help us relate to those around us in church in a more prayerful way. Praying for each other will not only be a great blessing for our Parish, but also a way of fulfilling our Christian calling to pray for one another. Jesus says "this is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you." (1st John 13:12).

God bless you all,
Father David

PARISH NEWS continued

ST EDMUND'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE The School Carol Service will be held on **13th December** and we would like to invite a family to decorate the tree for the church. The tree and decorations will be provided. If you and your children would enjoy decorating the tree please contact Fr David or Catherine (01428 682045) to discuss to discuss a date and time.

DIVINE RENOVATION CONFERENCE 2019 The Divine Renovation Conference is to help Parish priests and Parishioners on their journey towards renewing their parishes together, and all those who attended last year with Fr David agree that the experience was truly inspiring, especially the opportunity to listen to Fr James Mallon in person. Fr David plans to attend the next conference, which takes place on **7th/8th February** in Birmingham, and he is very keen for Parishioners to join him as our Parish continues to move forward on our DR journey. The overall cost, to include overnight accommodation, food and a conference ticket, is approximately £275. Transport may be available. For more information visit the website: <https://www.divinerenovationuk.org/> or speak to Fr David or a member of the DR Team.

EVENING OF PRAYER FOR PARISH RENEWAL All Parishioners are invited to the third 'Evening of Prayer for Parish Renewal' which takes place on **Wednesday, 19th December** at 7.45 p.m. in St Joseph's Church. The evening includes readings, music and a quiet time for reflection and shared prayer, followed by refreshments at 8.30 p.m. in St Joseph's Room.

PARISH BARN DANCE Saturday's Barn Dance was a fun event,

with a great atmosphere and 'rustic' live music provided by the Rampagers. Mac, the caller for the evening, put a willing group of barn dancers through their paces and the dancing was lively and energetic - perhaps even slightly chaotic! Midway through the evening there was a welcome break for some tasty fish and chips and an entertaining raffle which raised funds for the SVP. And then back to the dance floor... Many thanks go to Andrew Lodge for organising the evening which succeeded in getting Parishioners from three Mass centres to socialise together. Thanks are also due to all the helpers - particularly those behind the scenes in the kitchen - and to all who contributed to the raffle, and to Francis Quinlan as Master of Ceremonies for the raffle. This was Fr David's first barn dance, and he will definitely be back for more! Visit the Parish website to see the photos.

RECONCILIATION Fr David will hear Confessions on **Sundays, 16th and 23rd December** after the 10.15 a.m. Mass and after weekday Masses on **20th, 21st and 22nd December**.

On **Saturday, 15th December** there will be a time of Reconciliation between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. in St Pius Church, Merrow, with a team of Deanery priests available throughout the day for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance.

There will be a Reconciliation Service at Jesus Christ the Redeemer of Mankind at Cranleigh at 3 p.m. on **Sunday, 16th December**.

THANK YOU to all who purchased Christmas cards in aid of the SVP. The grand sum of £288.50 has been raised to be used to help and support those in need.

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 Margaret Bohan, Peter Farrelly, Doris Kilsby and Pat Marsh whose anniversaries occur around this time.