

### THIS WEEK

**6 pm (G):** Alexander Moore RIP  
**Sunday: 8 45am (F):** Stephen Dunn RIP  
**10 15 am (M):** Paddy-Anne Brown RIP  
**Monday: NO SERVICE**  
**Tuesday: 9 30 am (S):** End of Term Mass  
**Wednesday: 9 30 am (M):** Paddy Curtin RIP &  
Deceased Members of the Curtin Family  
**Thursday: 9 30 am (G):** Paddy Curtin RIP &  
Deceased Members of the Curtin Family  
**Friday: 9 30 am (M):** Michael Savedra RIP  
**Saturday: 9 30 am (G):** Michael Byrne RIP  
**6 pm (G):** Guy Wright RIP  
**Sunday: 8 45am (F):** People of the Parish  
**10 15 am (M):** Rose Rogers 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 16 KYN (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

**Sun 6 KYN (F)**  
**Coffee (F)**  
**Wed 2 Elstead Mass** 8 pm (The Old Farmhouse)  
**Wed 9 Afternoon Tea** 2 30 pm (SJR)  
**SVP Meeting** 8 pm (SJR)  
**Sat 12 FHC Preparation** 3 pm (S)  
**Sun 13 FHC Mass** 10 15 am (M)

# St Edmund

## King & Martyr

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**SUNDAY, 16TH DECEMBER 2018**

**3rd Sunday of Advent Year C**

(Parish Mass Book page 84)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.*

FIRST READING: **Zephaniah 3:14 - 18.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: **Isaiah 12:2 - 6.**

RESPONSE: *Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.*

SECOND READING: **Philippians 4:4 - 7.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia.*

GOSPEL: **Luke 3:10 - 18.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.*



### 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

## WHERE IS GOD?

“Come now, insignificant human being, fly for a moment from your affairs, escape for a little while from the tumult of your thoughts. Put aside now your weighty cares and leave your wearisome toils. Abandon yourself for a little to God and rest for a little in him.

Enter into the inner chamber of your soul, shut out everything save God. ....Speak now, my whole heart, speak now to God.....Come then, Lord my God, teach my heart where and how to seek you, where and how to find you.

Lord, if you are not present here, where, since you are absent, shall I look for you? On the other hand, if you are everywhere why then, since you are present, do I not see you? Lord, you are my God and my Lord, and never have I seen you. You have created me.....I was made in order to see you, and I have not yet accomplished what I was made for.

Look upon us, Lord; hear us, enlighten us, show yourself to us that it may be well with us, for without you it goes so ill for us. Have pity upon our efforts and our strivings towards you, for we can avail nothing without you.

Teach me to seek you, and reveal yourself to me as I seek, because I can neither seek you if you do not teach me how, nor find you unless you reveal yourself. Let me seek you in desiring you; let me desire you in seeking you; let me find you in loving you; let me love you in finding you.”

*An abridged extract from  
St Anselm's Proslogion*

# PARISH NEWS

CHRISTMAS SERVICES will be as follows:

## Christmas Eve

Children's Christmas Eve Mass at Milford at 5 p m. This is primarily for the younger members of the Parish, and they are invited to dress up as Nativity characters. Please let Fr David know if your child would like to take part. As this will be a very busy Mass, Communion will be distributed under one kind only.

Service of Readings and Carols at Godalming at 9 30 p m, followed by Midnight Mass at 10 p m.

## Christmas Day

Mass at Farncombe at 8 45 a m.

Family Celebration at Milford at 10 15 a m.

## Boxing Day

Mass for Feast of St Stephen at Milford at 11 a m. Please note change of Mass time.

## New Year's Day

Mass for Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God at 11 a m at Milford, followed by coffee in St Joseph's Room.

CHRISTMAS OFFERTORY COLLECTION – GIFT AID As you all know, the money offered at Christmas is your gift to Fr David. If you are a member of our Gift Aid Scheme, the Parish is able to claim 25% of the amount of your donation for its funds in the usual way – but only if your offering is identifiable.

Those of you who have boxes of envelopes will have a special one for Christmas which you can use. If you cannot find this or perhaps leave it at home, you can use a blank, white (unnumbered) envelope (there will be supplies at all Mass Centres) as long as you put your usual envelope number on it.

For those of you who donate by Bankers' Order and have signed a Gift Aid Declaration for this Parish, any extra offering on the day can be gift-aided if you use one of the blank, white envelopes and put your telephone number (last 6 digits) or name on it – as you do for certain Second Collections during the year.

Please note that any Parishioner or visitor who may wish to make a on-off Gift Aid donation (and who is not already registered with us) could use one of the yellow envelopes, completing the information requested on it.

As you will appreciate, being able to claim 25% of your Christmas offering makes a substantial difference to Parish funds, so it would be very helpful if those of you in our Gift Aid Scheme would use envelopes if at all possible.

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 in St Joseph's Room at 8 30 p m.

# PARISH DEVELOPMENT

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

At the end of November we finished our second parish Alpha course of the year. I thought that it might be useful to share with you the experiences of those who attended.

The Autumn Alpha course differed from the Summer course in that it was not specifically aimed at parishioners. Everybody was welcome. I was invited to be one of the leaders helping to co-ordinate the group discussions. Let me say that this was not only a privilege, but also something that I thoroughly enjoyed. All those who came participated with joy and enthusiasm. The small group discussions were interesting, profound and moving.

At the end of the course, all participants were asked to rate elements of the course. It was pleasing to see that the course was no less highly rated than it had been in the summer. Participants agreed that they had become closer as a community in a fun filled environment that had enriched their faith. Over 95% of those attending would recommend the course to others. So, if you have not attended an Alpha course in the parish this year, please make attending a course in 2019 a New Year's resolution.

## PARISH NEWS continued

THE PARISH 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! Mid-way 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.

THANK YOU from Bernard Polack, whose brother Michael, who had been suffering from cancer, died peacefully in a hospice on 11th December. Bernard thanks you all for all the prayers that have been offered for him.

THANK YOU ALSO to those Parishioners who attended Farncombe Music Club's charity fundraising concert for the Trinity Trust Team by the Pink Floyd tribute band, Any Colour You Like. An audience of just over 200 enjoyed a spectacular sound, light and video show which raised over £2,300 for TTT.

PARISH DIARIES for 2019 are now available. Please help yourself - they're free!

The outstanding highlight of the course was, for those who attended, the Holy Spirit Day. Everybody who came felt the power of the Holy Spirit at work. There were some remarkable experiences. Once again, I would strongly encourage you all to make time to attend one of these Holy Spirit days. They can be life changing – in the best possible way.

At the end of the course, participants were asked what they might like to do next. Three options were put forward – a faith exploration programme ("ask me what you want"), joining a Divine Renovation reading group and possible Lent courses. The DR team is currently considering what the parish can offer going forward. Hopefully I will be able to make some announcements towards the end of January.

Thank you to everybody who attended the course, particularly those who worked so hard to make the course possible.

God bless you all.  
Father David.

VOLUNTEERS are desperately needed for the cleaning rota at St Edmunds! The more volunteers we have the less time required! Please contact Anna Rogers on 07870 830826 or email frontdoor20a@btinternet.com.

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**.

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.

## COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

|                 | Offertory | Diocese/Charity |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 4th             | £1,005.70 | £560.22         |
| 11th            | £789.03   | £12.00          |
| 18th            | £645.62   | £109.75         |
| 25th            | £669.48   | £256.10         |
| Standing Orders | £3,467.50 |                 |
| Monthly Totals  | £6,577.33 | £938.07         |

## 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, Nicole Ernould, Christine Ashworth, Gerry Newell, Pat Cooke, Jesu Lopez, Ruth de Stefani, Barbara Brightman, Nuala Gallagher, Alex Joliffe, Alex Stilwell and Rudolf Dorrepaal; Michael Polack, Michael Savedra and Lucia Mintern recently deceased and John Hawkins, Barbara Czerkiewicz, Millicent Punter, Malachi Fleming, Ana Maria Lopez, Tom O'Kelly, Bill Bowles, Anthony Monje and Julia Gomez whose anniversaries occur around this time.