

THIS WEEK

6 pm (G): Guy Wright RIP
Sunday: 8 45am (F): People of the Parish
10 15 am (M): Rose Rogers RIP
Monday: NO MORNING MASS
5 pm (M): People of the Parish
10 pm (G): Florence Gallaher RIP
Tuesday: 8 45 am (F): Len & Pat Marsh RIP
10 15 am (M): Frank & Matthew Brown RIP
Wednesday: 11 am (M): Wellbeing of Fr Brendan Dunning
Thursday: 9 30 am (G): Lucia Mintern RIP
Friday: 9 30 am (M): Susan Godfrey
Saturday: 9 30 am (G): NO MORNING MASS
6 pm (G): Juliet Boland
Sunday: 8 45am (F): William Stilwell RIP
10 15 am (M): People of the Parish

CONFESSIO

At call and 5 15 to 5 45 pm Saturdays

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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.

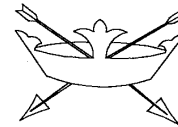
CALENDAR OF FUTURE EVENTS

DECEMBER

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)
Wed 26 Mass for Feast of St Stephen 11 am (M)
Mon 31 Wedding

JANUARY

Tue 1 Mass for Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God 11 am (M) followed by Coffee
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)



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SUNDAY, 23RD DECEMBER 2018

4th Sunday of Advent Year C

(Parish Mass Book page 90)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.*

FIRST READING: Micah 5:1 - 4.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 79:2 - 3, 15 - 16, 18 - 19.

RESPONSE: *God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.*

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5 - 10.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia.*

GOSPEL: Luke 1:39 - 45.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *Behold a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.*



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

CHRISTMAS CONTEMPLATION

The mysticism of the ordinary in our relationship with God, the little baby, is humanly mystifying, mystifying to a degree which dwells beyond human reasoning or understanding. The cord of connection cannot be made by using terms of magnitude such as awesome, magnificent, overpowering, or all enveloping. For us humans to become, in the slightest way, aware that God came to dwell with us in the form of a very vulnerable human child, we must ourselves live and occupy the very ordinariness and simplicity that that little baby occupied. 'Unless you become like little children you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven.'

We all remember, as young mothers and fathers, our babies clasping their fingers round just one of ours. It is certain that the overwhelming sense of joy, love and trust of that precious moment remains with us for life. The message is so unique and yet so ordinarily natural, as to give just a glimpse of the mysticism of human love. Watching a baby clasping the finger of its parent tells us that the baby loves and needs them, as much as the parent loves and needs this very vulnerable new born human being; surely the ultimate sign of HOPE and TRUST? And at the same time that those small delicate fingers are enwrapped round the parent's finger, the eyes of both baby and parent meet, transfixed by a bond no words can describe; an ultimate sign of FAITH!? Apart from demonstrating human love, it also, and just as powerfully, demonstrates the endless depth of the love of the Being that created it. There could never be any other ordinary human way than to provide the ultimate in an all-embracing universal and eternal love, than the message of: 'I am your loving baby, BELIEVE in me.' This very unique and mystical love message was further reinforced by that same baby who, thirty odd years later, and now a fully grown man, sealed the eternal love of God by CHARITABLY sacrificing his innocent life for all of us, ensuring a pathway for humankind to follow to an eternal love of a REDEEMING baby.

May you all have a Holy, Joyful and Meaningful Christmas and New Year.

Deacon Jeremy

FEASTS/MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Tue	The Nativity of the Lord
Wed	St Stephen, First Martyr
Thu	St John, Apostle & Evangelist
Fri	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Sat	St Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr

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

PARISH NEWS

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

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.

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!

PROJECT PERU CAKE Fr David kindly drew the winning ticket for this year's delicious cake on Tuesday. It was won by Elizabeth Coombs!

Thank you so much to all who kindly contributed to this worthy cause - a children's refuge and other projects in the desert shanty towns outside Lima. Every penny will go to the charity as there are no administration costs and the cake is made, decorated and donated by local supporters. Better luck next year to those who didn't win this time round!

For more information see: www.projectperu.org.uk

MISSIO RED BOXES Nick de Caestecker has recently taken over co-ordination of Red Box collections. He will be in touch

shortly to organise collection, but please feel free to call him to organise this if more convenient on 07985 096233.

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.

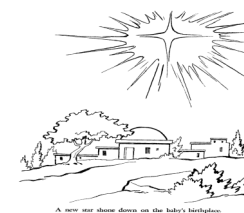
COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

	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

THERE WILL BE A UNITED SERVICE led by the Trinity Trust Team on behalf of Churches Together in Godalming & District on **Sunday, 30th December** at 6 30 p m in Busbridge Church. Refreshments will be provided from 6 16 p m - all welcome.

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 2019** 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: www.divinerenovationuk.org/ or speak to Fr David or a member of the DR Team.

*Wishing you a blessed and peaceful Christmas
from your Newsletter Team*



A new star shone down on the baby's birthplace

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 Veneta Wells, Roisin Chowney, Tim Barraud, May Larby, Mary Brister, Jean Martin, Bernard Laverty, Edward Jazwinski and Joan Etsell, whose anniversaries occur around this time.