

THIS WEEK

6 pm (G): Juliet Boland
Sunday: 8 45am (F): William Stilwell RIP
10 15 am (M): People of the Parish
Monday: NO MORNING MASS
1 30 pm (G): Wedding
Tuesday: 11 am (M): note time and venue
Wednesday: 9 30 (M): Deceased Members of
 Dunning Family
Thursday: 9 30 am (G): Christine Eakins
Friday: 9 30 am (M):
Saturday: 9 30 am (G):
6 pm (G): People of the Parish
Sunday: 8 45am (F):
10 15 am (M): Tim Green

CONFESSION

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.

OUR LADY'S MESSAGE FROM MEDJUGORJE

25th December 2018

Dear children! I am carrying to you my Son Jesus who is the King of Peace. He gives you peace and may it not be only for you but, little children, carry it to others in joy and humility. I am with you and am praying for you in this time of grace which God desires to give you. My presence is a sign of love here while I am with you to protect you and lead you towards eternity. Thank you for having responded to my call.

The Medjugorje Apparitions have still to be endorsed by the Church

CALENDAR OF FUTURE EVENTS

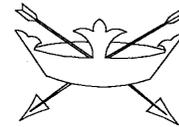
DECEMBER

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)



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SUNDAY, 30TH DECEMBER 2018

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Year C

(Page 105 in Parish Mass Book)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *The shepherds went in haste and found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in a Manger.*

FIRST READING: **Ecclesiasticus 3:2 - 6, 12 - 14.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: **Ps 127:1 - 5.**

RESPONSE: ***O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!***

SECOND READING: **Colossians 3:12 - 21.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ***Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; let the message of Christ find a home with you. Alleluia!***

GOSPEL: **Luke 2:41—52.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: ***Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among 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

MARY AND JOSEPH AND THEIR SON JESUS A HUMAN FAMILY

The trouble with Christmas is that it brings the best and the worst out of people. When looking back after the festivities, after life has returned to normal, one realises that the whole excitement and enjoyment of Christmas was to be had in the short few weeks prior to its celebration, a period of extended anticipation. The event, sadly, can sometimes culminate in the resurrection of family feuds and irritations. After Boxing Day, it is usually time to leave. As one wise old wag once observed: 'family visits should be kept short and sweet!'

Our own family frictions over this festive season are probably a great deal less than that experienced by Joseph and Mary and their respective families, just over two thousand years ago. To become pregnant out of wedlock, although an accepted norm into today's secular society, was something which two thousand years ago, would have resulted in Mary being stoned to death. The fact that she was not owes much to the benevolence of her betrothed than to anything else. The most startling, and in many ways puzzling aspect of the whole affair, was the fact that God our Father decided to flaunt the moral code of the day and Christian teaching since, to provide us with our eternal saviour! Why did he choose that particular path?

As Christians we are invited to believe that for the Son of God to enter humanity through the biological process of human procreation, the instigator and the recipient would both have to be pure. As Mary conceived through the power of God the Holy Spirit, there can be no disagreement as to the purity of that particular participant. Catholic tradition tells us that Mary, soon to be the Mother of God, had to be equally pure. Mary was therefore without sin, even Original Sin from her very conception; she was and is the Immaculate Conception. Joseph her betrothed was not. Equally startling was that Mary remained a virgin; she became the Virgin Mother of God which then reflects the other aspect of her purity: the beauty and mystery of her eternal virginity.

So yes, this Christmas and every Christmas, we have much to be joyful about; that our Saviour became the weakest of all, a child, to show us the beauty and truth of true humility. Yes, we have much to be joyful about; that Mary through her fiat became the Virgin Mother of God elevating womanhood and the feminine to a level that emphasises the significant part that Mary and motherhood play in the creation and redemption of the human race. Yes, we have much to be joyful about; because we now know we have been chosen, chosen to believe and above all chosen for eternity. The invitation comes from the baby in the manger!

Deacon Jeremy

PARISH NEWS

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

FEASTS/MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Tue Mary, Mother of God
Wed St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen
Thu The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Fri St Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON The Crib Collection will be for the Catholic Children's Society Crisis Fund which supports disadvantaged children and families across London, Hertfordshire and the South East. They work with individuals of all faiths and none; their sole aim is to help those in greatest need.

The Fund provides immediate financial support for families facing a crisis in their lives. Parish Priests and Headteachers can apply to this fund on behalf of a family and the Children's Society will respond within 24 hours. This support can make a huge difference to families in desperate situations when they have nowhere else to turn.

PARISH DIARIES for 2019 are now available. Please help yourself - they're at the back of churches and are 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.

APPLICATIONS TO ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL The School would like to remind all parents of children born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 that, if they wish their child to attend St Edmund's Catholic Primary School, they must ensure that they meet the application deadline of **15th January 2019**. As well as applying online to Surrey County Council, it is necessary to complete the School's own Supplementary Information Form (SIF) which is available from the School office or from the School's website.

THE NEXT PRAYER BREAKFAST organised by Churches Together will be hosted by Richard & Hilary Grey in The Barn at The Old Farmhouse, Elstead, on **Saturday, 26th January**, from 8 30 a m to 10 a m. All welcome.

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOUR The next KYN Mass at St John's will be on the first Sunday of 2019. So please try to arrive early so that you can collect your badge in good time. And please remember to use the Church Room entrance to the left of the Church. We look forward to seeing you then! And please do stay for a cup of coffee afterwards - even if it's only for a few minutes. Last month it was good to see so many staying and getting to know each other. And there's Fair Trade too. What better way to celebrate the New Year!

FRANCES AND HOWARD MUIR wish to thank the Parish for the beautiful yellow roses and Canon David's blessing on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were very touched by

the warmth of the many congratulations they received.

Don't forget if you have a significant birthday (70 plus) or wedding anniversary (25 years plus) next year to let us know.

THERE WILL BE A UNITED SERVICE led by the Trinity Trust Team on behalf of Churches Together in Godalming & District **this evening** 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.

MIDNIGHT MASS will be celebrated at St Joseph's in Guildford tomorrow, **Monday, 31st December** - a prayerful alternative to the usual New Year celebrations!

AND FINALLY The object of a New Year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul.

G K Chesterton

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Holy Father's Intention for January that young people, especially in South America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world; the sick and those who care for them especially - Betsy Bawdely-Smith, Josephine Whittle, Cliff Hutchinson, Alan Berry, Nicolle Ernoult, Christine Ashworth, Gerry Newell, Pat Cooke, Jesu Lopez, Ruth de Stefani, Barbara Brightman, Nuala Gallagher, Alex Joliffe, Alexander Stilwell, Edward Maxwell-Miles and Rudolf Dorrepaal; Michael Polack, Michael Savedra and Lucia Mintern recently deceased and Margaret Beagley, May Real, Michael Dolan, Nora Denyer, Anna Clark, Harry Pullen, Anthony Sweatman, Danny Furlong, Robert Wilson, Andrew Barnard, Lilian Legg, Jan Heksel, Kathleen Wheeler, Malcolm Ogilvie Forbes and John Bunting whose anniversaries occur around this time.