

**THE PARISH  
OFFICE IS  
CLOSED THIS WEEK**

**Catholic Parish of  
St John the Evangelist  
Tadworth Weekly Newsletter**



**23 December 2018**

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DAY	DATE	TIME	CELEBRATION	MASS INTENTION
Saturday	22 Dec	6.00pm	Mass: Fourth Sunday Advent	Kit Briscoe RIP
Sunday	23 Dec	8.30am 10.30am	Mass: Fourth Sunday Advent Mass: Fourth Sunday Advent	Monica Wraith RIP Fr Martin Breen RIP
Monday	24 Dec	5.30pm 9.00pm	<b>Mass: Children's Christmas Eve Mass</b> <b>Service of Carols &amp; 'Midnight' Mass</b>	Children of the Parish People of the Parish
Tuesday	25 Dec	8.30am 10.30am	<b>Mass: Christmas Day</b> <b>Mass: Christmas Day</b>	Private Intention For all our families and friends
Wednesday	26 Dec		NO MASS	
Thursday	27 Dec		NO MASS	
Friday	28 Dec	9.15am	Service Word & Holy Communion	
Saturday	29 Dec		NO CONFESSIONS	
		6.00pm	Mass: Holy Family	People of the Parish
Sunday	30 Dec	8.30am 10.30am	Mass: Holy Family Mass: Holy Family	Gilbert Getting Inez Hutton RIP



LITURGICAL SEASON: ADVENT	WEEK 4 & CHRISTMAS
Sunday Readings: Cycle C	Main Collection Last Week: £522.59
Weekday Readings: Cycle 1	Retiring Collection Last Week: NONE
<b>MORNING PRAYER – 9AM WEEKDAYS</b> Psalter Week: 4 & 1	Retiring Collection <u>THIS</u> week: NONE



**BIG 'THANK YOU' TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH CHURCH CLEANING LAST MONDAY.**

### From the Parish Priest

Christmas is a very special time for us all. Whether we are alone or with families and friends, it is a time to celebrate a unique birth. Christ's birthday made and makes a real and lasting difference to the human race and to each one of us individually. As Advent passes into Christmas and we experience the wonder of the Holy Night it would be good for each of us to gaze at the crib and fully take in the immensity of the incarnation. May I take this opportunity to wish everybody in our parish family a happy, blessed and peaceful Christmas. May God bless also all our visitors who join us for the Solemnity of our Saviour's birth. God bless for this special week.

*Fr. Richard*

### Christmas Offerings

The collection at Christmas Mass is your personal gift to the Parish Priest. If you wish your offering to be gift aided (the parish then gets a tax rebate) please write your name and address on an envelope and enclose the donation. Add your Gift Aid number if you have one. Any cheques should be made out to: **St John the Evangelist Parish Tadworth.** Under diocesan rules cheques should not be made out to the parish priest personally by name since all monies received in the parish must go through the parish accounts.



### Tuesday Coffee Club

Coffee Club will resume after the Christmas break on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

### New Year's Day Mass & Lunch

On Tuesday 1 January we will see in the New Year with Mass at 1200 followed by a 'bring & share' lunch in the parish Hall. The parish will provide wine and soft drinks. This is a very simple get together with no particular cause to support – just a gathering of our parish family both for Mass and a simple and enjoyable meal. Please bring along sandwiches, pies, simple desserts and similar items. No elaborate 'cooked' meals – this way - no washing up. A list is in the porch to indicate interest.

### Christmas Services 2018

#### Monday 24 December:

- ❖ 5.30pm Children Christmas Eve Mass
- ❖ 9.00pm Christmas 'Midnight' Mass

#### Tuesday 25 December:

- ❖ 8.30am Christmas Day Mass
- ❖ 10.30am Christmas Day Family Mass

### Crib Collection this Year

Bishop Richard has asked that all parishes hold a Crib Collection at Christmas lasting till Epiphany. He would like the proceeds from this to go to Friends of the Holy Land. They support the Diocese of the Patriarchate of Jerusalem which includes Jordan, where great numbers of refugees continue to arrive from war-torn Syria.



Most of us cannot but help notice the number of homeless sleeping rough on the streets in our larger towns and cities. While Christmas highlights the plight of the homeless in a special way, the homeless have to endure this hardship every day of the year. Some newspapers are appealing to those who can, to donate their Winter Fuel Allowance to CRISIS and other such similar organizations. Catholic Church sponsored charities such as DePaul, The Passage and the Cardinal Hume Centre, will also ensure delivery immediate, effective and necessary help to the homeless.