

**THE PARISH
OFFICE IS OPEN
9.30am-12.30pm
Tuesday &
Wednesday**

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



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DAY	DATE	TIME	CELEBRATION	MASS INTENTION
Saturday	5 Jan	6.00pm	Mass: Solemnity of Epiphany	Roy Murrell RIP
Sunday	6 Jan	8.30am 10.30am	Mass: Solemnity of Epiphany Mass: Solemnity of Epiphany	Mary Angela Reynolds People of the Parish
Monday	7 Jan	9.15am	Mass	Private Intention
Tuesday	8 Jan	9.15am 1030-11am	Mass: Prayer Group in Lady Chapel	Sarah & William Rowland RIP
Wednesday	9 Jan	9.15am 6-7pm	Mass: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	In thanksgiving (E Rowland)
Thursday	10 Jan	11.30am	Funeral Mass: Maureen Geraghty RIP	Maureen Geraghty RIP
Friday	11 Jan	8.15am 9.30am	Staff Mass at St. Andrew's School Mass:	Paula Matthew's Birthday
Saturday	12 Jan	1000-1030 6.00pm	Reconciliation/Confessions Mass: Baptism of the Lord	Thanksgiving (Clancy Family)
Sunday	13 Jan	8.30am 10.30am	Mass: Baptism of the Lord Mass: Baptism of the Lord	People of the Parish Mary Boucher RIP

LITURGICAL SEASON:	CHRISTMAS & ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY READINGS: Cycle C	MAIN COLLECTION LAST WEEK: £565.11
WEEKDAY READINGS: Cycle 1	RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: NONE
MORNING PRAYER: Week: 2	CHRISTMAS OFFERING: £3794.24

There will be NO Tuesday Coffee Club this week. Back on Tuesday 15 January
Apologies for no Service on Wednesday last and for the postponement of the funeral advertised on Friday last

PARISH DIARY – THIS WEEK	PARISH DIARY - COMING UP
Tuesday: 7.30pm RCIA meeting Wednesday: 7.30pm Confirmation class at St. Ann's.	9 February: First Confessions 12 February: Deanery meeting at St. Ann's Parish Finance Committee meet 13 February: Parish Liturgy Group meet 6 March: Ash Wednesday – beginning of Lent 13 March: Service Reconciliation

From the Parish Priest

The Feast of the Epiphany this weekend marks the end of the Christmas season. Once again may I thank the very many parishioners who contributed to such a splendid celebration of Christmas despite colds and flu. A huge amount goes on 'behind the scenes' and I am grateful for all the efforts made. Several people who don't normally come to St. John's said how much they enjoyed our services. To them I said that we are a team effort here and '*do please come more often*'. Perhaps we could all say that to infrequent visitors! My thanks too for your generosity at the Christmas Offering. January can be a bit cold and gloomy but the start of the New Year can also bring lots of new energy. Let us all keep praying that the Lord will be close to us all. God bless and Happy New Year.

Fr. Richard

Strengthening our Parish Mission

In the bishop's plan for the diocese, '*The Word who is Life*' it is clear that parishes will increasingly need to find new ways to provide internal leadership and pastoral care. By 2030 clergy will be supporting a number of communities hence parishes like ours will likely share a priest with several other parishes. To prepare for this and to strengthen our distinctive St. John's parish identity and mission I have asked our Parish Secretary to move to a new role, that of *Pastoral Assistant*. The role will involve taking a lead, at my direction, for overall sacramental preparation coordination, pastoral outreach and developing the social life of the parish. This of course leaves a gap in the office. The Parish Finance Committee and I feel the time is right to make this a part-time employed post with specified working hours and a full Job Description.

The parish is thus actively looking for someone to take on this important role at the heart of our parish life. An advertisement for the post is now appearing in all deanery parish newsletters and beyond with a closing date of 31 January 2019 with interviews by arrangement in the first half of February.

Fr. Richard

Knock Pilgrim

Fully escorted St Patrick's Weekend Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 16th March 2019. Please see poster on church noticeboard.

Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms: Art, Word, War

This exhibition now on at the British Library in London running from October to February includes the beautifully illuminated Lindisfarne Gospels, *Beowulf* and Bede's *Ecclesiastical History*, which sit alongside stunning finds from Sutton Hoo and the Staffordshire Hoard. The world-famous Domesday Book offers its unrivalled depiction of the landscape of late Anglo-Saxon England while Codex Amiatinus, a giant Northumbrian Bible taken to Italy in 716, returns to England for the first time in 1300 years.

Parish Registration

Thank you to those parishioners who have completed a registration forms. To those parishioners who have just completed a Diocesan Consent Form please can you complete the Registration Form so our records are complete. This can be done via our website or there are hard copies available at the back of the church. Many thanks.

The Wall of Answered Prayer

It's a project to build a national monument in the UK with a million bricks, with each brick representing an answered prayer and there will be a way to access and read these. They have the land, next to a motorway in the Midlands, and now they are trying to raise funds and answered prayers. Please add any testimonies that you feel able to share with the nation you might be interested. These testimonies would then be available for the generations to come to hear of God's love, mercy and faithfulness. Please look on their website www.thewall.org.uk to find out more.

A&B Diocesan Directories 2019

Have so far not appeared! We will do the best we can to observe the Liturgical calendar using directories from other dioceses until our own copies arrive.

