

**THIS WEEK THE  
PARISH OFFICE IS  
OPEN  
9.15am-13.00pm  
Thursday and Friday**

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



**21 April 2019**

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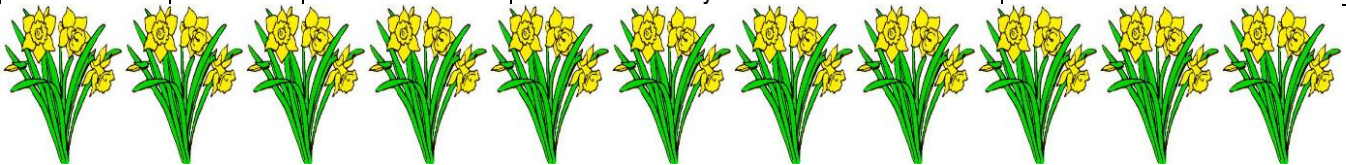
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DAY	DATE	TIME	CELEBRATION	MASS INTENTION
Saturday	20 Apr	8.00pm	Solemn Easter Vigil & Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday	21 Apr	8.30am 10.30am	Mass: Easter Sunday Mass: Easter Sunday	Private Intention Patrick Morrissey RIP
Monday	22 Apr		NO SERVICE	
Tuesday	23 Apr	9.15am 10.30-11.00am	Service Word & Holy Communion Prayer Group in Lady Chapel	
Wednesday	24 Apr	9.15am 6.00-7.00pm	Service Word & Holy Communion Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Thursday	25 Apr		NO MASS	
Friday	26 Apr	11.00am	<b>Funeral Mass: Angie Joyce RIP</b>	Angie Joyce RIP
Saturday	27 Apr	10.00-10.30am 6.00pm	Reconciliation/Confessions Mass: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	People of the Parish
Sunday	28 Apr	8.30am 10.30am	Mass: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter Mass: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	Maggie Sheehan RIP Una MacGranthin RIP



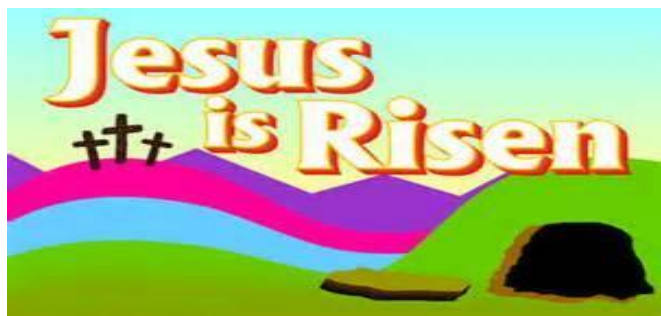
LITURGICAL SEASON: EASTER	
SUNDAY READINGS: Cycle C	MAIN COLLECTION LAST WEEK: £755.49 RETIRING COLLECTION EASTER FLOWERS: £454.45
WEEKDAY READINGS: Cycle 1	RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEK: <b>EASTER OFFERING</b>
MORNING PRAYER: Week: 1 + Easter	

PARISH DIARY – THIS WEEK	PARISH DIARY – COMING UP
Tuesday: 9.45am The Coffee Club	<b>21 April:</b> Easter Sunday <b>27 April:</b> Confirmations at St. Joseph's, Epsom <b>8 May:</b> Parish AGM & Forum <b>11 May:</b> First Holy Communions

## From the Parish Priest

After the discipline of Lent, we all come to Easter renewed and ready for the Holy Spirit to once again reinvigorate and breathe new life and energy into our Church. Today let the Good News of the Christian message really sink in. In Russia this glorious feast of the resurrection is known as 'paschal-tide' and people greet each other with **Христос воскрес!** (Christ is risen!) and the response is **Воистину воскрес!** (In truth He is risen!) Some people even answer the phones with these greetings instead of the usual **алло** (Hello). Against news of violence and terror in our world we remain a people of hope, love and trust in God's mercy. In faith let us rejoice with our fellow Catholics and Christians this weekend as the paschal candle is lit and once again we joyfully sing the 'Gloria' and 'Alleluia!' May I wish each and every parishioner a truly blessed Easter.

*Fr. Richard*



## Easter Offering

The collection at Easter 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.**

## Divine Mercy Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April

2.30 pm St. Ann's Banstead: The feast day commemorates the extraordinary graces that Our Lord showers upon us in His Infinite Mercy. The celebration will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Prayer, Confession, Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Divine Mercy.

## Confirmations 2019

Please pray for our 5 candidates who will be confirmed by Bishop Richard at St. Joseph's, Epsom next Saturday at 2.30pm.

## Parish AGM & Open Forum 8 May

At our forum on 8 May there will be a financial statement and some ideas about improving the church.

## The Meaning of Easter

The meaning of Easter is Jesus Christ's victory over death. His resurrection symbolizes the eternal life that is granted to all who believe in Him. The meaning of Easter also symbolizes the complete verification of all that Jesus preached and taught during His three-year ministry. If He had not risen from the dead, if He had merely died and not been resurrected, He would have been considered just another teacher or Rabbi. However, His resurrection changed all that and gave final and irrefutable proof that He was really the Son of God and that He had conquered death once and for all.

However, Easter did not always symbolize Christ's resurrection from the dead and the meaning of Easter was quite different than what Christians celebrate today. The feast day of Easter was originally a pagan celebration of renewal and rebirth. Celebrated in the early spring, it honored the pagan Saxon goddess Easter. When the early missionaries converted the Saxons to Christianity, the holiday, since it fell around the same time as the traditional memorial of Christ's resurrection from the dead, was merged with the pagan celebration, and became known as Easter. Thus the meaning of Easter was changed to reflect its new Christian orientation.

Today, the meaning of Easter, for millions of Christians, is that of honoring and recognizing Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead, and His glorious promises of eternal life for all who believe in Him.

Please let the office know if you have any issues of concern that you might have and would like discussed.

## New Pilgrim Path Website:

This website is inspired by Pope Francis' enthusiasm for the internet. He urges Christians to 'walk the streets of the digital highways .. in order to dialogue with people today and to help them encounter Christ.'

New Pilgrim Path explores and shares the rich spiritual resources of the internet. Visitors are helped to find sites that are relevant to them at the particular stage of their journey. They have pages devoted to a range of resources, including daily prayer, online retreats, inspirational reflections, spiritual poetry, religious broadcasts and many others. Each week they also feature a 'Website of the week'. Please go to [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie) for more information; you can unsubscribe at any time.