

**THIS WEEK THE  
PARISH OFFICE IS  
OPEN  
9.15am-13.00pm  
Tuesday, Thursday  
& Friday**

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

**5 May 2019**

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DAY	DATE	TIME	CELEBRATION	MASS INTENTION
Saturday	4 May	6.00pm	Mass: 3 <sup>rd</sup> . Sunday of Easter	Joy and Michael Farrelly RIP
Sunday	5 May	8.30am 10.30am	Mass: 3 <sup>rd</sup> . Sunday of Easter Mass: 3 <sup>rd</sup> . Sunday of Easter	People of the Parish Una MacGranthin RIP
Monday	6 May	9.15am	NO SERVICE	
Tuesday	7 May	9.15am 10.30-11.00am	Service Word & Holy Communion Prayer Group in Lady Chapel	
Wednesday	8 May	12.00 noon 6.00-7.00pm	<b>Funeral Mass: Marinus Smits</b> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Marinus Smits RIP
Thursday	9 May		NO MASS	
Friday	10 May	9.15am	Mass:	JP Family Healing
Saturday	11 May	10.30am 2.00pm 6.00pm	<b>Mass: First Holy Communions</b> <b>Mass: First Holy Communions</b> Mass: 4 <sup>th</sup> . Sunday of Easter	Angeo Cattaneo RIP
Sunday	12 May	8.30am 10.30am 12.00 noon	Mass: 4 <sup>th</sup> . Sunday of Easter Mass: 4 <sup>th</sup> . Sunday of Easter Baptism: Jack Jensen-Humphreys	Mary Bettles RIP People of the Parish

LITURGICAL SEASON: EASTER	
SUNDAY READINGS: Cycle C	MAIN COLLECTION LAST WEEK: £636.43
WEEKDAY READINGS: Cycle 1	RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: <b>EDUCATION OF FUTURE PRIESTS</b>
MORNING PRAYER: Week: 3	

PARISH DIARY – THIS WEEK	PARISH DIARY – COMING UP
Tuesday: 9.45am The Coffee Club 7.30pm PFC meeting	<b>11 May:</b> First Holy Communions
Wed: 7.30pm AGM & Forum	<b>9 June:</b> FHC & Confirmation Going Forth Celebration Mass
	<b>7 July:</b> Fun Day & Parish Barbecue
	<b>21 July:</b> 3.00pm Mass with Sacrament of the Sick

## From the Parish Priest

The Catholic custom of dedicating the month of May to Our Lady arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianize the spring secular feasts which were customary at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared and fostered this devotion. The practice became especially popular among the members of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). By 1700 it took hold among their students at the Roman College and sometime later it was publicly practiced in the Gesu Church in Rome. From there it spread to the whole Church. Pope St. Paul VI wrote a short encyclical in 1965 using the Month of Mary devotion as a means of obtaining prayers for peace. He urged the faithful to make use of this practice which is "gladdening and consoling" and by which the Blessed Virgin Mary is honoured and the Christian people are enriched with spiritual gifts. For us we can do no better than to make regular use of the rosary prayer. A small booklet on the rosary is available at the back of the church. God bless for the week.

*Fr. Richard*

## Guild of St. Stephen

The parish is grateful to a small but very loyal group of our younger parishioners who serve every week on the altar. Our parish is affiliated to the Guild of St Stephen, an International Organization of Altar Servers founded in England in 1904 by Father Hamilton McDonald when he formed a Society of Altar Servers at the Convent of the Sacred Heart in London. In 1905, Pope Pius X gave his approbation to the Canonical establishment of the Guild at Westminster Cathedral and in 1906, the Sacred Congregation of Rites made the Guild an Archconfraternity prima primaria enabling all the parish branches to be linked with it. The Guild spread, and in 1934, Pope Pius XI enabled all Guilds of Altar Servers throughout the British Commonwealth to be affiliated with the Archconfraternity at Westminster. This weekend those servers who have been serving for some time will be enrolled. Meanwhile we are still looking for an adult who will help support and train our servers.

**Guild Prayer: O God, you accept our ministry and allow us to serve at your altar; grant that while serving you we follow the example of our patron, St. Stephen, the martyr, and that we may like him, come to see Jesus standing at your right hand in the Kingdom of Heaven. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your son. Amen**

## Parish AGM & Open Forum 8 May

All parishioners are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the parish to be held in the Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 8 May. The AGM will be quite short and be chiefly concerned with the accounts of the parish for 2018. Following the AGM at about 7.45 there will be a Parish Forum to discuss plans for the spiritual, pastoral and material development of the parish. There will also be some limited follow-up to Bishop Richard's consultation earlier in the year. We are also ready to share some thoughts on plans to brighten up the church and improve the hall. This is an opportunity for everybody to have their say about the direction of the parish. *Cheese and wine will help the proceedings along.* Please let the office know if you have any issues of concern that you might like to have raised and discussed.

## First Holy Communions 2019

Please pray for our First Holy Communion children who make their First Holy Communions this coming Saturday. This year parents have worked closely with our team of catechists in preparing the children for the reception of the sacrament. Now the children are ready to join the whole community in sharing in the eucharistic life of the community. Saturday then will be a special day and it is important that as a parish family we pray for each and every child.

We need Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers for each of the Masses (10.30am and 2.00pm); if you are able to help, please let Bryn know, or leave a message with the parish office. Thank you.

## The John Fisher School

Is looking for a teacher of Religious Education.  
To Start: 1st September 2019.

## Coffee/Tea & Cakes

This Sunday in the hall after the 10.30 Mass.  
Do please join us!

