

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

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



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DAY	DATE	TIME	CELEBRATION	MASS INTENTION
Saturday	29 June	6.00pm	Mass: SS Peter & Paul	Inez Hutton RIP
Sunday	30 June	8.30am 10.30am	Mass: SS Peter & Paul Mass: SS Peter & Paul	People of the Parish M. Tugwell – Intention
Monday	1 July	9.15am	Service Word & Holy Communion	
Tuesday	2 July	9.15am 10.30-11.00am	Service of Word & Holy Communion Prayer Group in Lady Chapel	
Wednesday	3 July	9.15am 6.00-7.00pm	Mass: St. Thomas Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Richard and Justin Carter RIP
Thursday	4 July		NO MASS	
Friday	5 July	9.15am 1.00pm	Mass: Marriage: Jordane Mortelman & Bradley Copp	Private intention
Saturday	6 July	10.00-10.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	Reconciliation/Confessions Baptism: Emelia Spencer Mass: 14 th . Sunday Ordinary Time	Thomas Collins RIP
Sunday	7 July	8.30am 10.30am	Mass: 14 th . Sunday Ordinary Time Mass: 14 th . Sunday Ordinary Time	Dr. William Henry Reynolds RIP People of the Parish

LITURGICAL SEASON: ORDINARY TIME		WEEK 13
SUNDAY READINGS: Cycle C	MAIN COLLECTION LAST WEEK: £628.26	
WEEKDAY READINGS: Cycle 1	RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEK: PETER'S PENCE	
MORNING PRAYER: Week: 1		

PARISH DIARY – THIS WEEK	PARISH DIARY – COMING UP
Tuesday: 9.45am The Coffee Club Friday: 12.15pm Simple Lunch	7 July: Fun Day & Parish Barbecue 21 July: 3.00pm Mass with Sacrament of the Sick

From the Parish Priest

The reflection in the newsletter is taken from a June 2013 copy of the newsletter. I don't know if Fr. Martin wrote it or not but it is an excellent take on today's Feast of Saints Peter & Paul. God bless for the week

Fr. Richard

Fun Day & Barbecue 7 July

£5 Entry (children free) with raffle ticket on sale after Mass today. Fabulous prizes are there to be won including an iPad, a Fortnum and Mason hamper and some mystery prizes. Professional face painter, Shetland ponies, children's activities, BBQ and licenced bar. This promises to be a wonderful parish event for all the family and the sun is guaranteed to shine ☺. **This weekend is your final opportunity to purchase tickets – please don't miss out!**



Help needed!

We would be very grateful for help with various tasks; there is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Thank you.

Please Note: Car Park Closure

The car park will be closed after 6.00 pm Mass on Saturday. It will be open **for drop-off and pick-up only for the 8.30am and 10.30am Sunday Masses**. It will then be closed for the rest of day.

Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick - Sunday 22 July

Fr. Richard will celebrate a Mass for the Sick with the Sacrament of Healing at 3.00pm on Sunday 22 July. This is a very special moment for anyone who is in any way unwell. Years ago the Sacrament of the Sick was widely known as the 'Last Rites'. Happily, the sacrament is now more widely celebrated for anyone in need of the Lord's healing love. When the priest lays his hands on the heads of the sick and anoints their foreheads and hands with the Oil of the Sick, the Lord is truly present, helping and sustaining them just as he did in the Gospels. The Mass will be quite brief and those attending may receive Holy Communion for a second time that day. After Mass there will be a Tea for all who wish to stay for a chat.

REFLECTION

Carrying the Baton



Over the years the Catholic Church has laid itself bare to criticism. Sometimes this criticism is undeserved, but sadly at other times it is. At certain times in history the Church has been guilty of making mistakes, and doubtless it will continue to make mistakes in the future because we are all human. There are those who complain that the Church is out of step with an increasingly secular world. There are even those who point to diminishing Mass attendances and predict that the Church is living on borrowed time. The bottom line however is drawn in today's gospel. Jesus turns to Peter and says, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church." Whether Jesus' idea of 'Church' is our idea of 'Church' is debateable, but one thing is for sure, Jesus intended to leave behind a group of followers initially led by Peter, united in their belief of Jesus and God until the end of time.

Because Peter recognised that God was acting through Jesus, he was entrusted with the job of leading the rest of us. The Church today is a testimony to Peter's faith, it exists because Peter and others like him trusted and believed in God. It exists because Peter and people like Peter acted out their faith despite hostilities and persecution. Fortunately, today's Christians don't get chucked to the lions any more, but we face different sorts of problems instead. Today we face lethargy, conflicting secular values, and the complexities of scientific debate. The Church cannot be silenced. Fearless Christians like Peter and Paul are still needed to carry the baton. Peter and Paul represent two strikingly different approaches to discipleship. Peter had to learn slowly, making many mistakes along the way. Paul, on the other hand, came to the Faith immediately and never backed away from his zeal for Christ after that. We aim to imitate these two great apostles in our own lives. Like Peter, we know we are likely to fail and to get things wrong, yet like Peter we aim to persevere. Like Paul, we must always fight for what is right, no matter how difficult that might be.