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Newsletter of Catholic Parish of St. John the Evangelist Tadworth

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Parish Office:

The Parish Office will now be operating on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9.00am – 2.00pm. In light of current government guidance, the office will not be open to visitors and Maria will mostly be working from home. Please contact her by email in the first instance.

2nd – 10th May 2020

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Masses will be celebrated in private without a congregation

Saturday 2nd	6.00pm	Paul Chatterton RIP
Sunday 3rd	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Conor Cahill Intentions
Tuesday 5th	9.15am	Dick Wildenberg RIP
Wednesday 6th	9.15am	David Lloyd RIP
Friday 8th	9.15am	Celebrant's Intentions

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday 9th	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 10th	8.30am	Celebrant's Intentions
	10.30am	Lorna Murray Intentions

Confessions: Please see the Parish website and Bishop Richard's Dispensation from Easter Duties

Mass Intentions:

Mass will continue to be celebrated in private; if you would like a Mass intention, please email or telephone the Parish Office. Offerings can be made by cheque payable to St. John the Evangelist Tadworth and posted to the presbytery.

The Angelus Bell and Prayer: Everyday, at midday and 6.00pm, the wonderful sound of the Angelus Bell sounds at St. John's. If you can, please take a few moments' break from whatever you are doing, at one or both of these times, to join with the parish community and say the Angelus Prayer which can be found on the home page of our website.

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My Dear Parishioners

In today's Gospel our Lord tells a parable and explains it. He is the gate. He is not a thief or a brigand. He does not steal or kill or destroy. He is the gate to safety. He is the gate to life to the full.

Anyone who enters through Him will be safe, free and satisfied to the full. A message or an invitation to every person. A call to every believer for clinging to their Saviour with the whole life. Our Redeemer saves and strengthens what is good in us from God, but He "steals", "kills" and "destroys" (as we say: "the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world") what is evil in our thoughts, words and actions that we may be free like him, that we may have his life within us, that we may have his Spirit and live on the Spirit like the children who have God as their Father.

Jesus Christ, true God and true man, we confess it. His Body is the gate in the history of human freedom and love. His Body is the Church. Her official teaching is the voice of His truth. The sacraments are His life. Baptism gives us this life (the white garment is its outer symbol). Confession renews the gifts and the graces of Baptism. Eucharist, his body and blood, nourishes us and protects us from "spiritual thieves and brigands". Confirmation, when we acknowledge that the Catholic Church is unfailingly led by the Holy Spirit, increases them, endows us with special graces (charisms), and enables us to witness to Jesus Christ (thought and presented by the Catholic Church). Thus, every believer, each one of us is also a "gate of the Holy Trinity" to those who are lost, disoriented, stubborn, robbed of the true, of God's love, of the freedom and peace of God's children by ignorance, pride and vainglory.

Let us be thankful for this life to the full. May this time be a chance and an opportunity to learn from our Lord how to be humble and obedient like Him.

Stay safe in the Lord.

With my prayers

Fr. Stanislaw

The Day of Prayer for Vocations, also known as Vocations Sunday, this year will be celebrated on 3rd May. This day flows from the broader culture of vocation and is when the universal Church asks the Lord to send more labourers to the harvest.

Prayer for Vocations Sunday:

Loving Father,
you call us by name.
As we journey through life
help us to be confident in our own unique identity
and to find opportunities to
develop our own gifts and passions.
We pray that the Holy Spirit
will pour on us wisdom and guidance
to help us realise and follow our dreams,
discerning your plan for our lives.
Bless your Church
by raising up dedicated and generous people
from our families and friends
who will serve as Priests, Deacons,
Sisters and Brothers.
May we support one another in response to God's
call.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Migrants' Mass 2020: This year, the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales will celebrate the Migrants' Mass via Youtube and Instagram Live on Saturday 2nd May, at 10.30am. www.cbcew.org.uk. The theme for 2020 is: '**You are clapping for us, now pray with us**'.

We value the incredible contribution of migrants to so many services that are now being recognised and honoured as essential. Many Migrant workers are amongst those on the 'frontline' – in the NHS and care homes; working as delivery drivers, cleaners and caterers.

This is a moment to honour them in prayer – especially considering so many are financially vulnerable, working on zero-hours contracts or pay that is below the Real Living Wage.

We also remember the wonderful Catholic Social Teaching that recognises everyone as "our brothers and sisters", calls us to tear down borders that divide and exclude any group of people, and has mandated us to pay a Real Living Wage ever since Pope Leo XIII wrote about it in 1891.

The Faith Companion Catholic Magazine is published by members of Arundel & Brighton Diocese with the full approval of Bishop Richard. It is currently available in digital-only form due to the coronavirus crisis. The magazine contains articles on a wide variety of theological and spiritual topics from a range of qualified authors and each edition is vetted before publication by a Dominican friar. Take a look at www.thefaithcompanion.co.uk for more information.

Food donations for Epsom hospital NHS staff: George Colairo, a parishioner here at St John's, has recently spent 10 days in Epsom hospital with COVID-19. He is now recovering but wishes to set up a fresh food pick up point at Epsom hospital for the staff. As George has a lot of contacts at Covent Garden, he has been in touch with them and they are willing to help. George would very much like St John's community to get involved too, so if you feel you can help by donating to this cause, you can do so by visiting his fundraising website: www.gofundme.com/f/nhs-surrey-shopping-basket If you experience any difficulties with this, or would prefer to donate by cheque, please get in touch with the Parish Office.

The John Fisher School in Purley is seeking to appoint a Cover Supervisor, starting in September, to supervise whole classes during the short-term absence of teachers. The hours are 36 per week, term time only. This position may suit a candidate who is looking for a contract prior to starting a career in teaching. The successful candidate will join a dedicated team of staff. Please contact the school for more information.

Would you like to join a "Virtual Parish Group"?

Parishioners of St. John's are finding ways to come together spiritually and socially, despite the church being closed. The following groups are now running:

Day	Time	Group
Sunday	10.30am	Children's Liturgy
Sunday	3.00pm	Tea and chat
Tuesday	10.00am	Coffee morning followed by prayer group
Wednesday	3.00pm	Tea and chat

Why not give one of these a go? Once you get the hang of it, you might like to set up your own group; someone will be able to help you get set up the first time. Please get in touch with the Parish Office for more details.

Parishioners in need of support:

If you, or anyone you know, is isolated and in need of support, please get in touch with: Parish Office tadworth@abdiocese.org.uk or the Pastoral Outreach team at pots@stjohnstadworth.org.uk or 07584 492922

Easter and weekly offerings: You can still make an Easter offering for the Parish Priest if you would like to do so either by an online bank transfer or sending a cheque payable to St Johns Tadworth to the Parish Office. Please also take a look at the [Gift Aid and Giving](#) page on our website for information about ways to continue making your weekly offering.

N.B. If you have recently set up a new standing order for your weekly offering, our Gift Aid Coordinator, Dick Shelley, will be in touch soon to see if you would like to sign up for Gift Aid.

Gift Aid statements 2019-20: will be distributed by email wherever possible (i.e. if we hold your email address).

New Parish email address: The Diocese is moving all clergy, staff and parishes to a new secure email system. St. John's has a new email address tadworth@abdiocese.org.uk which should now be used for all contact with the parish.

Weekly email updates: The Parish Office now sends out a weekly email to all parishioners who have registered on the parish database. If you would like to receive the weekly email updates, please get in touch with the Parish Office at tadworth@abdiocese.org.uk. Please also register your details on the parish database, which can be accessed via a link on the home page of our website.