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Newsletter of Catholic Parish of St. John the Evangelist Tadworth

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The Parish Office working times are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.00am – 2.00pm.

15th – 23rd August 2020

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday 15th	6.00pm	John Walmsley RIP
Sunday 16th	8.30am	People of the Parish <i>FHC: Seraphina MacLeay–Wood and Zachary Gleeson</i>
	10.30am	Elliot Flynn Intentions <i>FHC: Maddison Bush and Piper Thomas-Tate</i>
Tuesday 18th	9.15am	Mary Boucher and the Sick of the Parish
Wednesday 19th	9.15am	Yoko Yamamoto RIP
	10.00am	Funeral: Pauline Finlayson
Friday 21st		<i>St. Pius X</i>
	9.15am	Conor Cahill Thanksgiving <i>FHC: Lauren Kealey</i>

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 22nd	6.00pm	Ann and Fred Green Intentions <i>FHC: Luke Kelly and Isla Fenton</i>
Sunday 23rd	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Debbie Tugwell Intentions <i>FHC: Liana Fernandes Donegan and Chloe Double</i>

Confessions: Saturdays 10.00-10.30am, 5.15-5.45pm and by appointment
CONFESSIONS DURING THIS TIME WILL BE HEARD IN THE SACRISTY; PLEASE USE THE SIDE DOOR
OF THE CHURCH NEXT TO THE PRESBYTERY

Dear Parishioners,

Today our Catholic faith directs our minds and hearts to Mary: The Solemnity of her Assumption.

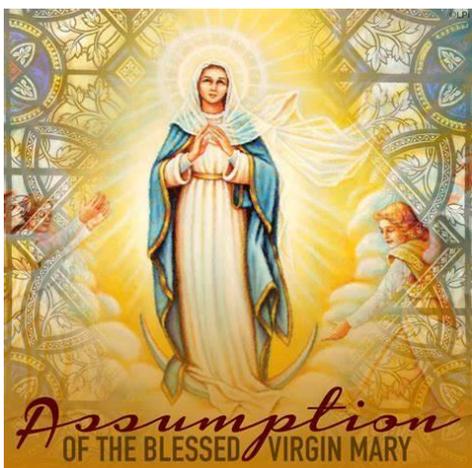
On the first November 1950, [Pope Pius XII](#) solemnly declared: "Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death." For this reason, the Catechism of the Catholic Church (number 966) says that "the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians".

Today I would like to quote St Maximilian Kolbe who said: "Let us love our most loving heavenly Father above all, and let our obedience be a sign of this perfect love, especially when we have to sacrifice our own wills in the process. And as for a book from which to learn how to grow in the love of God, there is no better book than Jesus Christ crucified. All this we will achieve more easily through the intercession of the Immaculate Virgin, to whom the most kind God has given the task of dispensing his mercies. There is no doubt that the will of Mary should be the will of God for us. When we dedicate ourselves to him, we become tools in her hands just as she became a tool in his. Let us let her direct us and lead us by the hand. Let us be calm and serene under her guidance: she will foresee all things for us, provide all things, swiftly fulfil our needs both bodily and spiritual, and keep away from us all difficulty and suffering".

The advice is clear. Let us follow it.

With my prayers

Fr Stanislaw



Face coverings in church: Face coverings must now be worn in places of worship. All parishioners, apart from children under 11, and those with certain health conditions who are exempt, should wear a face mask, scarf or other face covering. We politely request that you comply with this directive, but also please remember that not all disabilities are visible, so please be understanding of parishioners who may not be able to follow this rule.

First Holy Communion 2020: Please pray for Seraphina MacLeay–Wood, Zachary Gleeson, Maddison Bush, Piper Thomas-Tate and Lauren Kealey who will be receiving the sacrament at Masses this week.

First Holy Communion 2021: Parents of children entering YEAR 3 in September 2020 who would like their child to receive the sacrament in 2021 should complete the application form which is now available on the website (see the "Sacramental" pages).

The deadline for applications is 30th September 2020; applications received after this date will not be allocated a place on the programme.

Urgent plea - volunteer Mass Stewards: Can you help? As some of our regular volunteers are about to take holidays, we urgently need to recruit more help. Fr. Stanislaw is unable to celebrate public Mass unless there are Stewards on duty; if you attend Mass now, you will see what the Stewards do – it is not onerous, but it is essential. Thank you 😊.

Volunteer cleaners: Can you help? We are looking for volunteers to wipe down the pews, door handles, etc. in preparation for the Saturday 6.00pm Mass (this could be done any time after the 9.15am Mass on Friday, and 5.00pm on Saturday) and after the 8.30 Mass on Sunday. All cleaning materials, face masks and gloves will be provided.

Alton Day of Renewal Saturday 22nd August 2020: Celebrate 45 years of ADoRE with a special live-streamed Mass from Bishop Philip Egan at Portsmouth Cathedral, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please visit www.altonrenewal.com for more information and full timetable for the day.

Bishop Richard's Podcasts and other Diocese news can be found on the A&B website www.dabnet.org.

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