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Newsletter of Catholic Parish of St. John the Evangelist Tadworth

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

12th – 20th September 2020

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 12th

6.00pm John Robinson RIP

Sunday 13th

8.30am Private Intention

FHC: Raffaele Molica-Turner and Jake Gleeson

10.30am People of the Parish

FHC: Willem Van Heerden and Harry Taylor

Tuesday 15^h

Our Lady of Sorrows

9.15am Roger Chesterman RIP

Wednesday 16th

Ss Cornelius and Cyprian

9.15am John Robinson RIP

Thursday 17th

7.30pm Confirmation Mass

Friday 18th

9.15am Private Intention

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 19th

6.00pm Mary Boucher and Deceased Friends of the Parish

Sunday 20th

8.30am People of the Parish

10.30am Peggy Wilkinson Thanksgiving

FHC: Emily Mae Rowland

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

This Sunday our Lord reminds us about our "special" which we exercise when we forgive.

The Catechism sums it up by saying: "Thus the Lord's words on forgiveness, the love that loves to the end, become a living reality". The parable of the merciless servant, which crowns the Lord's teaching on ecclesial communion, ends with these words: "So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart." It is there, in fact, "in the depths of the heart," that everything is bound and loosed. It is not in our power not to feel or to forget an offense; but the heart that offers itself to the Holy Spirit turns injury into compassion and purifies the memory in transforming the hurt into intercession.

There is no limit or measure to this essentially divine forgiveness, whether one speaks of "sins" as in Luke (11:4), or "debts" as in Matthew (6:12). We are always debtors: "Owe no one anything, except to love one another." The communion of the Holy Trinity is the source and criterion of truth in every relationship. It is lived out in prayer, above all in the Eucharist (numbers 2843; 2845).

May Mary intercede for us that we may imitate her Son and so share in his happiness of being merciful and peacemakers.

With my prayers

Fr Stanislaw

First Holy Communion 2020: Please pray for Raffaele Molica-Turner, Jake Gleeson, Willem Van Heerden and Harry Taylor who will be receiving the sacrament at Mass this Sunday.

First Holy Communion 2021: Please visit the "Sacramental" section of our website for information about next year's programme.

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

Confirmation 2020: Please pray for our Confirmation candidates who will receive the sacrament at a special Mass this Thursday evening. T

School Applications: If you would like Fr. Stanislaw to sign a supplementary information form, please bring this to the presbytery during the Parish Office opening times. Please see newsletter for dates when Fr. Stanislaw will be away from the parish.

Visit from Bishop Richard: We are delighted that Bishop Richard will be here to celebrate Mass with us next weekend, **Saturday 19th September at 6.00pm**. The purpose of his visit is to bestow the Benemerenti Award - a medal awarded by the Pope – on two of our parishioners, Bryn Boucher and Fred Green, for their outstanding and longstanding contributions to the parish of St. John's.

Unfortunately, even the Bishop is unable to override current social distancing regulations, which means the usual capacity restrictions will apply. **We will therefore put a booking system in place for this Mass only.**

If you would like to attend the Mass, please email the Parish Office (tadworth@abdiocese.org.uk) on Monday 14th September; Maria will then pick up the emails when she is in the office on Tuesday. If you are unable to email, please book by telephone (01737 813102) on Tuesday.

Changes to Mass times: Fr. Stanislaw will be away from the parish from the afternoon of Sunday 21st September to Tuesday 6th October. Whilst he is away, Fr. Philip Pak will be here to celebrate Mass at:

6.00pm on Saturday 26th September and Saturday 3rd October

9.30am only on Sunday 27th September and Sunday 4th October.

There will be no weekday Masses during these two weeks.

Social distancing; a polite reminder: Please remember to maintain at least a one metre distance at all times during the Mass. This includes:

- Lining up for Holy Communion
- Receiving Holy Communion; please keep your face covering on until Fr. is ready to give you the host, then replace it immediately afterwards.
- Exiting the church; remember to use both exits to avoid bunching.

If you are unable to wear a face covering, the social distance should be two metres.

Please also avoid gathering in groups of more than six outside the church before and after Mass.

This is for everyone's safety. Thank you 😊.

Mass Stewards and Cleaners: If you are helping out in an ad-hoc way, please do let the Parish Office know so that you can be added to the rota. This will help to spread the load and avoid situations where people may arrive for their “duty” only to find they are not needed.

Support for the bereaved: If you have recently been bereaved and you would like to talk to someone, St. John’s has a bereavement support programme in place that offers time and space to reflect on your loss. In the current circumstances face to face visiting is proving difficult, however, until that becomes easier, support can be offered by phone.

If you would like to have a chat or just have someone who can be there to listen, then please contact the Parish Office to arrange this for you.

Tuesday Zoom Prayer Meetings: The regular Tuesday morning 11.00am Zoom prayer meetings now include a short 20-minute DVD. The DVDs created by CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration) provide an explanation of our Catholic belief using the Creed. Afterwards there will be time for reflection and discussion. The sessions will be led by Maura Murray and will be informal but extremely rewarding. All are welcome! Please get in touch with the Parish Office if you would like to join the group.

Knights of St. Columba sponsored walk: This annual event, in aid of St. Raphael's Hospice in Cheam, will still go ahead with walkers carrying out the walk individually during September. They would be very grateful for any small donation that you are able to give to this worthy cause, by going to the Justgiving site:
<https://www.justgiving.com/team/knights-walk-2020>

Alton Day of Renewal (ADoRE) Saturday 19 September 10.00am-12.45pm: Mini conference for spiritual renewal with Mass, Adoration, praise, prophecy, and an inspiring talk “Here is your mother” from Fr John Seddon. Please register in advance for Zoom by following this link:
bit.ly/adore0920
For more information go to the ADoRE website www.altonrenewal.com

Diocese of Arundel and Brighton Dialogue and Unity Event 2020: A New Normal for Christian Unity

-What can we learn during the pandemic?
-What vision should we aspire to as Christians and people of faith moving forward together?

Saturday 26 Sept 2020- 10.45-1.00pm on Zoom
Prayer, Speakers, Small groups.

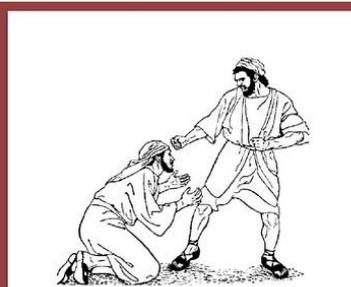
Email Catherine to register and receive the zoom link – catherine.martindale@abdiocese.org.uk
All welcome, invite your friends from other churches.

Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples

Struggling in their Marriages: Retrouvaille is for couples with marriages that are struggling, maybe not communicating well, and for those who are considering marriage separation or divorce. It is also for those who have already separated or divorced who want marriage help. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing on 12th -15th Nov 2020, call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443. email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com – or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk.

Kingswood Surrey Music Services: One of our parishioners works as a music teacher in Kingswood and has asked us to let you know that she has free choir introductions on Saturday throughout the day with 4 different choirs split into age groups. Please visit her website for more information:
www.kingswoodsurreymusic.co.uk

Second Collection: This weekend the worldwide collection for the Holy Land will be held. In the midst of the crisis created by the coronavirus pandemic, contributing to this collection can prevent Christians from leaving the Holy Places in these days when they are under economic and social pressure to emigrate.



The Unforgiving Servant
Matthew 18:21-35