

# Diocese of Arundel and Brighton

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## Newsletter of Catholic Parish of St. John the Evangelist Tadworth

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**Parish Office: The Parish Office is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9.00am – 2.00pm.**

### **13<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021** **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	6.00pm	Kaz Briscoe-Wright RIP
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30am	Toshio Yamamoto and Agnes Peard RIP Anniversary
	10.30am	People of the Parish
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15am	Fr. Pat O'Connell O.S.M. RIP
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>		<i>Ash Wednesday</i>
	9.15am	Mike Morley RIP
	12.30pm	Funeral: Afaf Rammo (Private Mass)
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	1.30pm	Funeral: Mike Morley (Family only)
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15am	Mary Patricia Taylor RIP
	9.45am	Stations of the Cross

### **First Sunday in Lent**

<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	6.00pm	Sister Teresa Barry Intentions
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Georgina Kerrigan RIP Anniversary

**Confessions:** Saturdays 10.00am – 11.00am and 4.30pm – 5.30pm.

On request after weekday and Sunday Masses. **CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD IN THE SACRISTY**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Wednesdays 9.45am – 10.15am

## Dear Parishioners

When we pray for sanctifying God's name, for the coming of his kingdom, we also prepare ourselves to listen to, understand and obey his (W) word: thy will be done.

Jesus Christ is the incarnation of the Father's will: this is my beloved Son, listen to him (Mark 9:7). He sends his Holy Spirit to his Apostles (the Twelve and their Successors) that they may deepen, know, understand and obey the will (truth) of God regarding our salvation, our happiness: whoever listens to you listens to me (Luke 10:16).

We grow up, physically and spiritually, with other persons in a created world which is good and gives us natural happiness. But we are also called to lasting and full happiness in our Father's house in heaven. We merit eternal beatitude by obeying God and His commandments, imitating Christ, his Son. There is a constant temptation and a real danger that we may judge wrongly our last end by clinging to created things and their joys and making of them our last end (which is the beginning of a slow dying of spiritual life). God gives us his help. The Decalogue (the Ten Commandments) and the Sermon on the Mount of Beatitudes of His Son (Matthew chapters 5-7) are the concrete (external) help of his fatherly care for the happiness of each one of us.

If it is knowledge whereby blessed are they that mourn, let us pray that His will be done, for thus we shall mourn no more. The power of putting in practice God's will comes from the saving grace of our Redeemer. This is the inner help (the grace of the Holy Spirit) which enables us to order our inner and outer actions in ourselves, with our neighbours and created things that we may understand them correctly and use them rightly, enjoy them moderately with thanksgiving, and so not to suffer needlessly and excessively for (losing riches, honours, pleasures; see 1 John 2:16) them on our way to our eternal happiness.

Holy Spirit, grant me the gift of knowledge, so that I may know the things of God and, enlightened by your holy teaching, may walk, without deviation, in the path of eternal salvation.

With my prayers

*Fr. Stanisław*

**St John Paul II; Salvifici Doloris:** Last week we celebrated the World Day of the Sick on the liturgical memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. I would like to propose to you a personal reading and meditation, the Letter *Salvifici Doloris* (saving suffering) of St John Paul II. He wrote this letter a couple of years after the assassination attempt on his life in 1981: thus, he writes on the Christian meaning of human suffering as a witness, giving us some thoughts rotted in his personal suffering and illuminated by his Catholic faith; deep and beautiful letter worth reading. You can download the letter from our website.

*Fr. Stanisław*

**Stations of the Cross:** Every Friday during Lent at 9.45am.

### **Mike Morley RIP: Funeral Thursday 18**

**February 1.30pm:** Mike's family has asked us to convey their gratitude for your prayers at this difficult time. In light of the current restrictions, they have reluctantly taken the decision that his funeral will be attended by family only. They are truly sorry that all those who would like to attend and pay their respects will not be able to do so, but given the great number of people who knew Mike, they feel this is the fairest thing to do. The funeral will be live-streamed and the family has set up a funeral guide page which you can log into to access the Zoom link. You can also light candles, post photographs and share memories on the page:

<https://www.funeralguide.co.uk/obituaries/85218?>

### **Diocese Mission - Invited. Lent 2021 – The Mission begins on Monday 22 February:**

Momentum is building towards *Invited*, the Diocesan Mission. Hundreds of people are signing up for the Diocesan conversations.

**Each Monday during Lent** an episode of *Invited* will be premiered on the diocesan website and across our social media channels.

**Each Thursday 7.30pm to 8.45pm** we will explore the content from Monday's episode during a virtual meeting, while reflecting on the readings for the upcoming Sunday. Visit

[www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited) to find out more.

A worship song has been specially commissioned for the mission and has been composed and recorded by One Hope Project, a wonderful Catholic Worship Band. You can find the *Invited* theme on:

<https://youtu.be/-43A-X6aOcw>

## Second collection this week: Lourdes Pilgrimage 2021

The Diocese Pilgrimage Team have asked us to provide this update:

For many reasons we will not be taking Assisted Pilgrims with us to Lourdes this year.

With this in mind, the pilgrimage we are hoping to arrange will be a pilgrimage of mission: we carry the prayers and intentions of many parishioners in our Diocese to Lourdes, including our regular APs, and will pray for them and their families at the Grotto. Although the money collected on the 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> February will not be used in 2021, we are confident that it will be used for what we hope to be a large pilgrimage in 2022. (For the avoidance of doubt, all 2<sup>nd</sup> collection money sits in a Restricted Diocesan account and can only be used to help parishioners get to Lourdes.)

So, in short, we are asking parishioners to support our fund which, through various fund-raising activities throughout each year, helps hundreds of pilgrims achieve their dreams to join us in Lourdes in normal times.

If you are signed up for the Diocese Gift Aid scheme, you can use your purple envelopes. Otherwise, there are special envelopes available in the church. You can also donate online at:

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/donate>

The Pilgrimage Team is acutely aware that we live in challenging financial times and there are many calls on your pockets. Any donation, however small, is received with heartfelt gratitude.

**Can you help with the Readers' Rotas?** We are looking for a couple of people to compile the readers' rotas for the 6.00pm and 10.30am Masses. This is not an onerous task and the rotas can be prepared several months in advance. If (in normal times) you usually attend and read at one of these Masses and can spare a little time in compiling the rotas, please get in touch with the Parish Office.

**On-line giving.** We thank all those parishioners who have recently started donating directly to the parish bank account, but it would be nice to know who you are! If you are not registered on the parish database, please could you do so by following the link on the Home Page of the website. If you do not have internet access, please contact the Parish Secretary at [tadworth@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:tadworth@abdiocese.org.uk). If you are a taxpayer or would like to set up a standing order, our gift-aid organiser, Dick Shelley, would like to increase the value of your gift by 25% and at no cost to you! Please visit the Gift Aid and Giving page on our website or get in touch with the Parish Secretary.

**Pastoral Letter:** This weekend there is a Pastoral Letter from the Bishop; it is available to download from our website.

