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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.

27th February – 7th March 2021 Second Sunday in Lent

Saturday 27th	9.45 - 11.45am	FHC Confessions (Lady Chapel)
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	6.00pm	Peggy O'Connor RIP
Sunday 28th	8.30am	Irene McMahon RIP
	10.30am	People of the Parish
Tuesday 2nd	12.00noon	Funeral: Anthony Herring (Private Mass)
Wednesday 3rd	9.15am	Marianne Goldie RIP
Friday 5th	9.15am	Anthony Herring RIP
	9.45am	Stations of the Cross

Third Sunday in Lent

Saturday 6th	6.00pm	France Darroll RIP
Sunday 7th	8.30am	Susan Colairo RIP
	10.30am	People of the Parish

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

The season of Lent prepares us more intensely for renewing the freedom we have from our Baptism and which we renew by the Sacrament of Confession; especially when we meditate on the meaning of this petition: forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Sometimes the consequences of these petitions are so intensely desired (especially in marriages and families) that the Holy Spirit unites the depth of our hearts with the voice of our Redeemer: Father forgive them... (Luke 23:34).

The death of Christ and the power of his blood is the source of forgiveness we get and we give away. It strengthens the decision of our will and mind to obey the commandment of our Lord (Matthew 6:15) which also includes our enemies (5:43).

The joy and peace of forgiveness which we receive from the Risen Lord ("I absolve you...") renews our new life in Christ (of our will and mind), it moderates our anger and sadness, and enables us to give up revenge and punishment (physical, verbal or emotional). It also opens in us the door towards joy and peace of reconciliation which engages two (or more) freedoms and consciences with the similar intentions.

If it is counsel whereby blessed are the merciful, let us forgive the trespasses of others that our own may be forgiven.

Holy Spirit grant me the gift of counsel, so that I may choose what is more conducive to my spiritual advancement and may discover the wiles and snares of the tempter (St Alphonsus Liguori).

With my prayers

Fr. Stanislaw

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday during Lent at 9.45am. A prayer sheet can be downloaded from our website.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be given to our First Holy Communion candidates this Saturday, 27th February, at two separate sessions in the morning and afternoon. Please keep them in your prayers at this special time. Please note that there will be no public confessions on Saturday morning.

Diocese Mission – Invited. Lent 2021:

The weekly Thursday conversation groups are now fully booked but the Monday videos can be viewed via our website www.abdiocese.org.uk
Transcripts of Speakers and those giving testimony are also available.

Second collection this week: CAFOD Lent

Appeal: Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support. Donate online at cafod.org.uk/lent or by using a CAFOD envelope. You can also give via text. Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10*.

World Day of Prayer 2021

Due to current restrictions our Tadworth Service this year has been postponed but you are invited to take part in our commemorative reflection on Zoom at **2.00pm on Friday 5th March**. We are praying for the people of Vanuatu. The theme is "Build on a strong foundation" and is based on the Sermon on the Mount from St Matthew's gospel. All are welcome to join us using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82109442368?pwd=UWhtMUFRZWVYeUkzUHIzZXZPQk5Rdz09>

Meeting ID: 821 0944 2368

Passcode: 255338

There is also a virtual service on YouTube which has been prepared by the central committee and can be viewed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=edQMgNFdRdo>

For information on Vanuatu see:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2v7hJwZdE94&t=4s>

Online Retreats: The Open Cloister at Worth Abbey led by Michael Woodward (member of the Lay Community of St Benedict)

12th-14th March - Romero and the Salvadorian Martyrs: Along with St Romero, we will look at his friend, Rutilio Grande, the four US Churchwomen, the UCA Jesuits & the hundreds of lesser known Salvadorans who died from 1977-1992.

26th-28th March (Palm Sunday weekend) – The Holy Shroud: Gospel beyond Words - What the Shroud Tells Us.

Book your place on line at:

<https://worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats>

Further information from toc@worth.co.uk

Easter Retreat:

Join the Wellspring Community, Monks of Worth Abbey, and young people from across the country in this interactive online retreat over the Easter Triduum. With a mixture of prayer, small groups and talks, there is a great opportunity to journey with others deeper into the mystery of Easter, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We have created the timetable in such a way that you should be able to attend the liturgies in your local church and if this is not possible, we will offer guidance in how to create a prayerful liturgy at home. Should one of the sessions clash with your local liturgy you will have access later so you can catch up.

Plenty of space will be given to allow for deep reflection and personal journeying with God. <http://www.wellspringbrighton.org.uk/the-virtual-easter-retreat/>

Here is the facebook link for the retreat:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/3623733677740460/>

Lenten Prayer

Lord God,

With all our hearts we beseech you: have mercy on your people; spare your people; strengthen all people in the struggle against the havoc of this pandemic. Lord our God, without you we are so weak and our courage so limited. Give us your strength; give us your love; give us wisdom and skill to continue this fight. Spare your people, O Lord we pray. Comfort those who mourn and gather into your kingdom all who have died. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, who died and rose to life, who lives and reigns with you, for ever and ever. Amen.

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