

# 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.

### 6<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	6.00pm	Brendan Moss RIP
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Marsden Family Intentions
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15am	Halcyon Byfield RIP
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>		<i>St. Scholastica</i>
	9.15am	M Tugwell Thanksgiving
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15am	Mary Patricia Taylor RIP

### 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

**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

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## Dear Parishioners

From hallowed be thy name we move to thy kingdom come. We do not stay among some abstract notions like name or kingdom, but we stay in front of the living and loving Persons. The promised and proclaimed God's kingdom (reign) is near in the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ. It has come in Christ's death and resurrection. It is in our midst in the Eucharist. It will be completed at the end of time when Christ returns to judge the living and the dead.

Our human free will is a door which we open or close to God's kingdom near to us and in our midst. When we say yes with our lives to God, He begins to reign in our souls and through us in our homes (marriages, families: the domestic church), our parish, diocese, and universal Church. We do carefully distinguish earthly progress and Christ's reign and also recognise the grace and truth of Christ's justice and peace which are able to purify and improve culture and societies' order in which we live.

It is our happiness when we sanctify God's name. It is our happiness when we no longer resist Him and his kingdom, because blessed are the meek (gentle) they shall have the earth as inheritance (Matthew 5: 4).

When we hallow God's name, we love God in himself. When we desire his kingdom, we love ourselves in God: we do that (privately in our prayer and publicly in the liturgy of the Church) with the special gift (assistance) of the Holy Spirit, the gift of piety.

Let us ask our Father, following the command of your Son, to renew the justifying grace of the Holy Spirit (given to us at Baptism) and so to make us more like His only begotten Son, our Redeemer, the incarnate kingdom of God, by being more obedient to the promptings and the inspirations of the Holy Spirit.

Holy Spirit grant me the gift of piety, so that I may serve you for the future with increased fervour, follow with more promptness your holy inspirations, and observe your divine precepts with greater fidelity.

With my prayers

*Fr. Stanislaw*

**Spiritual Sadness:** *"Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them"* (Mark 1: 30-31).

This passage from today's Gospel makes us think of a temptation and of a vice: acedia or spiritual sadness or spiritual depression which acts like a "fever" and we need our heavenly Physician to come to us, to take us by the hand and help us up, especially in moments of temptation.

There are many Saints and spiritual writers who help deepen this part of our faith (spiritual theology), such as Evagrius Ponticus, St John Cassian, St Gregory the Great, St Augustine, St Thomas Aquinas, St John of the Cross. I would like to propose a summary of Fr Garrigou-Lagrange OP taken from his books - *The Three Ages of the Spiritual Life*. I do realise that some passages are not easy, but to know about it, to have it and then to read it and re-read it, in order to pray and to love God more... that's the right intention with which to approach it. You can download a copy from the home page of our website [www.stjohnstadworth.org.uk](http://www.stjohnstadworth.org.uk)

*Fr. Stanislaw*

**Please pray for:** The repose of the souls of Kazimiera Pilsak and Anthony Herring, who both died recently. Please also keep their families in your prayer.

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

**Each Monday during Lent** an episode of *Invited* will be premiered on the diocesan website and across our social media channels. This episode will contain teaching and testimony on a particular aspect of that week's theme, with time for prayer and reflection.

**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. Not only will this give people a chance to prepare more prayerfully for Mass, but it will give us an opportunity to link the diocesan-wide mission to everyday parish life. Visit [www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited) to find out more.

**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.

### **Second collection next week: Lourdes Pilgrimage 2021**

The Diocesan Pilgrimage would normally take around 700 people each year to Lourdes, of whom 140 are Assisted Pilgrims who are frail, elderly, disabled or sick. The Pilgrimage relies on generous donors to enable it to offer financial support to the Assisted Pilgrims. In 2019, the last time the pilgrimage took place, the sum required to subsidise those who struggled to afford to pay for their trip was £60,413. It is unlikely that in 2021 it will be possible to take as many Assisted Pilgrims as usual, but please rest assured that all donations will be held in a Restricted Account and used to help pilgrims in future years who would otherwise be unable to join the pilgrimage and experience the joy, comfort and peace that it brings.

If you are signed up for the Diocese Gift Aid scheme, you can use your purple envelopes. Otherwise, there are special pilgrimage envelopes available at the back of the church.

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.

**Support for local food bank:** Our Parish Tuesday morning Prayer Group organises collection and distribution of food donations to the Preston Estate Food Bank. Boxes for your donations will be left in the Narthex each week. This is a fabulous way for our parish family to support the local community.

### **Standing Order for weekly offertory**

**collections:** If you have online banking and would like to set up a standing order for your weekly offertory collection, the parish bank account details are:

**RCD St Johns Tadworth**

**Sort code 40 05 20**

**Account number 81076310**

