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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.

10th – 18th April 2021

Second Sunday of Easter: Divine Mercy

Saturday 10th	6.00pm	Terry and Pat Sheehy RIP
Sunday 11th	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Harry Brinkworth RIP
Tuesday 13th	9.15am	Remo Dipre RIP
Wednesday 14th	9.15am	Caitlin, Sean and Aife RIP
Friday 16th	9.15am	Deceased members of the Green and Stephens families

Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday 17th	6.00pm	Debbie Tugwell Intentions
Sunday 18th	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Pia and George Matthews Thanksgiving

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

Divine Justice is the first reason of Christ's resurrection. Our instruction in the faith is the second reason.

Since our belief in Christ's Godhead is confirmed by His rising again, because, according to 2 Corinthians 13:4 "for, though it was out of weakness that he was crucified, he is alive now with the power of God". And therefore it is also written: "If Christ be not risen again, then is our preaching vain, and our [your] faith is also vain" (1 Corinthians 15:14), and "What point is there in my death (in my blood)?" that is, in the shedding of My blood, "my going down to the abyss?" as by various degrees of evils, "into the dust (corruption?)" (Psalm 30:9). As though He were to answer: None. For if I do not at once rise again but My body be corrupted, I shall preach to no one, I shall gain no one.

Our Lord gives us two prospects regarding our instruction in the faith: Listen, read and understand (see Matthew 15: 10). Every stage of our life (of mind, will and affections) listens, reads and understands in different ways (child, teenage, adulthood).

Easter time, between Christ's Resurrection, Ascension and Pentecost is a privileged time for spiritual and sacramental renewal (Confession and Holy Communion): a time in which, learning from Christ's Apostles and disciples, we are called for a second conversion (see John 21:15-19).

Let us then listen / read and understand (Bible, The Catechisms of the Catholic Church, the Saints), like Jesus' beloved disciples / adoptive children of God, that the virtue of our faith may not be empty (infantile or superstitious) but filled with God's truth which works through charity and out of charity in the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

With my prayers.

A Holy Easter

Fr. Stanislaw

Today's Gospel pictures the true humanity of the Apostles after the Lord's Resurrection: afraid, doubtful, with no peace... They are in need of a physician and of medication; like each one of us, sometimes. On our Parish website there is an extract on "Second Conversion", as well as St. Thomas' commentary on the Gospel. You will find some very useful thoughts; a fruitful reading with the gift of understanding.

Dear Parishioners,

The Holy Spirit, who wants to lead us and who ineffably leads the Catholic Church, teaches us to guarantee the indispensable minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbour: "You shall confess your sins at least once a year. This ensures preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation, which continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness; at least during the Easter season" (see Catechism 2041-2042). Therefore, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts" (see Hebrews 3:15).

With my prayers

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Invited Booklet Season 1: is available to download from our website. Produced by the Diocesan Formation Team, it demonstrates the breadth of opportunities for involvement across the Diocese, and is a useful reference and resource for individuals and parishes. It explains the next steps in the Diocesan 5 Year Mission, and includes links to lots of events and ideas for how you can get more involved in the parish community.

Arundel and Brighton Lourdes Pilgrimage 2021:

Applications can now be made for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 23rd – 29th July 2021. It will be a different kind of week to the normal pilgrimage, but it should still be an uplifting and enriching experience for all who are able to be involved. Please visit the www.2021.ablourdes.org website.

The Catholic Bishops of Arundel and Brighton

1965-2020: This new book - the first appraisal of the Bishops of A & B - has just been published to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the death of Bishop David Cashman. Priced at £4, copies are available from the Isle of Wight Catholic History Society iow-chs@outlook.com.

Gift Aid boxes 2021/22: are now available to collect from the Narthex. If you would like to join the scheme, or set up a standing order for your weekly offertory, please get in touch with the parish office.

Parliament in your Parish: Engaging A&B MPs to plan a better post-COVID world:

Thursday 15th April, 7.30pm to 8.30pm

The eyes are on the UK as we host both the G7 and COP26 summits this year. It is as important as ever that we hold our politicians accountable after the pandemic to rebuild in a way that addresses the world's most pressing ecological and social issues. Arundel & Brighton's Journey to 2030 and CAFOD invite you to an evening of online discussion on how we can engage with our MPs on these issues, using CAFOD's Reclaim our Common Home campaign as a means to encourage our MPs to take action through a "Parliament in your Parish".

You will learn about how to engage with the campaign, including how to set up meetings with your MP, as well as have the chance to connect with others in the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton and your own constituency to maximise our message. Please email: parish_rep@journeyto2030.org with your name, parish and MP constituency to register your place and receive the Zoom link.

The Trinity Conference: 28th May, 9am -

3.30pm: This online conference is for anyone involved in the education or catechesis of young people. The day will provide a Catholic Christian theological and pastoral framework for understanding mental health, as well as providing practical tools for those who support young people struggling with mental health. Speakers include psychiatrists, psychologists, counsellors, academics, youth ministers, media professionals, religious, and students themselves. Visit www.leedstrinity.ac.uk for more information.

Diocesan Fairtrade Group

The Diocese of Arundel & Brighton is a Fairtrade Diocese - 50% of our churches are certificated as meeting the Fairtrade Foundation's criteria for Fairtrade churches and agree to use products with the FAIRTRADE mark. The A&B Fairtrade Group ensures that goals continue to be met and aims to raise awareness about Fairtrade labelled products - including those sold by Traidcraft - which support fair terms of trade, decent working conditions and local sustainability for farmers and producers in the developing world. The Group needs more members from across the Diocese and would welcome enquiries from interested people. The Group meets three times a year. Please contact Sue Joy, Convenor. email: SusanJoy471@hotmail.com 01342 835190. Thank you.

Vacancy – The John Fisher School Purley: wishes to appoint a School Business Manger to cover 9-12 months' maternity leave, starting June 2021. Please visit the school website for more information.

