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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.

1st – 9th May 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday 1st

11.00am **Baptism:** Zara Malia Ariff
6.00pm Padraic and Helena O'Grady RIP

Sunday 2nd

8.30am People of the Parish
10.30am Mary White Intentions (90th Birthday)

Tuesday 4th

The English Martyrs
9.15am Komoto Matsuda Intentions

Wednesday 5th

9.15am Margaret and Keith Tickner Intentions

Friday 7th

11.00am **Funeral Mass:** Edward John O'Shea (Family only)

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday 8th

11.00am **Baptism:** Zachary Benimkadem
6.00pm Tom Larkin RIP

Sunday 9th

8.30am People of the Parish
10.30am Sayuri Yamamoto Intentions

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 Resurrection of the Lord sets in order our lives. God says through St Paul about this new order: "as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glorious power, we too should begin living a new life", and further on, "We know that Christ has been raised from the dead and will never die again... In the same way, you must see yourselves as being dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus" (Romans 6: 4; 9.11).

We witness to this truth when we pray with the whole Church: "For his Death is our ransom from death, and in his rising the life of all has risen (Preface II of Easter); and when we renounce sin so as to live in the freedom of the children of God; the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over us; and Satan, the author and prince of sin" (Baptismal Promises).

Christ's Resurrection sets in order our lives but we are not compelled to live it. God the Father, through His Son, Jesus Christ, and now the Catholic Church (Christ's Body), and in the Holy Spirit, fully gives all we need to be free and happy (grace of conversion and justification, and sacramental graces) and, as it were, before us the truth and the way of the true freedom (the Creed, the Sacraments, Ten Commandments) but it is up to us to make the right, the wise choice at every stage of our lives. God's charity enables our minds, wills and affections to the full happiness of the house of our Father in heaven... but we begin to live that happiness (the kingdom of God) already here on earth when we deliberately choose it and work with it (see John 1: 12; 17; 8:32-36).

A Holy Easter Time.
With my prayers
Fr. Stanislaw

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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Commentaries on today's Gospel: by St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Augustine and St. Cyril of Alexandria are available on our website.

Save the Date!!

St. John's Summer Family Fun Day is back! Sunday 11th July

More details in due course, but for now, please pray that we continue on a positive path out of lockdown so that we may once again come together as a parish community for this wonderful social event.

Bereavement Support:

Although grieving is a natural process which can be helped by the sympathy and understanding of family and friends, sometimes a person may need support to work through it in a positive way.

St John's Bereavement Support offers a 'listening ear' to those who have been bereaved. We aim to listen with understanding, to accept those suffering loss as they are and support them through the grieving process. Please get in touch with pots@stjohntadworth.org.uk if you would like to organise a call.

10-16th May is Marriage Week: a time for us to celebrate the joy and blessings of marriage. Pope Francis reminds us that "Marriage is like a plant. It is not an armoire, which is placed there, in the room, and it's enough to dust it every once in a while. A plant is alive, and it needs to be cared for every day: to see how it is doing, to give it water, and so it goes. Marriage is a living reality: the life of a couple should never be taken for granted, in any phase of a family's journey." *Pope Francis, 21st December 2015.* Why not take some time this week to really find some time to talk to your spouse and nurture your marriage?

Second collections:

This week – The Education of Future Priests (Gift Aid)

Next week – The Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese (Gift Aid)

Covid 19—a very challenging time for many marriages:

So much uncertainty around health, income, employment, vulnerable family members, children, housing. Different ways of seeing things, coping with change, managing fears, can be a source of conflict and stress. It can be difficult to talk, to listen to support and comfort when there is so much uncertainty. Being together all the time, brings different challenges. You wonder would we be better apart?

Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples, it brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage ...and you don't need to leave home, it comes to you!

For confidential information about Retrouvaille', or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing on **1st -4th July 2021** Call or text +44788 729 6983 or +44 797 338 0443.

Email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com – or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Calling all parents and those supporting families on the adventure of faith!

The Colour and Shape Online community is a new way to resource, inspire, and connect families looking for support as they accompany their children on their own faith journey. Together we are exploring how to live a joy-filled life of faith that creates sacred space in the home and celebrates the liturgical seasons of the church creatively and sustainably. But it's not just for parents! The network is for all those supporting families and gathers together grandparents, godparents, teachers, youth workers, clergy, children's liturgy leaders, and catechists so that we can all inspire and learn from each other.

Throughout the year we run courses online (such as the 'Parenting for Faith' course) and beginning May 4th we will be starting 'The Prayer Course' (from 24/7 Prayer) – an eight week journey through the Lord's Prayer which discusses a wide variety of prayer practices and themes. There will be optional Zoom meetings on Thursday evenings, beginning May 6th, and all are welcome!

Visit www.colourandshapeonline.com to find out more about the community and to sign up. It's free and we can't wait to meet you!

Online Retreats: The Open Cloister @ Worth Abbey

Saturday 29th May: The Post-Covid World: Pope Francis' vision 'Let us Dream'

Led by Austen Ivereigh

The retreat will take two recent texts by Pope Francis that lay out a vision of a post-pandemic future in which fraternity, rather than individualism, can be the organising principle of our world. Let Us Dream, which came out in December 2020, is the first ever book by a pope in response to a crisis. In it, Francis offers us a three-step way of changing so that we emerge better from the pandemic: by learning to contemplate, discern and take action. Fratelli Tutti ('Brothers and Sisters All') is the title of Pope Francis' October, 2020 encyclical letter on human fraternity and social friendship.

Saturday 5th June: The Wisdom of St Benedict

– **Fr Martin McGee:** Three talks exploring the riches of St Benedict's rule which seeks to help us live out the Christian life in all its fullness.

Further information and to book your place online:

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

For enquiries, please email: toc@worth.org.uk

St. Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls: is

seeking to appoint a Clerk to the Governing Body as soon as possible. Please get in touch with recruitment@stphils.org.uk, or contact the HR Officer on 020 8642 2025.

Foundation Governor for the John Fisher

Catholic School in Purley: Would you like to give a few hours a month as part of the strategic team that helps develop the school, drive education and achieve positive outcomes for local children? If you have financial, educational, strategic or HR/legal skills, that you are willing to use for a fulfilling and sometime challenging role, please contact Mrs Lindsay Redding, Clerk to the Governors, via email l.redding@johnsisherschool.org by Monday 24th May for more information.