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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.

11th – 19th September 2021

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 11th	6.00pm	Eileen Cooke RIP
Sunday 12th	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Rina Dipre RIP
Tuesday 14th		<i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>
	9.15am	Mary Boucher RIP and deceased members of the religious
Wednesday 15th		<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>
	9.15am	Rina Dipre RIP
Friday 17th	9.15am	Maureen and Albert Lippett RIP

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 18th	6.00pm	Ann and Fred Green Intentions
Sunday 19th	8.30am	Joan Robinson Intentions
	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: Wednesday 9.45am – 10.15am

Dear Parishioners

Origen of Alexandria, who lived 185-232, is a “witness of the Word”. He dedicated all his intellectual gifts from God to God’s word, Sacred Scripture, and after imprisonment and barbaric tortures for faith, he completed his witnessing to Christ.

From what we have now it is worth reading his Homilies and Commentaries on the Gospel of John and Matthew. In his Homilies, Origen took every opportunity to recall the different dimensions of the sense of Sacred Scripture: the literal sense, but this conceals depths that are not immediately apparent; the moral sense, what we must do in living the Word of God; and the spiritual sense, the unity of Scripture which speaks of Christ. He linked the Word of God with prayer, and prayer with love of friendship of Christ, that “the gaze of our hearts” may turn to contemplate Wisdom and Truth which are Jesus Christ.

When he writes on Jesus’ discourse in Nazareth – “when the eyes of all were fixed on him” (Lk 4:16-30) - he seems to address each one of us, especially our families and our parish: “Today, too, if you so wish, in this assembly your eyes can be fixed on the Saviour. In fact, it is when you turn the deepest gaze of your heart to the contemplation of Wisdom, Truth and the only Son of God that your eyes will see God... to look at Jesus, not the eyes of the body but those of the soul...”

With my prayers

Fr. Stanislaw

Faith resources on our website this week:

St. Leo the Great, Homily on the Beatitudes

Education Sunday 12th September: This year the focus of Education Sunday is to thank all those who work in Catholic schools for their hard work and dedication over what has been a very challenging 18 months. To help celebrate this special occasion the Catholic Education Service has provided a range of resources www.catholiceducation.org.uk

Second collection this Sunday: Catholic Education Service.

Second collection next Sunday: Home Mission Sunday

Tuesday morning Coffee Club: has now recommenced in the church hall after the 9.15am Mass – all are welcome.

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Keith Tickner who has voluntarily run the Coffee Club for many years, providing a welcoming and supportive place for parishioners to come together, make friends and have a natter 😊.

Keith has decided it’s finally time to retire from this role and we are very grateful to the few parishioners who have agreed to keep this long-standing parish group going. It would be great to have a few more people involved so that we can set up a rota and share the duties. Please get in touch with the Parish Office if you can help.

Simple Lunch is back! The “Simple Lunch” started in 1991 as a way of helping the local community. St. John’s supports the homeless hostel in Leatherhead, now known as Leatherhead Start, which provides emergency accommodation and support for vulnerable men and women.

On the first Thursday or Friday of the month (actual day to be confirmed), we organise a frugal lunch of bread, cheese, tea and coffee; parishioners make a donation for the lunch, and the proceeds go directly to Leatherhead Start.

It’s a convivial lunch and many friendships have been formed on these Fridays! Why not come along and join us at this wonderful parish event, knowing that you’ll be helping a good cause at the same time.

The next lunch will be either Friday 1st October or Thursday 7th October (tbc).

If you can join the rota to help set up the lunches, please let the Parish Office know.

Parish Bridge Club: will resume next week. It takes place every Tuesday in the church hall at 10.30am. If you would like to find out more, please get in touch with Peggy Wilkinson on 01737 370825, or just come along.

St. John’s Family Fun Day and BBQ: Thank you to everyone who has bought tickets for this event! We are delighted with the tremendous response – it promises to be a wonderful day and if someone can organise the sunshine, that would be great 😊. A small number of remaining tickets will be on sale after 6.00pm Mass on Saturday.

Please be aware that the car park will close after 6.00pm Mass; access to cars will only be available on Sunday for disabled parishioners or to drop off those with limited mobility. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Knights of St Columba Sponsored Walk:

This annual event, in aid of St Raphael's Hospice in Cheam, is taking place this year on 2nd October in Nonsuch Park at 2pm. The Brothers of Council 328 once again call on your support for this worthy cause and any donation will be greatly appreciated.

You can sponsor us on our Just Giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ksc328-walk2021>. With many thanks, Steve Lobo.

Diocese Mission – Invited:

Our latest Invited Monthly Reflection is out now. Our Invited Mission earlier this year brought people across the Diocese (and far beyond) together in faith, online. A second series of Invited, with online groups, will happen during Eastertide 2022. In the meantime, our Formation Team are working on a film series, with six episodes due to launch on 19 October, the Feast of St Philip Howard.

If you have already signed up to Invited - watch this space! If you haven't signed up and would like to receive a free monthly email reflection and updates about our Invited programme - including news of the upcoming series – get in touch with Invited@abdiocese.org.uk

Deanery Masses for those who have died:

3rd – 29th November, various locations.

The last twelve months have been challenging for people across our community. Bishop Richard is offering a special Station Mass in each Deanery for all those who have died this year:

Epsom & Redhill Deanery - Friday 19th November at 7.30pm, St Michael's, Ashted.

Stress in Your Marriage? – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it.

This programme has helped 6,000 couples who were experiencing difficulties in their marriage in the past year. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the programme commencing with a 'Virtual weekend' on **21st – 24th October 2021**, call or text +44 788 7296983 or +44 797 3380443 - or Email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

