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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.

18th – 26th September 2021

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
Tuesday 21st		<i>St. Matthew</i>
	9.15am	Maureen and Albert Lippett RIP
Wednesday 22nd	9.15am	Gregory Mitchell RIP
Friday 24th		<i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>
	9.15am	Maurice Hutton Intentions

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 25th	6.00pm	Dennis Watkins RIP
Sunday 26th	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	The Mitchell Family 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: Wednesday 9.45am – 10.15am

Dear Parishioners

St Cyprian is the witness of faith who is also the first bishop in Africa to obtain the crown of martyrdom. He was born in Carthage into a rich pagan family. He converted to Christianity at the age of thirty-five, was chosen for the priestly office and raised to the dignity of bishop in which he carried out his pastoral activity for the thirteen years, till his martyrdom.

He left a beautiful testimony of his life without catholic faith as “when I was still lying in darkness and gloomy night” and wrote many letters on the unity of the Church and after his baptism “by the help of water of new birth, the stain of my former life was washed away, and a light from above, serene and pure, was infused into my reconciled heart”.

He wrote many letters on the unity of the Church distinguishing between the visible and invisible mystical Church, but forcefully affirmed that the Church is one, founded on Peter. There are also his treatises on the Our Father which gives a deep insight into it when we pray individually and as one Body of Christ.

May St Cyprian pray for us, especially for our families, that they will be the true domestic churches in which prayer is taught and practised.

With my prayers

Fr. Stanislaw

Faith resources on our website this week:

St. Leo the Great, Homily on the Beatitudes.

Second collection this Sunday: Home Mission Sunday.

St. John's Family Fun Day and BBQ: A huge thank you to Siobhain Clancy and everyone who organised, helped on the day, and – most of all – attended this wonderful parish community event. Your support is very much appreciated, and we hope you all had fun!

We look forward to a bigger and better event next year!

Disabled ramp: has now been installed at the left side exit of the church. The broken wall in front of the hall has also been repaired. These vital works would not be possible without the support of your generous weekly offerings, for which the parish is very grateful.

Children's Liturgy: We are hoping to restart Children's Liturgy on Sunday 26th September during the 10.30am Mass.

This has been at the heart of our parish community for many years, supporting young families on their journey to practice their faith.

For the past year, the liturgy has run mostly via Zoom, enhanced with a number of Church based activities (i.e. crib visit, stations of the cross, building the Easter garden, Pentecost Church birthday party etc).

We can only continue these activities with the support of the parish community, and we very much need people to come forward to offer their help. It's

not a huge job, simply setting up the room or helping supervise the children during activities. It is tremendously rewarding and need not be a long-term commitment - usually 8 sessions a term - and with enough volunteers we can establish a rota. We currently have a small team of young people (some of our Confirmation candidates) who will lead the sessions with one of the catechists.

Please let Fr. Stanislaw know, or email the Parish Office, if you would like to offer your help.

School Application Forms: Fr. Stanislaw would like you to bring your forms to the presbytery for him to sign. Please be aware that he will be away from the parish from 30th September to 11th October.

Tuesday morning Coffee Club: In the church hall after the 9.15am Mass – all are welcome. 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! On the first Thursday of the month, we organise a frugal lunch for which parishioners make a donation; the proceeds go directly to Leatherhead Start which provides emergency accommodation and support for vulnerable men and women.

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 Thursday 7th October at 12.30pm. If you can join the rota to help set up the lunches, please let the Parish Office know.

Missalettes: We will increase our order of missalettes when the next delivery is due. In the meantime, we politely ask that, where possible, you share one copy between couples or families. This means there will be enough left for those who attend the 10.30 Mass. Thank you for your understanding.

Parish Bridge Club: 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.

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.

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

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Climate Crisis Appeal:

Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. This Family Fast Day, Friday 1st October, please donate in the parish using a CAFOD envelope or online through the CAFOD website (cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis) and help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. You can also add your voice to our online petition calling for our Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis, cafod.org.uk/climate. Thank you for your generosity for our emergency appeals to support our sisters and brothers in crisis in Afghanistan and Haiti. You can read more about CAFOD's response at cafod.org.uk/emergencies.

Journeying from Despair to Hope: Prisons Week online event 12 October, 5.00pm - 6.15 pm.

Prisoners and their families are often some of the most socially excluded people in our society. Arundel & Brighton, Clifton and Plymouth Dioceses invite you to explore the challenges facing them. Visit <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/join-our-prisons-week-online-event-12-october-5-6-15-pm> to find out more and register.

Marriage Anniversaries Mass at St Joseph's Guildford

9 October, 11.30am - 2.30pm
Are you celebrating a significant anniversary this year? Join us for a wonderful opportunity to renew your wedding vows and revel in the joy that marriage can bring. Visit <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/are-you-celebrating-a-significant-wedding-anniversary-this-year> to find out more.

