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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.

25th September – 3rd October 2021 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
Tuesday 28th	9.15am	Kathy Cooper 80 th Birthday Intentions
Wednesday 29th		<i>Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels</i>
	9.15am	Inez Hutton RIP
Friday 1st	9.15am	No Mass

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 2nd	6.00pm	Kit Briscoe RIP
Sunday 3rd	9.30am	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

In the history of our Catholic faith, there is Eusebius of Caesarea (260-337) who was highly qualified in varied contexts, from theology to exegesis, but he is still associated with the ten books of his Ecclesiastical History. He embraced different spheres: the succession of the Apostles, the dissemination of the message, the errors and then persecutions, and the important testimonies. In all this Eusebius saw the Saviour's mercy and benevolence.

Let us pray then that our families may become the first places when we experience and imitate the mercy and benevolence of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of man.

With my prayers for hallowing God's name.

Fr. Stanislaw

Faith resources on our website this week:

St. Leo the Great, Homily on the Beatitudes:
Blessedness of a Pure Heart and Blessedness of Peacemaking.

Change to Mass times:

- There will be just **one Sunday Mass on 3rd and 10th October at 9.30am**
 - There will be **no weekday Masses** during the week of 4th October or on Friday 1st October.
- Fr. Philip Pak will be with us whilst Fr. Stanislaw is on retreat in Poland.

Dear Parishioners

Holy Communion: it is holy because we receive sacramentally God himself who is really present; it is communion because it reveals and seals our intimacy of love and friendship with Christ who gives himself through his Church and we have been regenerated (Baptism), we share the faith of the Catholic Church, and we live according to Christ's teaching (the Ten Commandments).

The technique of receiving the Holy Communion is important for peace of mind and conscience of the Priest (and Eucharistic Ministers) who is the steward of Holy Things: therefore, as a reminder, please, when you approach the Priest, lower your face covering, stretch out your hands and put the Body of Christ in your mouth while you are still in front of the priest; please do not walk away with the Body of Christ in your hand.

Fr. Stanislaw

NHS Test and Trace/Stewards' Role: The Stewards will no longer ask for your name and contact details when you arrive at Mass as this is not a legal requirement. You are still encouraged to log in using the NHS app/QR code so that NHS Test and Trace can notify you in the event of parishioners testing positive for Covid, and we would like you to continue wearing masks and sanitising your hands. The role of Steward will therefore revert to the traditional Welcomer role; if you would like to join the team of Welcomers – to meet and greet parishioners, hand out missalettes, etc. – please either speak to one of the team on duty or let Fr. Stanislaw know so that a new rota can be compiled.

Children's Liturgy: Thank you so much to the people who responded to last week's appeal to help run the Children's Liturgy. We can now resume the liturgy this Sunday 26th September during the 10.30am Mass. More help is always welcome, so if you would like to be involved, please speak to one of the team at the 10.30 Mass or get in touch with the Parish Office.

Tuesday morning Coffee Club: In the church hall after the 9.15am Mass – all are welcome.

Simple Lunch is back! 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.**

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.

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.

Second collection next Sunday: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day (1st October).

Grandparents' Groups: Within the Diocese we have several active grandparent groups who gather to pray for their grandchildren and to share the highs and lows of this stage of life. Remember when you joined toddler groups when your children were young, to find like-minded people and unlimited support? It's a bit like that, chat over issues such as how to help your grandchildren without upsetting your own children...or their spouse!! How to pass on your faith and find strength in praying about it all together.

If you are interested in joining or creating a group in your parish, please do contact Katherine Bergin at Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

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-are-celebrating-a-significant-wedding-anniversary-this-year-to-find-out-more>.

Deanery Masses for those who have died:

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, Ashtead.

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

Quiet Friday at Worth Abbey

8th October, 12th November, 10th December.

Led by a member of the monastic community and usually on the second Friday of each month. A time for stillness and solitude and to enjoy the attractive grounds and Quiet Garden. You are also warmly invited to join the monastic community for midday prayer in the Abbey Church, followed by Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Tea and Coffee available but please bring your own packed lunch. Arrivals from 10:15am for a 10:45am start, until 3:30pm; based in Compass House. Booking is essential via the website www.worth.co.uk/retreats or by calling 01342 710318. Cost: £15 per person

Diocese Prayer for Grandparents

Loving father, we pray for all grandparents. Help them to reflect your unconditional love in their relationship with their families. Grant them the gifts of wisdom and patience to enable them to support their families and be there to encourage, advise and inspire, in their turn, their children's children.

May they be for their Grandchildren a safe refuge of consistency, offering witness to all of a life which is inspired by Gospel values, enriched by prayer and fuelled by the hope of the eternal kingdom.