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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.

9th – 17th October 2021

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 9th	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 10th	9.30am	Maureen and Albert Lippett RIP
Tuesday 12th		<i>St. Wilfrid</i>
	9.15am	Dermot Mitchell Intentions
Wednesday 13th	9.15am	Anne Grant RIP
Friday 15th		<i>St. Teresa of Jesus</i>
	9.15am	Roger Chesterman RIP

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 16th	6.00pm	Maura Murray Intentions
Sunday 17th	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Stanislawa Gozdz RIP

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

N.B There will be no confessions until Saturday 16th October.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday 9.45am – 10.15am

Bishop Richard's Weekly Reflection:

The encounter between Jesus and the rich man in this Sunday's Gospel is a real challenge to each and every one of us – not just to those who may possess material or financial wealth. When considered along with the first reading this Sunday, from the Book of Wisdom, it is a real invitation to think in a new way.

The man in the Gospel was a good person. He kept the commandments, he was observant in his Jewish faith, a man of integrity and probity. Not only that, he had within him a real desire to do all things well, that he might know eternal life. The writer of the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that God sees all things – and Jesus, seeing all was in this good man, upon whom he looked with love, could see what was lacking. Jesus could see the one stumbling block that stood in the way of this man's desire for the fulfilment of God's promises in and for him: riches. The thought of losing his wealth was too much for him – a reminder that the path to the Kingdom is narrow and entered through the narrow gate.

It is consoling to reflect on the fact that Jesus looks at each one of us, sees us just as we are and loves us just as we are – as he loved the rich man. It is challenging to realise that Jesus also sees whatever is in us that would keep us from Him, and it is important to reflect on whatever may be keeping us from being His true disciples, filled and brimming over with the love that He share shares with us.

Let us not shrink from this real, honest examination of conscience, this thorough-going reflection on our lives that is a necessary step for those intent on living the life we are called to live, the people whom we are called to be. While this step may be daunting, it leads to the 'Life to the Full' that, as Matthew records Jesus saying, is the very reason for His coming.

With every blessing
+ Richard

Second collections:

This Sunday: Prisoners' Sunday – PACT

Pact is the national Catholic charity that provides support to men, women and young people in prison, people with convictions, and their children and families. Visit their website: www.prisonadvice.org.uk for more information about their work.

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

Simple Lunch: Thank you to those who attended and raised a fabulous £50 for Macmillan Cancer Support 😊. The next lunch will be on Thursday 4th November at 12.30pm. Why not come along and join us at this wonderful parish event?

November Holy Souls Masses: Envelopes are available in the porch; please place in the envelope the names of deceased relatives and friends for whom you would like Holy Mass to be offered, along with your offering for the priest. Mass intentions will be shown in the newsletter as "Parish November Dead List"; if Fr. Stanislaw is unable to say all the Masses in November, he will schedule them over the remainder of the year.

NHS Test and Trace/Stewards' Role: The Stewards will no longer ask for your name and contact details when you arrive at Mass. 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. 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.

Diocese Mission – Invited: Six new Invited films will be uploaded to the A&B website later this month! Have you joined our Invited Mission? A second series of Invited, with online groups, will happen during Eastertide 2022. In the meantime, our Formation Team have devised a film series, with six episodes due to launch on 19 October, the Feast of St Philip Howard. This month's Invited Reflection explores what each film will offer - to find out more visit www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited.

Annual Online Volunteer Forum: Saturday 30th

October: The Diocese is fortunate to have a large number of people enriching their communities by volunteering in a range of parish roles. Our popular Annual Volunteer Forum provides volunteers across the Diocese with an opportunity to learn about the latest developments from our Finance, Gift Aid with Fundraising, Health & Safety and Safeguarding teams, with opportunities for Q&A offered after each presentation.

This year's forum will take place via Zoom on Saturday 30 October. Further details and the Zoom links will be shared in the News section of our website, and across our channels. We look forward to welcoming many of you then!

Did you pick this newsletter up at Mass? Did you know you can receive it as part of the weekly email update from the Parish Office? Please get in touch to be added to the distribution list.

Journeying from Despair to Hope:

'Building support from parishes to prisoners and their families.' An online event on 12th October 5.00pm to 6.15 pm.

Register at <https://forms.office.com/r/J1zTkUTiP7>

Pontifical Mass for St Philip Howard at Arundel Cathedral, Sunday 17 October at 3.00pm.

People across our community are invited to Arundel Cathedral for the Pontifical Mass for St Philip Howard, followed by tea in the Cathedral Centre. To register your place please
E: arundel@abdiocese.org.uk

A House of Prayer Retreat: What do we tell ourselves about God?: Who do you say I am? 30 October, 10.00am-4.00pm, **Cost £30**
This day offers an opportunity to explore our ideas about God through mandala making, pantoum writing and other resources to think about the relevance of our ideas in the culture we live in. Visit www.christian-retreat.org to find out more and book.

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.

Wintershall's Nativity is back: offering an unforgettable experience while bringing the true meaning of Christmas to life for the whole family. To pre-book E: admin@wintershall.org.uk or visit the Wintershall website. Please note that refunds or credits will be issued if a performance is cancelled due to Covid-19.

