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### Newsletter of Catholic Parish of St. John the Evangelist Tadworth

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### 23<sup>rd</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021

#### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	6.00pm	Peter Quigley RIP
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Mary Boucher RIP
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15am	Edward John O'Shea RIP
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15am	Caroline Heath RIP
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15am	Inez Hutton RIP

#### All Saints

<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	6.00pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	8.30am	Chris Murrell Intentions
	10.30am	Yolanda Turnbull RIP

**Confession:** Saturdays 10.00am – 11.00am and 4.30pm – 5.30pm.  
On request after weekday and Sunday Masses. Confession will be heard in the Sacristy.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:**

Wednesday 9.45am – 10.15am

**ROSARY:** Wednesdays 9.00am– 9.15am (October & May before weekday Mass)

## Dear Parishioners

You will have heard about the synod (from Greek), council (from Latin) in Bishop Richard's Pastoral Letter a few weeks ago. Formally it is an assembly, an ecclesiastical gathering under hierarchal authority.

Pope Francis opened the Synod on 9-10 October for the whole Church. It will take place in three phases: diocesan (every diocese which includes local parishes; October 2021- April 2022), national (Episcopal Conference April 2022- September 2022), continental (September 2022-March 2023); and the final step is the Synod of Bishops (Rome October 2023; see also the website:

<https://www.synod.va/en.html>).

We, as a local community, will be personally involved in the first phase. What does that mean in practice? The first step is a humble and trustful prayer that we will be led by the Holy Spirit; individual prayer, family prayer and parish prayer. The second step is the acknowledging and deepening of God's gifts which we already have in our Catholic Church: what we believe (Creed), what we celebrate (the Sacraments), how we live (the Decalogue/10 Commandments) and what we long for (Our Father). The third step is a synodal pathway, which means, we advise, we give counsel by saying how can we apply those gifts to our "here and now": e.g. our personal situations, our marriages and families, parishes, schools, places of work, local communities, etc.

Let us engage our hearts and ears to listen to the promptings of the Spirit of our Father and the Risen Lord who wants also to hear about our joy and pain in living His Good News "here and now", and about our dreams for the future. May we all discern His fatherly will.

More practical details, on how we can counsel – express our thoughts in order to send them to Bishop Richard - will soon be announced.

With my prayers

*Fr. Stanislaw*

**Prayer for the Synod:** is available on the homepage of our website.

**Please pray for:** the repose of the soul of Fr. Kenneth McCarthy who died this week.

**Rosary at 9.00am before all weekday Masses:** during the month of October which is dedicated to Mary.

**Children's Liturgy:** There is no Children's Liturgy this Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October or next Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

## Parish Bereavement Mass Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>

**November at 3.00pm:** for all those loved ones we have lost, remembering especially those who died during the pandemic. The Mass will be followed by tea/coffee and sandwiches in the hall. All are welcome.

**Parish Pastoral Outreach Team:** will resume their monthly meetings on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.30pm (venue to be confirmed).

The team endeavours to offer support to parishioners that may need extra help, whether this be companionship or practical help.

We would love to build our team of volunteers so that we can reach more people and share the load. Please do get in touch if you would like to be involved in this wonderful aspect of parish life which can be very rewarding. Please contact [siobhainy3b@gmail.com](mailto:siobhainy3b@gmail.com). Thank you.

## The Parish Social Committee Needs You!

As parish life emerges from lockdown, St John's needs a social committee to arrange activities for the whole community – young and not so young! The bigger the team, the less work for individuals and the greater the variety of events – something for everyone is what we're aiming for!

Why not come along to an initial meeting – no commitment – to see if this is something you would be interested in; to get the ball rolling we will probably meet in a local watering hole and deliberate over a pint or glass of something! Please get in touch with [siobhainy3b@gmail.com](mailto:siobhainy3b@gmail.com). Thank you.

**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.

## Second collection this Sunday: World Mission

**Sunday** is celebrated in every Catholic community in the world. It's a moment of grace to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression. Every parish, school and community is invited to join this special event, and every penny, pound and prayer you give to Missio helps missionaries everywhere continue their work.

## My Dear Parishioners

*"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone".*

(1 Corinthians 12:4-6)

It was just over two years ago that I arrived here at St. John's to serve as your Parish Priest. I didn't know what lay ahead, but I definitely didn't expect to very soon find myself in the midst of a pandemic and the doors of our church closed for so many months.

As I reflect on the events of the past 18 months, I give thanks to God for the great gift of charity He has bestowed on my parishioners. I am struck by the enormous amount of help and support given not only to me personally, but also to the wider parish community, to the upkeep of our beautiful church, and to the support of our collective and individual witness to our Catholic faith.

I want you to know that I am deeply grateful to each and every one of you who gives your time willingly and tirelessly. As we reach the end of the Church's year, I will offer Mass on the Feast of Christ the King, Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November, for the intention of all parish volunteers.

I would also like to invite you to join me for a glass of wine and a light buffet lunch on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30pm in the Church Hall**. I am not able to list every person and every volunteer role - I hope you will forgive me for that - but I know that the army of volunteers includes: flower arrangers, cleaners, stewards, health and safety support, finance committee, website support, catechists, music and liturgy preparation, archiving, hall bookings, parish social life, - and many more.

It is a little way off, but please can you let Maria in the Parish Office know if you will be attending, so I know how many bottles of wine to buy 😊.

With my prayers and my gratitude.

*Fr. Stanislaw*

**Radio Maria England:** is a Catholic radio station which offers its listeners an opportunity to pray, to learn and to celebrate with the Church. There are daily broadcasts of liturgy, Mass and Holy Rosary, as well as programmes on human and social development. Please see the poster and leaflets in the porch for more information about how to tune in, or visit <https://radiomariaengland.uk/>

## St Anne's School Open Mornings:

We are delighted to welcome you to our open mornings at St Anne's Catholic Primary School.

The open mornings will take place on:

**Saturday 6th November 2021** - parents will be able to book a **10.00am** or **11.00am** slot for 2 adults per family. Families may bring children on this visit.

**Wednesday 10th November 2021** - parents will be able to book a slot at **10.00am, 10.30am or 11.00am** (2 adults per family and no children please). Parents will be able to see our children in action.

We would like parents to bring masks to school and take a lateral flow test at home before arrival. You will be asked to confirm that you do not have any symptoms linked to COVID-19. All staff involved in the open mornings will have taken a lateral flow test at home on both days and will be wearing masks. If you would like to book an open morning slot, please email [admissions@stannes-school.uk](mailto:admissions@stannes-school.uk).

## Deanery Masses for those who have died:

Bishop Richard is offering a special Station Mass in each Deanery for all those who have died this year: **Epsom & Redhill Deanery** - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm, **Sacred Heart, Caterham** (N.B. This has changed from St. Michael's, Ashted)

**From CAFOD:** Thank you for supporting our Climate Crisis Appeal for our recent Family Fast Day. Every donation helps us in our work and is gratefully received. Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31 October to 12 November. Please pray that world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks.

*May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable.*

**Ministry of Consolation:** Do you have a good ear for listening? Are you able to support people who are going through a difficult time? Do you feel you are able to journey with those who are experiencing the loss of someone important in their life?

If the answer is yes to these questions, you might be interested in joining the Diocesan Ministry of Consolation team of Bereavement Befrienders?

We will be running a training course on each Wednesday through January and February 2022 to prepare you for this Ministry. You will need to attend all the training days to be commissioned and each day will run from 10.00am to 1.30pm via Zoom. If you would like to find out more details, please email [simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk).