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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.

2nd – 10th October 2021

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 2nd 6.00pm Kit Briscoe RIP

Sunday 3rd 9.30am People of the Parish

No weekday Masses

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 9th 6.00pm People of the Parish

Sunday 10th 9.30am Maureen and Albert Lippett 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

No adoration on Wednesday 6th October.

Bishop Richard's Weekly Reflection:

Marriage is a most wonderful vocation and this Sunday's readings call us all to reflect on this gift. In the Gospel, Jesus – making reference to the Book of Genesis from which we also hear this Sunday – highlights the permanence and fidelity that are intrinsic to marriage, for husband and wife are in a relationship with each other and with God our loving Father also. It is this relationship with and in God that gives Christian marriage both its meaning and its fulfilment – for the love of wife for husband and husband for wife is an expression of the love of God Himself.

The call to marriage is indeed wonderful – and awesome, in the proper sense of that word, for it brings us before the majesty and all-powerful love of God.

In this Sunday's Second Reading, the writer of the Letter to the Hebrews speaks of Jesus' total self-giving. This is an important reflection for the vocation of marriage, too – for in marriage husband and wife give to each other. It is giving, not taking. In this regard, marriage is an example for every Christian, for every one of us is called through baptism to the essential vocation to be a Christian – a follower of Christ, a person who serves, a person who gives rather than takes.

In a society where the spirit of taking – of acquisition, satisfaction of self, power – is so prevalent, the vocation of the Christian, the vocation of those called to marriage is a powerful witness to another way – nothing less than the way of Christ Himself.

With every blessing

+Richard

Bishop's Pastoral Letter: This week there is a Pastoral Letter about the preparations for the 16th Synod of Bishops, taking place in Rome in 2023. Printed copies are available in the porch, or you can view and download the letter from our website www.stjohnstadworth.org.uk.

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. Please welcome Fr. Philip Pak who is with us whilst Fr. Stanislaw is on retreat in Poland.

Second collections:

This Sunday: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

Next Sunday: Prisoners' Sunday - PACT

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.

Tuesday morning Coffee Club is cancelled this week, Tuesday 5th October.

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.**

Knights of St Columba Sponsored Walk:

In aid of St Raphael's Hospice in Cheam, is taking place 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>. If you prefer to donate using cash, please put your contribution in an envelope marked **KSC328 sponsored walk** and leave in the basket, and I will collect the envelopes. With many thanks, Steve Lobo.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Climate Crisis Appeal:

Please remember to return your CAFOD Family Fast Day envelopes this weekend to help people adapt to the worst impacts of climate change and protect our common home. You can also donate online through the CAFOD website (cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis). Would you consider too, adding your voice to our online COP26 petition calling for our Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis, cafod.org.uk/climate? Thank you for your support.