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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.

13th – 21st November 2021

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 13th	6.00pm	Parish November Dead List
Sunday 14th	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Paula Matthews Intentions
Tuesday 16th		NO MASS
Wednesday 17th	9.15am	Charlie Byrne RIP
Thursday 18th	3.00pm	Parish Bereavement Mass
Friday 19th	9.15am	Maurice Hutton Intentions

Christ the King

Saturday 20th	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 21st	8.30am	Thanksgiving for Parish Volunteers
	10.30am	Doris Kelly 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:

Wednesdays 9.45am – 10.15am

ROSARY: Wednesdays 9.00am – 9.15am

Dear Parishioners

If we “Do this in memory of me” we also “remember rightly” those who died (in war).

We are also called to “develop rightly” Jesus’ Body, the Church. We do that if we treat the Catholic Church as our home and look after it as we look after our families. The power of every Eucharist enables us to make it happen. As we prepare ourselves for synodal meetings, we need to keep in mind that “The holy People of God shares also in Christ’s prophetic office, above all in the supernatural sense of faith that belongs to the whole People, lay and clergy, when it unflinchingly adheres to this faith . . . once for all delivered to the saints, and when it deepens its understanding and becomes Christ’s witness in the midst of this world” (Catechism 785).

Christ’s prophetic office is a gift and a task. For this reason let us also take to heart what St Leo says in order to avoid errors which can infect everybody (the dignity of baptism or ordination is not a magical protection): “Presumption and ignorance...But what more iniquitous than to hold blasphemous opinions, and not to give way to those who are wiser and more learned than ourself. Now into this unwisdom fall they who, finding themselves hindered from knowing the truth by some obscurity, have recourse not to the prophets’ utterances, not to the Apostles’ letters, nor to the injunctions of the Gospel but to their own selves”.
May Mary pray for us and St Joseph protect us.
With my prayers

Fr. Stanislaw

Please note there is no Mass: on Tuesday 16th November.

Faith Resources on the website this week:

Extract from a sermon of St Caesarius of Arles - Baptism makes every one of us into a temple of God.

Second Collection next Sunday: Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund (Gift Aid).

Morning Prayer for the Dead: will be included with the Mass on Fridays.

Parish Bereavement Mass Thursday 18th 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.

Children’s Liturgy: takes place on Sundays in the church hall during 10.30 mass. Our group of experienced Liturgy leaders help to make the Readings and Mass understandable and age-appropriate. The children have a lovely time - joining in, asking questions, singing songs, saying prayers together and often making some lovely artwork for the church.

On the first Sunday of each month, the 10.30 Mass is a special family friendly, 'child centred', service, with readings, songs and prayers. The next family Mass will be on Sunday 5th December.

Please note, there will be no Children’s Liturgy next Sunday 21st November as the church hall is unavailable.

Volunteers’ lunch: Saturday 4th December at 12.30pm in the church hall. Please let Maria in the office know this week if you will be joining Fr. Stanislaw for a glass of wine and a light buffet.

Confirmation 2021: Please pray for our young people who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation at St. Joseph’s Epsom this Saturday 13th November.

Confirmation 2022: Applications for next year’s Confirmation Preparation Course may now be submitted using the form on the Confirmation page of our website. The course is open to young people in our parish who are in Year 10 or above.
Applications must be received by the Parish Office by 20 December 2021.

Mass Intentions: Please note that this year’s Mass intentions diary is full; requests received from now on will be scheduled in 2022. Masses for the parish November Dead List will also continue to be celebrated in 2022. Where there is an urgent need for a Mass intention, please speak to Fr. Stanislaw.

Tadworth Art Group: is delighted to be back hosting its Annual Art Exhibition in St. John’s Church Hall, Friday 19th – Sunday 21st November. The Sunday opening time for the public is 12.00 noon but parishioners attending the 10.30 Mass are welcome to arrive earlier, from 11.30am. See their website for more information www.tadworthartgroup.com.

Christmas Gifts for the lonely: The Parish Pastoral Outreach Team would like to make up packages of Christmas gifts for parishioners who may be on their own at Christmas and/or who are living in care homes. There will be a box in the church porch in the coming weeks for your kind donations of toiletries, notebooks, puzzles, etc.

St Anne's School Open Morning:

Due to the success of our open mornings held this week, we are delighted to welcome you to an **additional open morning** at St Anne's Catholic Primary School. Please do come along and experience what makes our school a happy and welcoming place for all.

The open morning will take place on **Wednesday 24th November**, parents will be able to book a slot at **9.30am and 10:30am** (2 adults per family and no children please). Parents will be able to see our children in action. There will be social distancing measures in place to keep the children and our visitors safe.

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 morning will have taken a lateral flow test at home on that day and will be wearing masks. If you would like to book an open morning slot, please email admissions@stannes-school.uk. We ask all parents to be punctual for the visit and to arrive at the main gate on Court Road.

PACT - JustPeople Workshops Sutton: Could you put your faith into action by reaching out in a practical way to some of the most socially disadvantaged people in our community? If so, Pact, the Prison Advice and Care Trust's JustPeople workshops may be for you. Each workshop offers an opportunity to reflect upon Scripture, Church Teaching and Catholic Social Teaching through the lens of people affected by imprisonment. Accessible in person or online; our next **in person workshop** will be: **Saturday 27th November, 10.00am – 4.00pm** **Sutton Life Centre, 24 Alcorn Close, Sutton SM3 9PX.** Call Marie on 07581 194907 or email parish.action@prisonadvice.org.uk

PACT - Operation Elf: Bishop Richard writes: 'In the last part of this difficult year, we can begin to look forward to the celebration of the birth of Christ at Christmas. For those families where a parent is in prison, Christmas can be a particularly painful time. Through Pact's Operation Elf, parishes and individuals can support prisoners to give a gift to their child, sharing a little love and joy and strengthening the family bond. This simple act can nurture the hope that redemption and a fresh start is possible.' Register at: parishaction@prisonersadvice.org.uk, buy a Gift card with the value of £10, and post to PACT. Full guidance and details at www.prisonadvice.org.uk Thank you.

Young Adults' (18-30's) Advent Retreat: 3rd - 5th

December: It is a Christian tradition to use the four weeks leading up to Christmas to prepare oneself for the celebration of Jesus' birth. This weekend retreat will provide an opportunity to start your preparations for the Advent season, including talks, small group discussions, opportunities for reflection and prayer. All this revolving around the rhythm of prayer of the Benedictine community of Worth Abbey. This retreat is offered by The Open Cloister, Worth Abbey in collaboration with The Wellspring Community, Brighton.

For more information visit www.worth.co.uk/retreats or contact our youth adviser lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk

The St John Vianney Group: is for men 18-45 who wish to explore whether they have a calling to the priesthood. The next meeting is **Sunday 21 November 3.00-7.00pm** at 2 Falkland Grove, Dorking, RH4 3DLF. For more information please contact Fr Con Foley T: 01932 842643 or E: con.foley@abdiocese.org.uk. To find out more about vocations please visit our website.

