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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.
The Parish Office is closed 22nd – 26th November.**

20th November – 3rd December 2021

Christ the King

Saturday 20th	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 21st	8.30am	Thanksgiving for Parish Volunteers
	10.30am	Doris Kelly RIP
Tuesday 23rd	9.15am	Parish November Dead List
Wednesday 24th	9.15am	Mary Boucher RIP and Deceased Religious
Friday 26th	9.15am	William Toulmin RIP

First Sunday of Advent

Saturday 27th	6.00pm	Norman Pearce RIP Anniversary
Sunday 28th	8.30am	Eamon O'Sullivan RIP Anniversary
	10.30am	People of the Parish
Tuesday 30th	9.15am	Inez Hutton RIP
Wednesday 1st	9.15am	William Toulmin RIP
Friday 3rd	9.15am	Maureen and Albert Lippett 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

(October and May before all weekday Masses 9.00am – 9.15am)

Dear Parishioners

The Gospel of today's solemnity takes us to Jesus' trial. What our Saviour says is addressed to each one of us, especially to us on a synodal pathway, because: "all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice" (John 18:37).

The Sacrament of Baptism gives us a share in Christ's prophetic office and endows us with a supernatural sense of faith. This sense of faith belongs to the whole People (lay and clergy), when we unflinchingly adhere to this faith, once for all delivered to the saints, and when we deepen its understanding and become Christ's witness (see Catechism 785).

We participate in that office (gift), but formal membership of the Church (valid Baptism) is not enough. We need to participate in the life of Church, to listen to Christ's voice, by: constant prayer, active participation in the liturgy, especially Eucharist, regular reception of the sacrament of reconciliation, discernment and exercise of gifts and charisms received by the Holy Spirit, an acceptance of the Church's teaching on matters of faith and morals, a willingness to follow the commandments of God, and courage both to correct our brothers and sisters, and also to accept correction ourselves. These ways create a good disposition in us that the supernatural sense of faith may also shape our integral development.

With my prayers

Fr. Stanislaw

Faith Resources on the website this week:

Thy Kingdom Come: From a discourse of Origen on prayer.

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

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

Synod 2023 - Communion, Participation and Mission:

Our engagement in the "Synod Path" is a response to an invitation from the Holy Father, who invites us to prayer, discernment and openness to the Holy Spirit. He asks us to address particular questions, in order to assist him and the bishops who will gather for the Synod in their work for the good of the whole Church.

Over the next few weeks, we will be publishing details of how our parish will engage with the process and how you can get involved.

Children's Liturgy: We are delighted to see so many children joining us for our weekly Children's Liturgy which takes place in the hall during the 10.30am Sunday Mass. They have a lovely time - joining in, singing songs and saying prayers together. Please note, there will be no Children's Liturgy this Sunday 21st November as the hall is unavailable. We will be back next Sunday 28th November, at the start of Advent, to begin our preparations for Christmas; all children are welcome, including those who are preparing for their First Holy Communion. 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.

Parish Safeguarding Representative/s: After many years of loyal service, our two Safeguarding Reps – Denise and Marion - have decided it's time to step down from their roles; the parish is hugely grateful for all their work, expertise and support in this vital area of parish life.

We now urgently need one or two volunteers to take on this role; ideally you will have some understanding of safeguarding and child protection practices, whether that be in a professional or volunteer capacity. Please speak to Fr. Stanislaw as soon as possible if you are interested in this role.

Tadworth and Banstead Advent Reconciliation Service: will take place at St. John's on Tuesday 7th December at 7.00pm.

Carol Singing Tadworth Christmas Lights: Please come along and join the choir as we sing carols for the village Christmas Lights Switch On – Tuesday 30th November 4.00pm – 5.00pm. All are welcome.

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 20th December 2021.

Simple lunch: Thursday 2nd December at 12.30pm in the church hall. All are welcome to join us for this friendly get together.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Foundation Governor John Fisher School: Would you like to give a few hours a month as part of the strategic team that helps develop the school, drive education and achieve positive outcomes for local children?

The Governing Body are particularly keen to hear from those with a background in Finance. Please contact Mrs Lindsay Redding, Clerk to the Governors, via email on l.redding@johnfisherschool.org for more information, or to speak to Mr Simon Drury, Chair of Governors. The closing date is noon on Friday 10th December 2021.

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

