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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.**

### 6<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021

#### Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>**

11.00am Baptism: Maddison Maeve Cox  
6.00pm Thanksgiving to St. Jude

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>**

8.30am People of the Parish  
10.30am Joe Murphy RIP  
Baptism: Lennox Leigh Ireland-Bruges

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>**

*Consecration of the Lateran Basilica*  
9.15am Maureen and Albert Lippett RIP

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>**

*St Leo the Great*  
9.15am Dr. Patrick Daniel Woods RIP and David Woods RIP

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>**

*St Martin of Tours*  
4.00pm **Reception of the Body:** Fr. Kenneth McCarthy RIP  
7.00pm **Vigil Mass:** Fr. Kenneth McCarthy RIP

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup>**

*St Josaphat*  
12.00noon **Funeral Mass:** Fr. Kenneth McCarthy RIP

#### Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>**

6.00pm Parish November Dead List

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>**

8.30am People of the Parish  
10.30am Paula Matthews Intentions

**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

The offering of a poor widow and Jesus' observation in today's Gospel give an encouragement either for this month and for upcoming synodal meetings. From the poor widow's sacrifice, we turn to our Saviour's fulfilment and perfection of all sacrifices. A mere self-sacrifice eventually creates frustration and mentality of victim. In Jesus we see a humble self-gift and trust. In Him we become and with His Spirit we learn how to be self-gifts by praying for the living and the dead.

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we belong to God in Jesus Christ and his Church. We have been reborn of God as his children-gifts. Our marriage and family is a domestic church. Our parish and diocese are local churches. They are linked by the power of the Holy Spirit and build up one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church; the Body of Christ. It is our vocation to become a gift of oneself; a self-gift. Humility removes all obstacles within us and protects us from temptations. It is a virtue. Our mind and affections need it. Marriage and family are in need of it. Our parish community should grow in it. It is not only a virtue of husband and wife, of children in relation to their parents, of parishioners to their pastors. It is also a duty of parents and pastors themselves (and all superiors). Jesus Christ is the Redeemer of human humility. His humility is the very opposite of uncertainty or timidity. It is an act of spiritual freedom to give the gift of his life. Every sacrament, especially Eucharist, makes it present. Let us pray for humility and trust in omnipotent goodness of God, our Father.

With my prayers

*Fr. Stanislaw*

## Faith Resources on the website this week:

St. Vincent of Lerins on Development in Religious Knowledge.

**Second Collection this Sunday:** Retired Priests Fund (Gift Aid).

**Morning Prayer for the Dead:** will be included with the Mass on Fridays, beginning in November.

**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.

## Fr. Kenneth McCarthy RIP:

Fr. Kenneth McCarthy was the longest serving priest of the diocese. In retirement he lived in Walton on the Hill, in the parish of St. John's Tadworth, for many years. For a time, he was Priest in Charge of the parish during an interregnum. He died on 21<sup>st</sup> October aged 92.

The following services will be held next week; the family warmly invites you to attend any or all of them.

### Thursday 11 November

4.00pm – Reception of the Body

7.00pm – Vigil Mass

### Friday 12 November

12.00 noon – Funeral Mass

4.15pm – Committal at Randalls Park Crematorium

Bishop Richard will be presiding at the funeral Mass. Light refreshments will be available in the church hall afterwards.

There is no requirement to book for any of the services, but you are kindly asked to respect the ongoing safety measures of sanitising your hands and wearing a face covering.

**Volunteers' lunch:** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30pm in the church hall. Please let Maria in the office know – by Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November - 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 next Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> November.

**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.

**Thank you:** from Steve Lobo and the Knights of St. Columba to those parishioners who kindly supported their recent effort in raising funds for St. Raphael's Hospice. With your help they exceeded their target of £1000 – to date the figure stands at £1115 😊.

**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)

**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/>

**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](mailto: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](http://www.prisonadvice.org.uk) Thank you.

**Young Adults' (18-30's) Advent Retreat: 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>**

**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](http://www.worth.co.uk/retreats) or contact our youth adviser [lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:con.foley@abdiocese.org.uk). To find out more about vocations please visit our website.

