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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.

8th – 16th January 2022

Baptism of the Lord

Saturday 8th 6.00pm People of the Parish

Sunday 9th 9.30am Andrew Martin Woods RIP

No weekday Masses

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 15th 6.00pm Clair Divilly RIP

Sunday 16th 9.30am People of the Parish

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 (May and October before every weekday Mass)

MORNING PRAYER (Breviary): Tuesdays and Fridays 9.00am

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Second collection next Sunday – Missio and Mill Hill Missionaries:

Next weekend we welcome Mr Stephen Davies to give the five-yearly Appeal. Thank you to all our parishioners who already give to the Pope's official charity for overseas mission – Missio – and Britain's own missionary order, the Mill Hill Missionaries, through the Red Box. If you do not currently have a Red Box, please consider taking one. It would be fantastic if every home had a Red Box to help care for our Church family throughout the world. You can find more information or setup a Direct Debit on-line at missio.org.uk/about-apf

From Bishop Richard:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
I remember this time last year, reflecting on the continuing circumstances of the pandemic as we entered 2021. With students in our schools wearing masks and the impact of the Omicron variant felt in so many parts of the world and with talk, even, of further strains of the virus emerging, we might be forgiven for feeling a certain sense of déjà vu as we come into 2022. Let us remember in prayer, very specially, those whose lives continue to be affected as a result of these present circumstances, especially those in the healthcare sector who continue to go the extra mile for those in their care. I also ask you to pray for those in parts of the world where circumstances make the pandemic particularly difficult, and to continue to seek ways to support them.

The Lord – the Word made Flesh – was born in this world riddled with difficulty, conflict and disease. We have celebrated His birth and, at the Epiphany, his manifestation to the world that He came to save. This Sunday, the Gospel takes us thirty years on – to His baptism in the Jordan by John. The Holy Spirit is seen and the voice of the Father proclaims Jesus as "the Beloved" on whom "favor rests". This event marks the beginning of the Lord's public ministry. After the hidden life of Nazareth, the time has come for the Lord to embark upon the three years of preaching, healing and teaching that would lead him to Passion, Death and Resurrection – all for our salvation; all out of love for us. All was done so that, in the words of St Paul in his Letter to Titus, "We should be justified by His grace, to become heirs looking forward to eternal life."

Despite the circumstances in which we find ourselves – no matter how difficult they may be – we can be confident in the power of the Saviour Who has come. There must be something of John the Baptist about us, as we point the way for others towards the person of Jesus. Now is the time for us to listen to the Prophet Isaiah and to say, as John the Baptist said: "Here is your God."

**With every Blessing,
+ Richard**

Change to Mass times: While Fr. Stanislaw is away from the parish: There will be no weekday Masses during the weeks of 3rd and 10th January. There will be one Sunday Mass at 9.30am on Sunday 9th and Sunday 16th January. Fr. Philip Pak will be with us to celebrate the weekend Masses.

Cold church! We are awaiting a new part for the church boiler; please wrap up warm as we still need to ventilate the church to minimise the risk of Covid transmission. Thank you for your understanding.

Children's Liturgy: Resumes this Sunday, 9th January, in the Church Hall during the 9.30am Mass. Please see the rota in the porch for details of dates up to the end of March.

Tuesday morning coffee club: Takes place every Tuesday in the Church Hall at 9.45am (or 9.00am if there is no Mass). All are very welcome to pop in for a cuppa and a chat 😊.

Simple Lunch: Takes place on the first Thursday of the month at 12.15pm in the Church Hall; **the next lunch will be on Thursday 3rd February.** This is not only a lovely social get together but is a great way to raise funds for charity. To continue this longstanding parish tradition, we would love to have a few more volunteers on the rota; it's not an onerous task and mainly involves organising basic provisions of bread and cheese, setting up and clearing away afterwards. Please let the Parish Secretary know if you can help or speak to Bryn Boucher. Thank you.

First Holy Communion preparation – can you help? Our team of FHC Catechists do a wonderful job of teaching the children and preparing them to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion; without them the sacrament would not be available in our parish. We need more help to complete this year's programme and would also like to have a team ready in place for the 2023 programme. No special knowledge or training is required; you will be guided and supported by the current team. Please get in touch with the Parish Secretary or email fhc@stjohnstadworth.org.uk to find out more with no obligation.

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. You are strongly encouraged to consider and respond to the questions posed by the Holy Father; please read the separate handout about how you can do this – either by joining a parish group session (see below) or by submitting your responses online.

Session 1: Communion- Wednesday 12th January
Session 2: Participation -Wednesday 19th January
Session 3: Mission - Wednesday 26th January

Our sessions will take place in the church at 7.00pm and will involve scripture, reflection, discussion, listening and prayer.