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6th October 2024 is the Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year.

The first reading, from the Book of Genesis, tells the story of the creation of Eve, created equal to Adam and sharing his nature in all things. The account ends with the union of the two, which explains to us why men and women marry, so that they may become 'one flesh'. Using this passage, Jesus pronounces in the Gospel on the indissolubility of marriage: 'But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Jesus also pronounces on another important matter, namely that children too are inheritors of the Kingdom of God, not second-class citizens: 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.' We can reflect on how important children have been in the history of the Church.

This Sunday, being the first of October, is **Rosary Sunday**, a day on which all are encouraged to discover or rediscover this important and efficacious prayer. We have hundreds of free Rosary beads to give away, in different colours. Do help yourself, and do take a set to anyone who might appreciate them. In addition there is a leaflet on how to pray the Rosary in order to help you put the beads to good use.

This Sunday, the 10.30am Mass is the first of our First Holy Communion celebration Masses, at which, instead of the Creed, we will have the renewal of Baptismal promises.

Liturgical notes.

We are in the month of October, dedicated to the Holy Rosary. It is also the month of prayer for the missions. On days when there is no feast, we shall celebrate either a Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin or the Mass for the Propagation of the Gospel. On weekdays, we shall recite the Rosary after the morning Mass.

Monday is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. This day is the anniversary of the victory of Lepanto, which was attributed to the intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Wednesday is the feast of Saint John Henry Newman (1801-1890). An Anglican clergyman who led a religious revival in the Church of England, he later converted to Catholicism, and was ordained and joined the Birmingham Oratory.

He was made a Cardinal in his old age as a recognition of his defence of the Catholic faith. He is also famous for his hymns, and his poetry. He is the pre-eminent English Catholic of post-Reformation times.

Thursday is the feast of Saint Paulinus of York, bishop, who died in 644. He was sent to England by Pope Gregory, and after a time in Kent went to Northumbria where he converted the king and many others to the Christian faith.

He was the first bishop of York. He baptised Saint Hilda of Whitby. He later had to flee Northumbria and became bishop of Rochester, where he died.

Friday is the feast of Saint John XXIII (1881 – 1963), elected pope in 1958 after a long career as a papal diplomat and later patriarch of Venice. He called the Second Vatican Council; he was known for his kindness, his devotion to prayer, and his sense of humour. In Italy he is known as 'il Papa buono'. (This Friday there is no 10am Mass, but there is Mass at 1.30pm, which is the funeral of Mary Jones RIP, to which you are all invited.)

John Stratford RIP You will have seen the new altar server's albs. They look, we think, very good indeed. Many thanks to the estate of John Stratford RIP. Let us pray for the repose of his soul.

The results of the count last week are as follows, with the previous week's count in brackets: 6pm – 89 (72); 8.30am – 74 (76); 10.30am- 147 (143). The total Sunday attendance was 310 (291). Many thanks for allowing yourselves to be counted, and to the clickers for counting you! This will be done again on the next two Sundays.

Last Saturday we held the Refresher Day for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

The spiritual input was largely based around this passage from the Preface of the Sacred Heart:

For raised up high on the Cross, he gave himself up for us with a wonderful love and poured out blood and water from his pierced side, the wellspring of the Church's Sacraments, so that, won over to the open heart of the Saviour, all might draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

There were also a few practical points that may be of general interest. From now on we shall aim to have two ministers at the centre with the Host. We did talk about the importance of reverence for the Eucharist; we stressed that small children are very welcome in our church and if they run around or make a noise, that is not a problem at all. (This has been said many a time, but it is always worth repeating.) We stressed how important it is for a parish to take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound, and that we want to know who needs Holy Communion at home. At Holy Communion time in Mass, some people may not be 'going up' for reasons of their own, which are between them and God. Let us not urge people to join the procession for Holy Communion, as they may wish to sit quietly in their place without drawing attention to themselves.

On rare occasions some people receive the Host in the hands and then walk off with the Blessed Sacrament. This is not allowed. If someone does this, please stop them, or if unable to do this yourself, draw the attention of someone who can intervene. When receiving Holy Communion, the communicant should say 'Amen' so that the priest/minister can hear it, and then the Host should be reverently consumed without undue delay. The communicant should receive facing the altar.

We are outlining the proposed new Baptism course, which is over several sessions (mostly on Zoom, for the convenience of parents with small children) and which needs the involvement of a team of parishioners. The sixth session is about belief, and the profession of faith that is made in the baptism ceremony. What does this mean? As we no longer live in a Christian country, belief is a conscious choice to live differently. We constantly need to revisit and strengthen this choice. In so doing we make progress in the spiritual life.

We are all baptised, but how do we live out the vocation we received at baptism? There are numerous ways, but here are eleven, two more than previous weeks:

- ◆ By welcoming others into the Church, by word, action, demeanour. This could mean helping with the Baptism course.
- ◆ By proclaiming the Word out loud, that is, by reading in church. Any more takers?
- ◆ By being conscious that in our baptism we have received a vocation to be our best selves, to be transformed in Christ, and this vocation lasts our entire lifetime.
- ◆ By being conscious that you are called by name, which you received from your parents and which was mentioned at our baptism, and that your name is important, being known to God, your Guardian Angel and your patron saint.
- ◆ By doing works of charity.
- ◆ By living the Church's year, and following the Church's calendar.
- ◆ By having hope in the future, being one called to glory.
- ◆ By reading the Bible.
- ◆ By having a vivid picture of God in our minds, and by knowing that we are living a life shared with Him.
- ◆ By choosing to believe, I chose to live differently from the world.
- ◆ By constantly striving to make progress in the spiritual life and in prayer.

Confessions are on Saturday mornings at 10.30am, until 11am (at the earliest). During Confessions, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for silent Adoration.

Our Church is open during the hours of daylight, every day, apart from Tuesday, so people can come in and pray or just visit. If the red 'sausage' is in the doorway, this means the door is unlocked.

I see you have had some work done!

Correct, we have. The taps in the sacristy have been replaced as one of them was constantly dripping. Bolts have been fitted to the sacristy doors, so it can be closed when the rest of the Church is open. The leak in the downstairs loo of the Presbytery has been cured, and the upstairs loo, source of another leak, has been replaced. Meanwhile the Presbytery has been redecorated, a work that is now coming to an end. And over half-term work will take place on the Hall.

St. John's Tadworth is recruiting a Parish Administrator:

We are seeking a positive, self-motivated and organised individual with excellent interpersonal skills for the role of Parish Administrator. The successful candidate will play a vital role in supporting the Parish Priest by overseeing all the administrative aspects of running the parish. The position requires a good foundation in office management, IT and PC skills. It is a multi-faceted role that also involves being the first point of contact for both parishioners as well as external parties, and dealing with queries and concerns sympathetically, discreetly and professionally.

Please visit the Latest News page on our website for more information, a role description and application form: <https://stjohnstadworth.org.uk/latest-news/> **Application deadline is 15th October 2024.**

Daily Mass in the week is on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays at 10am. On Thursday, Mass is at 7pm.



Recovery and Well Being

Please pray for:

Louise Charge, Kitty Cusack, Steve Kamm, Chris Williamson, Jocelyn Bowen, Joseph Ewing, Martina Savage, Mel Alvarez, Shona Dane, Elpedio Travares, Nicholas Ward, Marcia Brancroft and Sally Mason.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

This was a huge success and we raised an amazing £600 for this very worthwhile charity. Many thanks to all who came along, baked, donated or helped in any way. The cakes were delicious. If you weren't able to come, it is not too late to donate. There is a QR code to scan with your mobile phone in the narthex by the Macmillan balloons or you can pay by following this link

<https://www.justgiving.com/CM24032767>. Also, would Alvin David, Mr O'Reilly and Eileen Murray please collect their raffle prizes next Sunday after 8.30 mass or see Ann Hannan.

Dates For Your Diary

6 Oct FHC Celebration Mass **10:30am**
 7 Oct Baptism Course, Tivey Room, **8pm.**
 8 Oct Deanery meeting, Tivey Room. **11am**
 19 Oct Meeting of the Finance Committee.
 19 Oct FHC Session 2. **11am-12pm:**
 19 Oct Parish Quiz Night
 9 Nov FHC Session 3. **11am-12pm:**
 9 Nov FHC Catechists **12pm-1pm**
 16 Nov FHC Session 4. **11am-12pm**
 23 Nov FHC Reconciliation Services **11am-1pm**
 24 Nov Winter Fair
 30 Nov Polish food and entertainment evening
 – **all welcome.**

Mass Intentions September/ October 2024

Sat	5	6pm	Vigil Mass	Stephanie Borley RIP
Sun	6	8:30am	27th Sunday in OT	Carmelina & Carmen Vella RIP
Sun	6	10:30am	27th Sunday in OT	People of the Parish
Mon	7	10am	Our Lady of the Rosary	Lorraine Linehan RIP
Wed	9	10am	St John Henry Newman	In Thanks Maureen Lock
Thur	10	7pm	St Paulinus of York	Ints: Elizabeth Kasamaki
Fri	11	1.30pm	Requiem Mass of Mary Jones RIP, followed by burial at St Mary's	People of the Parish
Sat	12	6pm	Vigil Mass	Michael Haigh RIP
Sun	13	8.30am	28th Sunday in OT	Paddy McGloin RIP
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