

ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

21ST MARCH 2021

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Mass Intentions and Mass Times: Week starting 21st March

Saturday 20 th March	9.30 am	Good Health of Greta Rajadhyaksha
	6.00 pm	Mass in Italian
Sunday 21 st March	9.15 am	Holy Souls
	11.15 am	Deceased members of the Mondello-Sammut family
Monday 22 nd March	9.30 am	Deceased members of Fitzgerald & Kenny families
Tuesday 23 rd March	9.30 am	Amanda Ryan RIP
Wednesday 24 th March	9.30 am	In Thanksgiving
Thursday 25 th March	9.30 am	LITURGY OF THE WORD
Friday 26 th March	9.30 am	Good Health of Josephine Corkery
Saturday 27 th March	9.30 am	Deceased friends & relatives of Beryl O'Brien
	6.00 pm	Mass in Italian.
Sunday 28 th March	9.15 am	John Reid RIP
	11.15 am	Chris Try RIP

The Church is open for public Masses and booking is required for Sunday Masses.

Please pray for those in the Parish who have asked for our prayers:

Michael Snee, Margaret Hawkes, Bernadette Barnbrook, Anna Sartori, Maureen Lloyd, , Sheila Day, Nicoletta Lanzisera, Ben Adderley, Patrick Duggan, Rose Collins, Carmen Galanty, Patrick Russell, Ann Griffin, Ann Lane, Dina Yates, Rose Collins, Manuel and Jackie Faraldo, Andres Gomez, Christian Misuraca, Christopher Clifford and Catherine Browle.

Fr Bill writes: I enclose a summary of the parish income and expenditure for the last financial year together with my commentary.

Income and Expenditure For St Erconwald's 2020

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Prior Year
<u>Income</u>				
Donations (1)	67,454	11,512	78,966	79,839
Retreat Fees & Newspapers	95	-	95	1,165
Bank & Investment Income	42	-	42	50
Other income (inc lettings)	15,958	-	15,958	17,684
Total Income	83,549	11,512	95,061	98,738
<u>Expenses</u>				
Staffing and clergy	-22,189	-9,300	-31,489	-30,720
Travel	-	-	-	-488
Office costs	-3,658	-	-3,658	-3,877
Professional fees	-	-	-	-5,999
Utilities, rates & cleaning	-12,466	-	-12,466	-16,776
Maintenance	-16,433	-	-16,433	-12,064
Fundraising	165	-	165	-821
Liturgy and Pastoral	-3,391	-57	-3,448	-8,564
Diocesan Levy	-17,679	-	-17,679	-21,639
Total Expenses	-75,651	-9,357	-85,008	-100,948
External Grants made	-	-15,901	-15,901	-20,000
Transfer to Diocese (2)	-	-59,775	-59,775	-
Transfer to restricted funds	-733	733	-	-
Net movement in funds	7,165	-72,788	-65,623	-22,210
Funds Brought forward	2,932	83,442	86,374	108,584
Funds Carried forward	10,097	10,654	20,751	86,374

Balance Sheet

As at 31st Dec 2020

As at 31st Dec 2019

Assets

Cash	28,566	90,638
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Liabilities

Creditors	-7,815	-4,264
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Net Assets

20,751

86,374

Reserves

Unrestricted	10,097	2,932
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Restricted:

Flowers	290	347
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Maintenance	2,945	-
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Lourdes	2,666	2,666
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Project Fund	-	59,775
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Charities	4,753	20,654
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Total Restricted	10,654	83,442
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Funds of the church

20,751

86,374

Restricted funds: these funds that can only be spent in accordance with donor's intentions such as contributions to the Maintenance Fund or the Parish Lourdes Fund etc. Those with a nil balance at the year end are not listed above.

Unrestricted funds: these funds that can be spent according to the parish's priorities without formal restrictions other than those in charity and relevant UK law.

Notes

- (1) £35,110 of Standing Order and £3,130 of Envelope donations were Gift Aided during the year.
- (2) The Project Fund has been transferred to the "restricted fund" section of the diocesan balance sheet until such time as there is agreement between the donor and the Diocese as to the future of the funds.

ST ERCONWALD'S ACCOUNTS 2020 : Fr Bill's Comments

As you are all aware 2020 was a very challenging year not only in terms of the pandemic but also, because of the lockdown, in terms of safeguarding the financial stability of the parish. From mid-March onwards the Mass attendance has been 20% of the normal figure and zero when the church was closed. Parishioners have realised the need to support the parish in return for the continuation of a parish presence through the live streaming of masses and other services.

Total Income for 2020 (including charitable collections) was £95,061 of which £67,454 was donated in the offertory collection either through the plate or through standing orders. This compares with the total income for 2019 of £98,738. It should be noted that £38,240 was gift aided and over £35,000 of this was through standing orders.

You will note that total expenditure for the last financial year was £85,008 compared with £100,948 the previous year. 2019 was a year of significant non-recurring expenditure on such items as the quinquennial survey and the lighting for the hall. As a result there was a surplus of £7,165. During 2020 about £13k was spent on the quinquennial electrical survey and follow-up work in all three establishments. At the end of the year the parish has a balance of unrestricted funds totalling £10,097 and £10,654 in the unrestricted funds of which £2,945 is restricted to maintenance of the parish fabric. I would like to thank parishioners for their generosity during such difficult circumstances.

The Finance and Fabric Committee at their last meeting agreed that the moneys in the maintenance fund will go to the redecoration of the priest's house in preparation for the new parish priest, who is due to succeed me. I hope that those who have made a special contribution to this fund felt that this is a worthy cause.

In the hope of better times ahead I would like to think there could be an open meeting to look at accounts and other issues but that may be a task for my successor.

Holy Week Liturgies: We are in the process of drawing up the rota of readers for the Easter services. I seem to see the same names repeating themselves. I am grateful for these keen and loyal parishioners. I am however seeking to increase the number of people prepared to read. If you are interested then make contact with Fr Bill and we can have a short training session. Provided that you can be heard and you read reasonably slowly (this comes with practice) you will be fine.

Confessions: I will be available for Confessions after Mass on Saturday 20th and 27th March and 3rd for an hour. I will locate myself in the sacristy.

I have outlined a draft schedule for the delivery of the **First Reconciliation and First Communion Programme** that enables us to complete the celebrations before the start of August. The first Communion Masses will still be scheduled for Saturday afternoons but it is possible that some of the social distancing measures will have been relaxed by the time for the first Mass of the four scheduled in July.

CAFOD: During Lent there are parishioners seeking to raise money for CAFOD not only through the Lent Fast Day but also through the Walk for Water fund raising campaign. If anyone is interested in sponsoring the Jardine Family then here is the link.

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/lucys-walk-for-water-page>

I have posted the fourth set of three stations of the cross using **artwork of Sieger Koder** on the parish web site. I will continue to do so throughout Lent until we reach the last station. They can be accessed at

<https://www.sterconwalds.org.uk/stations.html>

I will hold a **Zoom Coffee morning** on Monday and this week from 10.30 am until 11.00 am so that I can chat to parishioners whom I have not seen for ages. It would be good to see how some of you are getting on in these challenging times.

Here is the Zoom Invitation

Topic: Zoom Coffee Morning

Time: Monday at 10.30 am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97155275292?pwd=TnIwRk5FRzITNzJGRTF5ZVBjbzZ3UT09>

Meeting ID: 971 5527 5292

Passcode: 967199

Any notices for this newsletter to be sent to Fr Bill at mail@sterconwalds.org.uk

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

For those who are able you can either put your donations through the presbytery letterbox at the side of the house or you can make a donation online.

The Diocese has a scheme at:

<http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/parishoffertory>.

In the message section you mention St Erconwald's Walton-on-Thames and the donation will come to the parish. If it is an Easter offering then mention Easter Offering in the message section.

Alternatively make a bank transfer.

Parish sort code 40 05 20

Account No 01126393

Payable to A&B Diocesan Trust St Erconwalds

Announcements

PETITION: That the Government Does Not Reduce Overseas Aid:

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/561068>

There are suggestions that the Government is planning to reduce its commitment to giving 0.7% of GDP as overseas aid. We want to keep this foreign aid and help the world's poor.

Please sign the petition. At 10,000 signatures the Government will respond to the petition. At 100,00 the petition will be considered for debate. Thank you.

THE OPEN CLOISTER @ WORTH ABBEY

**Online Easter Triduum Retreat: Maundy Thurs 1st-Easter Sun
4th April**

Join with the monks of Worth Abbey, in this interactive online retreat over the Easter Triduum. With a mixture of prayer, small groups and talks this is a great opportunity to journey with others deeper into the mystery of Easter, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Including participation in the monastic daily office and Easter liturgy, live streamed from the Abbey Church.

Book your place online at www.worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats

Services for the Triduum

Maundy Thursday	8.00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday	3.00 pm Liturgy of the Passion
Holy Saturday	8.00 pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	9.15 am & 11.15 am

Easter Competition: I am inviting children wherever you are to submit a picture or even a decorated poem that reflects either one of the Stations of the Cross or the Easter Story. It could be a picture of Jesus on the Cross or it could be one of the empty cave or tomb or it could be a picture of the Last Supper or a picture of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. We will have three age categories: seven years and below; KS 8-11 years and 12+. There will be an Easter Egg for the winner of each category. All entries to be sent electronically to mail@sterconwalds.org.uk and are to reach the parish by Monday of Holy Week – 29th March.

The Walton & Hershaw Food Bank are now again receiving donations of dry foods and toiletries, following the recent suspension due to Covid 19.

All donations of dry foods and toiletries to assist local people in need, are gratefully received.

Red storage containers are placed in the Church Porch for your donations.

Thank you for your continued support

Easter Music: We will need to give thought to the celebration of the Triduum. At this stage I hope that there will be live music at each of the main Services over this time: Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday, The Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday, the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday and at the two Masses on Easter Sunday. Could musicians let me know whether there are sufficient people to make this happen. I still assume that there will be no congregational singing but that choirs can sing. In particular I am looking for volunteers to sing the Responsorial Psalm during the Easter Vigil. I would like a list of suggested hymns within the next two weeks so that a final order of service can be established.

Red Mission Boxes (MISSIO)

It is time for the first of two collections for this year from parishioners who

have Red Mission Boxes. As a result of government restrictions due to

Covid19 being in force since last year it has been difficult for those with red boxes to return the contents to our church. Therefore this collection for those unable to attend church your box could be collected and exchanged for a new box from your home by our local secretary for MISSIO, Dominic Ennis. He would comply with current hygiene government guidelines. If you would like to avail yourself of this service, please telephone him on 0208 2246114 any time.

For those who are able to attend church, envelopes will be in the porch for you to collect and return the contents of your red box in the large box provided. If you would like to start collecting for overseas missions, please take an empty Red Box from the porch. If you would prefer to contribute by standing order or like information on Gift Aid, please contact Dominic Ennis on his above number.

Dominic

Smile Lines

The most effective way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once.

Misprints in Parish Newsletters:

- * Bring & share church supper: Prayer and medication will follow.
- * Don't let worry kill you. Let the Church help!
- * The organist invites anyone who enjoys sinning to volunteer for the choir.

