

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptism preparation

sessions take place regularly throughout the year. Please contact the office for details and to book. The next Baptism session will be on **Tuesday 8 October** at 19.00 via Zoom.

Reconciliation

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation we encounter God's love for us through the gift of forgiveness, pardon and peace. This Sacrament is regularly available in church on Saturdays after the 9.30 Mass or on request.

Children are introduced to **Reconciliation** during the year in which they make their first Holy Communion and are then invited to celebrate this sacrament of God's healing.

Confirmation and First Holy Communion: see separate notices.



COLLECTIONS
OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS
FOR 15.09.24: £438.43

LAST WEEK'S SECOND
COLLECTION FOR MISSIO:
£447.20

STANDING ORDERS
FOR AUGUST: £4750.67

PARISH BANK DETAILS
SORT CODE 40-05-20
ACCOUNT NO 01126393

DONATIONS PAYABLE TO:
RCD A&B ST ERCONWALD'S
WALTON ON THAMES.

You can also donate in church using the DONA device or the QR codes in the pews. Please use Gift Aid if you can. Thank you for all your help and financial contributions!

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SAT 21 SEP	9:30	ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST (FEAST) DRAVE FAMILY RIP
	10.00	ADORATION AND RECONCILIATION
	16.45	ITALIAN MASS
	18:00	TERRY O'BRIEN RIP
SUN 22 SEP	9:15	25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME PARISHIONERS
	11:15	ARNALDO FERNANDES RIP
MON 23 SEP	9:30	ST PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, 'PADRE PIO' (MEMORIAL) NO MASS
	10:30	MARIA CARMEN CHAMBER'S FUNERAL MASS
TUE 24 SEP	9:30	OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM (MEMORIAL) FR FRANK O'CONNOR RIP
WED 25 SEP	9:30	FOR FRANKY GOES' SUCCESSFUL SURGERY ROSARY
	10:00	
THU 26 SEP	NO MASS	NO MASS
FRI 27 SEP	9:30	SPEDDY RECOVERY OF TERRY
	10:00	DIVINE MERCY
SAT 28 SEP	9:30	ST VINCENT DE PAIL, PRIEST (MEMORIAL) CLIVE GARDNER RIP (ANNIVERSARY)
	10:00	ADORATION AND RECONCILIATION
	16.45	ITALIAN MASS
	18:00	COSTA SAMMUT RIP (ANNIVERSARY)
SUN 29 SEP	9:15	26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME PARISHIONERS
	11:15	SARAH & GILES BLESSINGS ON THEIR MARRIAGE

WEEKLY EVENTS

TODDLERS GROUP - Play and Praise continues on Fridays from 10-11.30. Sign up in advance here: <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/dnp0lyul>. We know it's hard coming to Mass with young children, so why not come beforehand at 9.30 and join others in the same boat!. **REQUEST;** the group would love some bible story board books aimed at very young children. If you have any to donate please drop off in the sacristy labelled 'toddlers group'.



ST ERCONWALDS NEWSLETTER

21-22 SEPTEMBER 2024



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

As we move forward through this Season of Creation, as people of faith and of hope we pray:

- That our community and our country will have the courage to take responsibility for the needs of the earth and its people beyond our own interests.
- That we will respect and support all who are raising their voices and taking the needed steps to improve the ability of God's creation to sustain all life.

On **5/6 October** we shall be giving thanks for the bounties of creation during Harvest, and reaching out to those who need our support locally and overseas: there will be an **appeal from CAFOD and we shall also be collecting donations for our local foodbank.**

We would like all who come to mass on **5/6 October to bring any of the following**, which will be brought to the altar by you as an offering during mass: ketchup, mayo, tinned tuna, noodles, pasta, deodorant, washing up liquid, shampoo, laundry capsules.

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Welcome back Fr Ruslan! Mass times return to normal this week.

ALPHA

Our next Alpha Course starts as a short 4-week course on Sunday 13 October at 7.30pm in the hall. Alpha is for everyone and helps explore life, faith and meaning. Please email steccalpha@outlook.com with any questions or sign up at: <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/5nlchpsx>

RESEARCH PROJECT

Barbara Hogan is a doctoral student at St. Mary's and is conducting a research study in some parishes in Surrey to assess the importance of touch when attending Mass, particularly when receiving Holy Communion. If any one would like to take part in a one-to-one informal interview with her (approx 1 hour) please email her on 164936@live.stmarys.ac.uk. For further information visit <https://mahara.stmarys.ac.uk/view/view.php?id=178082> or pick up an Information Form from the back of church.

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PARISH NEWS/EVENTS

DEAR PARISHIONERS

This section of our newsletter is for those in need of our prayers, whether sick, housebound or just in need of extra prayer. If you would like your name or someone you know to be added to the list, please let the office know.

If you are submitting on behalf of someone else, please get their permission first. If you are sick or unwell and would like Fr Ruslan to know but not have your name in the newsletter, just let us know.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS

Aman Allos, Teresa Azouz, Roger Blishen, Christopher Clifford and Catherine Browle, Katherine Cawley, Trish Claxton, Rose Collins, David Cox, Thérèse Crumpler, James De Leons-Hopkins, Maureen and Bill Dodds, Julia Donaldson, Mary Edenborough, June Ellis, Manuel and Jackie Faraldo, Michael and Cathy Flynn, Carole Frost, Carmen Galanty, Sophie Giannini, Franky Goes, Gloria Gowen, Ann Griffin, the Hansford family, Yvonne and Michael Johnson, Karen Lane, John Lydon, Rita McGloin, Oscar Menezes, Christian Misuraca, Sarah Mitchell, Colleen Murphy, Louise Nettleton, Arlo Nolan, Ben Piltsher, Shirley Rhodes, Deborah Russell, Evie Sagun, Anna Sartori, Michael Spears, Michelle Thomas, Eileen White, Dee Wilson, Dina Yates.

SECOND COLLECTION. Last weekend was **Evangelii Gaudium** Sunday, formerly known as Home Mission Sunday. **Evangelii Gaudium** means 'the Joy of the Gospel', and is the title of one of Pope Francis' messages of encouragement (exhortations). In that document, he invites the Church to be joyous in proclaiming the faith – seeking new ways of understanding it and reaching out to others. The **second, diocesan, collection this week** is to support the Bishops of England and Wales' work in this area.

Last week we listened to **Fr Emmanuel from Missio**; how appropriate to hear his testimony as a missionary, sharing that joy overseas - and Dominic Ennis' commitment over many years as secretary for our parish supporting Missio. He received an award from Fr Emmanuel for that commitment. **Thank you Dominic** and thanks to all for generously supporting Missio. Please note that **Red Box Holders** need to return their contents this weekend.

FR RUSLAN'S 40TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!

Please join us to celebrate Fr Ruslan's birthday with him on **next Sunday** in the hall from 3.30- 5pm. There is also a **family mass at 2pm at Cardinal Newman** on that day to which all are warmly invited followed by tea/coffee and cake, so lots of tea and cake for those families attending both! Sign up sheet for the birthday tea is in the back of church; please indicate what food/drink you can contribute. If you can help, please contact Emma (emma@simpkin.net).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

If your child is in Year 3 or above you can now apply for the FHC Programme 2025. Forms are available from the back of the church or our website. Please return them to the parish office **no later than Sunday 20 October**. Late applications will not be considered. Please contact the office if you have any problems collecting a form or downloading one.

Please note that for your child to be part of this programme you **NEED TO BE REGISTERED** with our parish. If you are not registered, the application **WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**.

We are unable to run the programme without enough catechists - and at the moment we do not have enough! Last year a fantastic group of parents stepped up. The more catechists we have would mean that you would not have to lead every week. So please get in touch with the parish office by phone or email. We really want to hear from you!

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2024-2025

A reminder that the introductory meeting for those considering preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation is in church on Wednesday 2 October at 19:30.

MASS LED BY YOUNG PEOPLE

A reminder that masses led by young people will start again on **Saturday 19 October at 6pm**. If you'd like to participate please contact Fr Ruslan/the parish office. All are welcome!

ADVENT 2024

The Parish Pastoral Council is currently planning and coordinating our Advent prayer focus, activities and outreach as we move into the new liturgical year, as Pilgrims of Hope, focussing on how Advent and Christmas are celebrated across the world and in our parish community of communities. We welcome contributions from all parishioners. **If you'd like to help plan or simply share ideas**, please contact John Joyce on 07801 373 299.

CONSOLIDATED PARISH STEERING COMMITTEE

On 24 September Fr Ruslan and Lucy Jardine will attend a Steering Committee meeting as we move forward with Bishop Richard's Pastoral Plan for our diocese. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide discussions, encouraging us to walk together, and discern new ways of 'being church'. We shall share information in due course!

PARISH RETREAT

Our parish retreat (**Fri evening 22 Nov-Sun afternoon 24 Nov** - timings TBC) is open to all (16+) and will be led by the Transform Ministries team. **If you'd like to serve on the preparation team**, contact Lucy on 07740 461785.

DIOCESAN/OTHER EVENTS

YOUNG ADULTS

Our diocese is organising a games night and social for single young adults on **5 October**. Sign up here: abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/ujidxclp

ANTI SLAVERY DAY is on **18 October 2024** and is part of **Anti-Slavery Week**, aiming to raise awareness of human trafficking and modern slavery, encouraging action from government, local authorities, companies, charities, and individuals. A day of events to raise awareness is being held in Chichester - for further details see the poster in the porch or visit <https://www.togetherinsussex.org.uk>

FLAME (<https://cymfed.org.uk/flame>) is an inspiring biannual youth congress next held on 15 March 2025 for 10,000 young people at Wembley Arena, full of music, powerful speakers and a chance to meet other young Catholics from around the country. We'd love to take young people from our parish to go with the diocesan group. If you're interested in going as part of this group, please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

Some reminders for diocesan events:

Marriage Anniversaries Mass on Saturday 12 October; **Training session on youth engagement in parishes**, also on Saturday 12 October and a **Grandparents' formation day**, Wednesday 6 November. To book please visit: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

HOME VISITS

Fr Ruslan would like to meet parishioners who are too poorly to come to church at different times throughout the year in their homes. Please reach out to either Susana in the office, Ann Meehan or Fr Ruslan himself in confidence so we can schedule visits.

COMMUNICATIONS

Please send any newsletter/website/social media items or any amendments to: comms.sterconwalds@gmail.com by Thursdays at 2pm for inclusion/uploading as appropriate. All feedback is welcome.

SAFEGUARDING

Tina O'Kelly is our Safeguarding Rep for volunteers. If you wish to work with children or vulnerable adults in our parish please contact her: sg1.walton@abdiocese.org.uk. See our website for further details.

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers are such a huge part of our parish and we would love to welcome anyone who wishes to get involved as we grow together as a faith community and reach out to those around us. For details: <https://www.sterconwalds.org.uk/get-involved.html>

SAVE THE DATES

29 Sept: Fr Ruslan's birthday tea
13 Oct: Alpha starts
19 Oct: Youth-led mass
22-24 Nov: Parish retreat
15 Dec: Christmas lunch
15 Mar: Flame congress