

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

BAPTISM PREPARATION

These sessions take place regularly throughout the year. Please contact the office for details and to book. The next Baptism session will be **on Tuesday 3 June at 8pm 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

Our First Holy Communion children are receiving this Sacrament over the next few weeks! Please pray for all them, their catechists and their families.

CONFIRMATION

Please pray for our Confirmation candidates as they prepare for this Sacrament, which they will receive this month at Arundel Cathedral.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 17 May	9.30 10.00 12.00	NO MASS NO Adoration and NO Reconciliation First Holy Communion Mass
	17.30	Joint Italian and English Mass, participation of our young people
Sun 18 May	9.15	Fifth Sunday of Easter MASS Ken and Marjorie Robertson RIP (Anniversary)
	11.15	MASS Parishioners
Mon 19 May	9.30	MASS
Tue 20 May	18.30 19.30	Adoration and Reconciliation MASS
Wed 21 May	9.30 10.00	NO MASS NO ROSARY
Thu 22 May	NO MASS	NO MASS
Fri 23 May	9.30 10.00	MASS Divine Mercy
Sat 24 May	9.30 10.00 12.00	NO MASS NO Adoration and NO Reconciliation First Holy Communion Mass
	16.45 18.00	ITALIAN MASS MASS Martin O'Shea RIP (Anniversary)
Sun 25 May	9.15	Sixth Sunday of Easter MASS Private intention
	11.15	MASS Parishioners

The toddlers play and praise group continues on Fridays from 10-11.30 in the hall. This month we have been looking at Jesus' mother Mary - have a look at the side altar in church to see what we've been making! Children and their parent(s)/grandparent(s) are very welcome.



ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

17/18 MAY 2025



A key aspect of following Jesus Christ is embracing a commitment to love and care for others. We often hear today's Gospel, "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As my love has been for you, so must your love be for each other." These heartfelt words from our Lord are not just suggestions but a profound mandate for us to practice daily until our very last breath. It's natural to agree that this is easier said than done.

Let's remember, Christ's teachings are more than just philosophies; they represent a beautiful way of life and love, reflected in both words and actions. "Love one another, as I have loved you," is at the heart of Christ's message, and living it out can certainly be challenging, sometimes even leading to suffering and death. Christ's words and actions inspire us to turn away from violence, hatred, and revenge, encouraging us to embody our Master's example every day. It's worth pondering: how did Christ love? Primarily, without counting the cost, full of love even when it led to His own suffering and death on the cross. With prayers for Ruslan and the PPC.

MAY CELEBRATIONS!

What a month for celebrations! On Tuesday we celebrated **St Erconwald's Feast Day**, we have our younger parishioners receiving their **First Holy Communion**, our confirmandi will celebrate their **Confirmation**, our **Sanctuary** is nearing completion of its renovation, it's the month when we particularly **remember Mary, the Mother of God**...Oh and we have a new **Pope**!

MAY - THE MONTH OF MARY

This Saturday 17 May we are joining with our Italian parishioners for **ONE Mass at 5.30pm** in honour of **Our Lady of Miracles of Mussomeli** (Sicily). Around 1530, just outside the town of Mussomeli, a paralytic was healed through the intercession of Our Lady, hence her designation as Our Lady of Miracles and as the Patron Saint of Mussomeli. Her annual feast is celebrated on 8 September there, and the Italian communities in Woking and London celebrate in July. We're delighted to share in these celebrations during the month of Mary. If you have any **prayer intentions**, please bring them along and place them in the box by the statue that will be brought from Woking. Do come along to Mass and to the **social afterwards** in the hall, and bring a plate of food to share if you can!

This Saturday's Mass will also be a Mass in which our **young people** are participating - all are very welcome! **PLEASE NOTE:** The mass is likely to be quite busy, so if you're able to walk, or can park a little further away, that could be helpful!

During this month we also especially remember and **pray for our First Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates**. We also pray for **Pope Leo XIV** on the weekend of his enthronement. May he be filled with the Holy Spirit's guidance as he leads the Church in these next months and years.

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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 seek 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, Tom Asbury, Teresa Azouz, Baby Elm, Roger Blishen, Christopher Clifford and Catherine Browle, Katherine Cawley, Trish Claxton, Rose Collins, Jimmy Connaughtoin, Thérèse Crumpler, James De Leons-Hopkins, Maureen and Bill Dodds, Julia Donaldson, Mary Edenborough, 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, Maureen Moriarty, Colleen Murphy, Louise Nettleton, Arlo Nolan, Ben Piltsher, Shirley Rhodes, Deborah Russell, Evie Sagun, Anna Sartori, Michael Spears, Michelle Thomas, Eileen White, Angela Widdup, Dina Yates.

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. Do reach out to Susana in the office, Ann Meehan or Fr Ruslan so we can schedule visits.

DEACON GARY CARTER’s ORDINATION and FIRST MASS
On 5 July parishioner Gary Carter will be ordained a priest at Arundel Cathedral. We’ll be taking a coach from St Erconwald’s - anyone who’d like to go along to support Gary please contact the office as soon as possible. Gary will celebrate his first Mass at 10am on **Sunday 6 July** with us followed by a reception in the hall. Details of how you can help to follow!

SECOND COLLECTION next week is for the Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese.

THANK YOU to all who supported the **quiz night** and jam and plant sale last weekend! The quiz night turned a profit of around £170 for church maintenance, and the jam and plant sale raised over £320, split between CAFOD and maintenance. Special thanks to Calogero for growing so many tomato plants for us! Fantastic!

BAPTISMS

We are excited to celebrate the baptism of Rowan William Laylo-Aitchison on Sunday at 1pm. Welcome to God’s family Rowan!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 100 CLUB MAY WINNERS!
May: 1st prize £35 (anonymous), 2nd prize £25 (Sheila Daly), 3rd prize £10 (Jane Joyce). The 100 club will be opened up for new members in September. Please contact the office if you’d like your name added.

PARISH SURVEY

Last weekend the Parish Pastoral Council conducted a **parish survey during all Masses**, to help shape our priorities and focus for the next 18 months-2 years. We did the last one two years ago! If you weren’t in Mass last week, additional forms are available in the back of church - please return them to the box there, or ideally complete the survey online here (link live until the end of May): <https://forms.office.com/r/y9eq4vFqqt>
We really do want to hear from you!

CHILDREN’S SECOND-HAND BOOK SALE

Please come along to a second-hand children’s book sale on **Sunday 8 June after the 9.15 Mass**. This is a lovely way for the children to get involved in the church community and raise money to restore the church! Please drop off any books you are happy to **donate in the porch by Thursday 5 June**, and come along on the 8th to buy others!

MISSALETTES FOR THE MASSES

The introduction of the TV screens during the Masses, displaying the prayers, has encouraged us to look up, which means that our prayers are heard. It also gives us the opportunity to listen to the words of the Lord being proclaimed through the readings. Another positive aspect is that fewer mass sheets are being used, contributing in a small way to looking after our planet. We will review the number provided over the coming weeks.

WORK IN THE CHURCH

As we write we hope that the main part of the sanctuary project has been completed, and that you agree that it is a significant improvement, building on our parish’s heritage. Apologies for all the last minute morning Mass cancellations this week as we raced to finish in time for the First Holy Communion. Over the last couple of months we have applied new stud-work and plasterboarded the walls. The central frieze with the Risen Lord behind the altar has been carefully reimaged, recapturing its evolution over time. We have also replaced the main floor of the sanctuary. As we were able to retain the patterned brickwork, we have been able to bring the project in somewhat under budget. There is more to do on the remainder of the church, which will be tackled as we have funds. We are grateful to all those who have contributed to the works so generously. We have not yet achieved our funding target; if we exceed this it will enable us to commence the next stage sooner.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION

Please do visit a selection of Carlo Acutis’ exhibition **detailing some of the Eucharistic miracles**, displayed around the sanctuary. **It will be there throughout May.**

What is a Eucharistic Miracle?

As Catholics, we believe that, when the bread and wine are consecrated during Mass (the Eucharistic elements), they become the body and blood of Christ (transubstantiation), although the elements appear to remain unchanged. Sometimes, very rarely, during a Mass, the elements themselves apparently change in some way along with the substance. These extraordinary occurrences may involve the transformation of the Eucharistic elements into visible flesh and blood, their preservation over extended periods. Such miracles remind us that Jesus Christ is truly present in the Eucharist.

FUNDRAISING

If you have a fundraising idea that you would like to lead on either as a group or an individual then please contact the office walton@abdiocese.org.uk. If you work for a large (or not so large) company that runs a Matching Gift scheme, your employer might match either what you give/raise. If you work for a company that offers this scheme please do let us know! We always, we welcome your feedback.

DIOCESAN/OTHER NEWS

CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS!

Did you know that our Diocese has a newsletter and opportunities for grandparents to meet, recognising the importance of your role in helping to build continuity for families between the sacraments. There’s a grandparent’s **pilgrimage to Worth Abbey on 7 June**, and the annual formation day in September. For further details see <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/news>

FESTIVAL OF HOPE/DIOCESAN 60th ANNIVERSARY

A big celebration will take place on 20 September at Queen’s Jubilee Hall, Ardingley. There are limited tickets available for each deanery/parish; we’ll travel by coach together. **Please contact the office** as soon as possible if you’re interested.

COMMUNICATIONS

Please send any newsletter/website/porch/ 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

If you wish to work with children or vulnerable adults in our parish please contact Tina O’Kelly, our Safeguarding Rep for volunteers: tina@okellynet.com. 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. See here for details: <https://www.sterconwalds.org.uk/get-involved.html>

YOUR OFFERINGS
PLATE COLLECTIONS FOR
11.05.25: £322.59

2ND COLLECTION: £113.89

STANDING ORDERS
FOR APRIL: £4835.67

THANK YOU!

SAVE THE DATES!

28 JUN YOUTH-LED MASS
10-11 JUL PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM
AUG PILGRIM’S WAY WALK
7 SEP PARISH HOG ROAST/BBQ
20 SEP FESTIVAL OF HOPE