

ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

21ST FEBRUARY 2021

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Mass Intentions and Mass Times: Week starting 21st February

Saturday 20 th February	9.30 am	All those who help in the church
	6.00 pm	Mass in Italian
Sunday 21 st February	9.15 am	Camela Tagliarino RIP
	11.15 am	Parishioners
Monday 22 nd February	9.30 am	Good Health of Kim Lovell
Tuesday 23 rd February	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Wednesday 24 th February	7.00 pm	Richard Greanery RIP
Thursday 25 th February	9.30 am	LITURGY OF THE WORD
Friday 26 th February	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Saturday 27 th February	9.30 am	Anna Goes RIP
	6.00 pm	Mass in Italian.
Sunday 28 th February	9.15 am	Gareth Fox RIP
	11.15 am	Brigette Lydon 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, Mary Overton, Nick Harvey (Sue Desborough's Brother) and Catherine Browle.

Fr Bill writes: The church is now open for public Masses but because we are still in lock down there are limits as to what can happen inside a church outside the public Masses. Therefore I will not as yet be introducing Exposition.

I am working on meditations of the Stations of the Cross which I will record and put on the parish web site and will be open to people to play when it is convenient. They will be on the artwork of a German artist Sieger Koder and I will take two or three stations each week throughout Lent rather than doing all 14 in one go. I will upload them onto the web site and the link will be emailed on Wednesdays.

To keep us all safe I still need volunteers for stewards from those who attend the 9.15 am and 11.15 Masses on Sundays. Thanks to those who have come forward. Please let me know if you are willing by emailing me at mail@sterconwalds.org.uk

Please note the letter about the **Diocesan Pilgrimage** this year. As announced last week there will be a retiring collection this Sunday. You can put your offerings in the designated collection baskets at the front of the church. Please note the dates: **23rd - 29th July. The focus will be on prayer and healing for those at the front line of the pandemic such as doctors, nurses, café workers and teachers.**

There will be Liturgy of the word on Thursday at 9.30 am now that the church is open for public liturgies

I will hold a **Zoom Coffee morning** on Monday and Wednesday 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

The last talk on the gospel of Mark has been given. The handouts and recording of the talks are available for the next month at the hyper link below.

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

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

Baptisms are still suspended because of the Government lockdown.

Parish Finance

We have had several generous donations towards the maintenance of the parish recently. **Little income has been received during the current lockdown apart from standing orders which are the life blood of the parish at present. Many thanks to those who regularly donate and to those who are keeping up with their Gift Aid payments. The parish accounts for 2020 will soon be published.**

Standing Order Income for December 2020 : £3,121.93 excluding donations for Christmas and maintenance. Thank you all for your generosity. 94 parishioners approximately are contributing by standing order.

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

Food Bank

The Walton & Hersham 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.

Diocesan Lent Mission

Coming soon – Invited

God loves you. He has great plans for you. He wants to accompany you through all the highs and lows of your life.

There will soon be an opportunity for you to explore all this and more as we journey together as a Diocese through a season of mission.

Visit www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited to find out more.

You, are Invited.

First session will be available on the evening of Monday 22nd February. You can register to join small groups on Thursday evenings during Lent to discuss the Monday sessions.

Mary's Mantle Consecration!

This self-directed spiritual retreat has resulted in miracles in the lives and hearts of those who have applied themselves to it. St. Pope John Paul II said that his consecration to Mary was a "decisive turning point in my life". It incorporates four models of prayer that have stood the test of time and truth in moving and melting the heart of God: the Rosary (daily), spiritual readings (daily), fasting (weekly) and consecration to Mary. It is suitable for busy individuals, families and groups. We will start Mary's Mantle Consecration in our Deanery on the Monday 8th of February, until the 25th March, the Feast of the Annunciation. Those interested, please email weybridgemarysmantle@gmail.com for more information.

The Gift

A short DVD Course

Do you know how much God loves you personally
and wants you to know him better?

We know he loves us in our heads but do we feel it in our hearts?

Have you ever given time to open up the gift
you were given at baptism?

The prayer group which meets weekly on a Thursday evening
warmly invites you to

join them for seven evenings following this short course
that has been recommended by Pope Francis.

We will journey through Lent to Easter together.

Each week we will listen to a speaker and share our reflections in a small group
with an experienced leader.

At week six we will pray for The Holy Spirit to deepen our awareness
of God's personal love for us and his dynamic Spirit in us.

We will run the course on Zoom and we can help you access this if you have
never used Zoom before. It has been new to most of us this year.

Course runs Thursdays 7.15pm February 11th-March 25th

To register please email or call /text johngerard@talktalk.net (07949 653703)
or lalana.pang@gmail.com (07903 719336)

[The Gift: A Life in the Spirit Course Official Website](#)

The Current Faith Companion can be accessed at www.thefaithcompanion.co.uk.

Feasts of the Coming Week

23rd February St Polycarp (- 155)

He was a disciple of the Apostles, bishop of Smyrna, and a friend of St Ignatius of Antioch. He went to Rome to confer with Pope Anicetus about the celebration of Easter. He was martyred at Smyrna in about 155 by being burnt to death in the stadium. Polycarp is an important figure in the history of the Church because he is one of the earliest Christians whose writings still survive. He bears witness to the beliefs of the early Christians and the early stages of the development of doctrine.

25th February St Ethelbert (c.560 - 616)

Ethelbert, or Aethelberht, was King of Kent from about 580 or 590 until his death. He was the first king in England to convert to Christianity: according to Bede, this happened shortly after St Augustine arrived on his mission to the English. He helped the Church to establish itself by making it a gift of land at Canterbury.

Observations on Modern Life

Don't be irreplaceable. If you can't be replaced, you can't be promoted.

A hangover is the wrath of grapes.

When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.

A filing cabinet is a place where you can lose things systematically.

If you think the problem is bad now, just wait until we have solved it.
(Arthur Kasse)

