

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 Wednesday 11th December at 7pm 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

Thank you to all the parents that attending the meeting.

We do need **additional catechists** and especially ask parents of those who children will participate in the programme to help out. You don't need to commit to each week! Do get in touch with the parish office by phone or email.

CONFIRMATION

If you're still interested in joining this year's programme, please email the parish office and return your registration forms by **9 November**. See the separate notice for further details, and for any additional information please contact the parish office.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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| FRI 22 NOV | 18:00 | MASS |
| SAT 23 NOV | 9:30 | BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE |
| | 16.45 | ADORATION & RECONCILIATION WILL TAKE PLACE AS PART OF THE RETREAT |
| | 18:00 | ITALIAN MASS CANCELLED |
| SUN 24 NOV | 9:15 | OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING, WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE |
| | 11:15 | BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE |
| MON 25 NOV | 9:30 | BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE |
| | 10:00 | ROSARY |
| TUE 26 NOV | 18:30 | ADORATION AND RECONCILIATION |
| | 19:30 | BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE |
| WED 27 NOV | 9:30 | BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE |
| | 10:00 | ROSARY |
| THU 28 NOV | NO MASS | NO MASS |
| FRI 29 NOV | 9:30 | BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE |
| | 10:00 | DIVINE MERCY AND ROSARY |
| SAT 30 NOV | 9:30 | BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE |
| | 10:00 | ADORATION & RECONCILIATION |
| | 16.45 | ITALIAN MASS |
| | 18:00 | BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE |
| SUN 1 DEC | 9:15 | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT VICENTA & BERNARDO GUERRERO RIP |
| | 11:15 | PARISHIONERS |
| | 13:00 | POLISH MASS |

WEEKLY EVENTS

TODDLERS GROUP - Play and Praise continues on Fridays during term-time from 10-11.30. Sign up in advance and check dates here (the last one before Christmas will be on 13 December): <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/dnp0lyul>.



ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

23/24 NOVEMBER 2024

Today marks the last Sunday of Ordinary Time in the Catholic Church, dedicated to **Christ the King**. Next Sunday, we will begin a new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent, which leads us to Christmas and the celebration of God becoming man.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus stands confidently before Pontius Pilate, proclaiming that God's Kingdom extends beyond this world. He came not to condemn but to save, which is a fundamental belief in Sacred Scripture. God's Kingdom is eternal and universal, offering believers gifts of holiness, grace, justice, love, and peace.

Let us rejoice as we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King, reflecting on his love, which is abundantly given to us.

With prayers,
Fr. Ruslan and the PPC

We also celebrate the young people of our parish this weekend, as the feast of Christ the King coincides with **World Youth Sunday**. In November 2020, Pope Francis called for a relaunch of World Youth Day and asked the global Catholic community to celebrate Youth Sunday locally on the Solemnity of Christ the King. It is a day to celebrate the role of young people in the Church, to pray for and encourage young people to deepen their relationship with Jesus and explore various opportunities within the Church.

The theme this year is '**Let Your Kingdom Come**'. It is a call to action, inviting young people to be active participants in building God's Kingdom here on earth. It challenges them to reflect on how they can embody Christ's love, justice, and peace in their daily lives, and how they can be instruments of God's will in a world that is in such need of hope and renewal.

We welcome our **Confirmation candidates** and other young parishioners at this weekend's masses, in particular at our Saturday 6pm mass.

Why not be a prayer buddy for a young person?

There are prayer cards in the porch for each young person in our Confirmation group. Please take one home, and remember to include that person in your prayers until Confirmation time.

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend (23/24 Nov) the second collection will be for the Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund - we missed it last weekend! If you've ever visited the cathedral, you'll know that like all similar type buildings it requires a lot of upkeep! And if you've never been, we hope to organise a visit next year as part of our Jubilee year programme.

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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!

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, Teresa Azouz, Roger Blishen, Christopher Clifford and Catherine Browle, Katherine Cawley, Trish Claxton, Rose Collins, David Cox, Theresè 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, 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.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER PRAYERS

This weekend marks the end of the liturgical year, and the end of the Year of Prayer. We have been praying through the months for the Pope's and our own intentions. This month we have remembered our beloved departed.

In December Pope Francis asks us to pray for the **Jubilee Year**, for **pilgrims of hope**:

“We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.”

In the weeks to come we shall be sharing further plans of how we as a parish can journey together as pilgrims during this special year - the parish retreat marks a beginning!

PARISH NEWS/EVENTS

WELCOME!

If you're new to the parish and would like to find out more about what is on, please pick up a copy of our new welcome leaflet on the table in the porch.

ADVENT WREATH-MAKING WORKSHOP

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP: Saturday 30 November 10am-12pm. Create a beautiful wreath, learn about its symbolism and how you can use it to pray during advent. Spaces are limited - **please book your place by this Monday 25 November in the porch or online**

(<https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/ljuhuzpi>) - families/individuals welcome. Cost: £11 per family/wreath.

STERCONWALDS PARISH RETREAT this weekend!

Welcome to Fr Gladson and the retreat team! We hope to see most of you at some point over the weekend - if you haven't signed up, don't worry - just turn up! Full details of the sessions are on our website and in the porch.

People may wish to gather after the retreat to chat, question and share. The church will be open after Mass this Tuesday evening and Fr Ruslan and parish pastoral council (PPC) members will be there. Do come along. You can also chat to Fr, or members of the PPC separately - message ppc@walton.abdiocese.org. There will be a reflection evening in the hall after the penitential service on **Wednesday 18 December**, and follow up sessions in January. All are welcome.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

We continue to pray for all those debating this bill. Cardinal Nichols powerfully called us in his pastoral letter last week to **write to our MPs**: the House of Commons will hear the second reading of this bill on **29 November**. Parishioners who have written have mentioned how some MPs are still undecided, so your letters could make the difference. We have an example letter if helpful - do contact the office. Cardinal Nichols has also asked to pray on that day, and we shall be holding a **holy hour of Adoration** on **Friday 29 November** from 8.30-9.30am. Please join in prayer, in person or wherever you are, for as little or as long as you can.

BAPTISMS

Several families will be bringing their babies/young children along to the 9.15 Mass this weekend as part of the Rite of Welcome for their children. Do come to coffee in the hall afterwards and say hello!

MINISTERS OF THE WORD/EUCHARIST

Fr Ruslan is holding a training session for **Eucharistic ministers** and anyone interested in joining **this Wednesday 27 November at 7.30pm in the church**. All parish readers will be specially commissioned at all masses during the weekend of 30/11-1/12.

ADVENT

Full details of all of our Advent events and activities are in our Advent leaflet now available - please take a copy from the porch or look online.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

All are invited to our Parish traditional Christmas lunch on Sunday 15 December from 12.15-2.30pm. Places are limited so please do sign up in the porch as soon as you can!

COME TO HELP DECORATE OUR CHURCH FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS on Saturday 14 December - details to follow.

YOUTH-LED MASS

The next mass led by the young people of our parish will take place on **Saturday 14 December at 6pm**, followed by pizza! Please contact Fr Ruslan if you'd like to participate/attend.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Our Advent penitential service will take place on **Wednesday 18 December at 7.30pm** to help us prepare for the coming of our Lord and Saviour, followed by a post-retreat social and reflection in the hall.

CELEBRATION OF CAROLS AND READINGS

Join us on **Sunday 22 December** at 3pm for a celebration followed by refreshments. If you'd like to help, please contact John Joyce via the parish office.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - PRIZES NEEDED!

If you can donate a prize yourself or source one from someone you know please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL is currently advertising for a **learning support assistant**. Contact the school and apply either via www.eteach.com or the school website. **Closing date 24 November**;

DIOCESAN/OTHER NEWS/EVENTS

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, **please contact the parish office** as soon as possible.

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. For details: <https://www.sterconwalds.org.uk/get-involved.html>

PLATE OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS FOR 17-11-24: £277.27

STANDING ORDERS FOR OCTOBER: £4784.91

THANK YOU!

SAVE THE DATES:

22-24 NOV: PARISH RETREAT
27 NOV: EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING
30 NOV: WREATH MAKING
14 DEC: CHURCH DECORATING
14 DEC: YOUTH-LED MASS
15 DEC: CHRISTMAS LUNCH
18 DEC: PENITENTIAL SERVICE
22 DEC: CAROL CELEBRATION
15 MAR: FLAME CONGRESS