

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Our **Confirmation** and **First Holy Communion** programmes are now underway! Please pray for all those participating, their catechists and their families. The next **Baptism** session will be in January (date TBC) in the hall.

Following the teachings of the Church, children are introduced to

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

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 9.30 Mass** or on request.

COLLECTIONS

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS
03.12.23: £230.75

STANDING ORDERS

NOVEMBER: £4150.67

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 do use Gift Aid if you can. Thank you!

The **Alpha course** starts this Wednesday with a *Try Alpha* session at 8pm in the hall. Join us for mince pies and an introduction. It will continue on Monday 15th January at 7.30pm and run for 9 weeks. Sign up: steccalpa@outlook.com

THURSDAY 14th DECEMBER

Invited - God is with us Advent programme

Last week we reflected on our relationship with Jesus and our desire for him. We continue with Session 3 at 7.30pm in the hall. Do come along. Don't worry if you've missed any sessions - you can catch up here: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited>

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

CELEBRATION OF CAROLS AND READINGS

Please join us next **Sunday 17th December at 3pm** in church followed by seasonal refreshments, supported by our wonderful youth, music groups and choir. All are welcome to attend this communal celebration of joy during Advent.

DIOCESAN-RUN EVENTS

The diocese is hosting workshops for those interested in working in youth ministry, and for catechists, after Christmas. To find out about and book other events hosted by the diocese please visit the events calendar: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL: ADMISSIONS/ VACANCY

This weekend is the last opportunity to offer your views on the proposed admission arrangements for the 2025-2026 academic year. Please visit: www.cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk. There is a **vacancy** for a **Midday Supervisor** starting in January 2024, term time only. For more information and to apply, please visit the school website.

OTHER NEWS

CELEBRATE have produced an **Advent online family activity pack** and Advent Matchbox Manger to support families this Advent. Download these for free at: www.celebratetrust.org/onlinefamilyactivitypacks



ST ERCONWALDS NEWSLETTER

10TH DECEMBER 2023 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SAT 9 DEC	09:30	SARAH AND JOE HEAGARTY RIP
	16:45	ITALIAN MASS
	18:00	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT THE RANFT FAMILY
SUN 10 DEC	09:15	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT JOHN RYAN RIP
	11:15	PARISHIONERS
MON 11 DEC		NO MASS
TUE 12 DEC	09:30	FR AARON SPINELLI
WED 13 DEC	09:30	ST LUCY, VIRGIN, MARTYR ANNE WEBB RIP
	ROSARY 18.00 19.00	ADORATION PENITENTIAL SERVICE
THU 14 DEC		ST JOHN, PRIEST, DOCTOR NO MASS
FRI 15 DEC	9.30	CONVERSATION AND PURE HEART OF JESUS ANTONIO CARRION
	DIVINE MERCY	
SAT 16 DEC	09:30	IN THANKSGIVING
	16:45	ITALIAN MASS
	18:00	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DOUET FAMILY
SUN 17 DEC		THIRD 'GAUDETE' SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	09:15	FRANK AND PATRICIA MITCHELL RIP
	11:15	PARISHIONERS

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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 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

Margaret (Maggie) Hawkes, Anna Sartori, Rose Collins, Carmen Galanty, Deborah Russell, Ann Griffin, Dina Yates, Manuel and Jackie Faraldo, Andres Gomez, Christian Misuraca, Christopher Clifford and Catherine Browle, June Ellis, Shirley Rhodes, John Lydon, James De Leons-Hopkins, Teresa Azouz, Maureen and Bill Dodds, Roger Blishen, Michael Spears, Sarah Mitchell, Rita McGloin, Fr Alex Hill, Katherine Cawley, Karen Lane, Dee Wilson, Michelle Thomas, Aman Allos, Eileen White, Sophie Giannin, Yvonne and Michael Johnson, Louise Nettleton, Julia Donaldson, Arlo Nolan, the Hansford family, Beryl Jones, Oscar Menezes, Carole Frost, Gloria Gowen, Michael and Cathy Flynn.

PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

As we continue our journey through Advent, we have now approached the Second Sunday of this blessed period. Every year on this Sunday, the Church invites us to reflect on the words and deeds of St John the Baptist, who prepared the way for the coming of the Lord. St John, whom scripture tells us lived in the desert, fasted, and prayed, and ultimately gave his life to serve God as a prophet, teacher, and martyr. John was filled with the Holy Spirit and dedicated his life to serve to Our Lord.

In St John's life, we can see an example of faithful Christian Love, which can transform our hearts and souls. In its Christian understanding, love is a profound theme to contemplate and reflect upon. Love that proceeds from our Lord and is given to us unconditionally. Love is our second theme during Advent, and we invite you, dear friends, to pray that the love of Our Lord will expel the darkness of sins and errors and lead us together to Christmas.

With prayers, Father Ruslan
and the Parish Pastoral Council

VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR CHRISTMAS MASSES

Please see the sheet in the porch and sign up to be a welcomer, Eucharistic minister, altar server, reader, etc at any of our Christmas masses.

ADVENT PRAYERS AND CANDLE

If you weren't in mass in our parish last week, please do take a candle and prayer leaflet from the back of church to help you pray through this Advent season.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Dear parishioners, a gentle reminder that parish priests do not get paid a salary and are remunerated from mass stipends and from Easter and Christmas offerings. Christmas offerings will go to Fr Ruslan as your personal gift. If you plan to donate via bank transfer/DONA, please use the ref 'Christmas Offering'.

DONATIONS UNDER OUR CHRISTMAS TREE

If any children would like to make/write a Christmas card for the housebound or those in hospital, please leave them under the tree. We are also supporting Stripey Stork, who provides essential items to vulnerable children and their parents/carers throughout the year. The charity has requested only donations of brand-new toiletry gift sets or lego sets. If you wish to donate these gifts, please label your presents and place them under the tree by 20/12.

MISSALETTES

We are trying to reduce our carbon footprint, as well as costs, by only purchasing the number of missalettes needed. To help gauge how many this is, please only take one if you struggle to read the screen or would like to take one home with you. Thank you!

THIS COMING WEEK

SATURDAY 9th DECEMBER

Do come and decorate the church from 10.30-12.30!

SUNDAY 10th DECEMBER

Mass of Enrolment for Confirmation candidates at the 9.15 mass.

Parishioners' Christmas lunch will be after the 12.15 mass. All who have registered, please go to the hall at 12.30 for drinks and nibbles, followed by lunch and a special visitor at 13.30, and will finish at 14.30. If anyone would like to contribute towards the lunch please select StEPS on Dona or contact the office.

WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER

Adoration and prayer continues this Wednesday from 6-7pm in church. Adoration is a time to connect with Our Lord, relax in his presence and be drawn into intimacy with him, receiving wisdom, guidance and strength for our life journey. Come and be restored!

Our **parish penitential service** is also this Wednesday at 7pm in the church. Please come along as part of your Advent preparations. All are welcome - and do come along for the *Try Alpha* session afterwards!

HOME VISITS

Fr Ruslan is very aware that we have a number of parishioners that are too poorly to come to church. He would like to meet these parishioners at different times throughout the year in their homes. He can offer the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion and anointing of the sick or just say hello. Everyone is important to us in our parish. Please reach out to either Susana in the office, Ann Meehan or Fr Ruslan himself in confidence. We will work with Fr Ruslan to try to schedule visits. God bless.

COMMUNICATIONS

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