

ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER 13TH JUNE 2021

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Mass Intentions and Mass Times: Week starting 13th June

Saturday 12 th June	9.30 am	Parishioners
	6.00 pm	Mass in Italian
Sunday 13 th June	9.15 am	Arnaldo Fernandes RIP
	11.15 am	Good Health of Carolyn Cochrane
Monday 14 th June	9.30 am	Yvonne and Maurice Dunne RIP
Tuesday 15 th June	9.30 am	Raymond Casey RIP
Wednesday 16 th June	7.00 pm	Private Intention
Thursday 17 th June	9.30 am	Liturgy of the Word
Friday 18 th June	9.30 am	Good health of Felicity Ellist
Saturday 19 th June	9.30 am	In Thanksgiving
	6.00 pm	Mass in Italian
Sunday 20 th June	9.15 am	Parishioners
	11.15 am	

The Church is open for public Masses and booking is required for Sunday Masses. Please book no later than Thursday evening for the following Sunday.

Please pray for those in the Parish who have asked for our prayers:

Michael Snee, Margaret Hawkes, Anna Sartori, Sheila Day, Nicoletta Lanzisera, Rose Collins, Carmen Galanty, Patrick Russell, Ann Griffin, Ann Lane, Dina Yates, Rose Collins, Manuel and Jackie Faraldo, Eileen Englefield, Andres Gomez, Christian Misuraca, Christopher Clifford and Catherine Browle.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maureen Lloyd who has died recently. Her funeral service will be on 22nd June.

Fr Bill writes: In line with the Bishops' request to increase the COVID capacity of our churches by reducing the social distance to one metre for those wearing masks, there will be space for two bubbles per bench in the church. This will be important for funerals and it enables some parishioners to attend the First Communion Masses on the Saturday afternoon if they so wish.

However booking is still essential for any parishioners wishing to attend the First Communion Masses to ensure that the church remains within the COVID guidelines. First Communion families are entitled to one bench each. Parishioners should only book for one of the Masses in the first instance to give others a chance. The Masses will take place on Saturday 3rd July, 10th July, 17th July and 24th July. All Masses will start at 2.00 pm.

John and Ola will be departing during the weekend of 17/18th July to start a new venture in Cumbria in the north of England. There will be an opportunity to say goodbye to them during the weekend 10/11th July. The Parish is grateful for all that they have done during their time here.

Advance Warning: The First Communion Masses will be taking place at 2.00 pm on the first four Saturday afternoons during the first four weeks of July. On those Saturdays there will be no morning Masses though the opportunity for Confessions will continue.

With the relaxation of the pandemic restrictions **30** people are now allowed at Baptisms. The **Offertory Procession** can now take place and the priest will at Communion now say **“Body of Christ” to which each person responds Amen. Altar Servers** can now start to fulfil their role. However there can be no singing on the part of the Congregation and masks and social distancing regulations are still in place.

I am very grateful for the work of the stewards in ensuring that we are all safe and that social distancing is maintained as far as is possible. Without their generous help the church would not legally be able to open. It is important therefore that we show our appreciation for what they do by complying with their instructions. **It would be very helpful if some of you could help with the cleaning of benches after Mass on Sundays so that it is not left to the generous few.**

First Communion and First Reconciliation: I will be meeting groups of parents and children on the Sacramental Preparation Course face-to-face to introduce them to the Church and to what will happen when they Make their First Communion in July. These meetings will take start at 5.30 pm on Wednesdays and 3.30 pm on Saturdays and last no more than an hour.

Offertory Collection: 30th May £206.76 (£496.76 banked)
23rd May £253
16th May £139.53
9th May £209.50 (£624.50 banked)
2nd May £207.50 (£537.50 banked)
Standing Orders for May totalled £2934

Those who are not able to attend Mass on Sundays can either put their 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.

Alternatively make a bank transfer.

Parish sort code 40 05 20

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Announcements

Climate Change Petition: We all know about the climate change Because of the Climate Change emergency Pope Francis has called on us all to take action. CAFOD and other development charities are also at the forefront of campaigning, because climate change is already hitting the some of the poorest countries hard.

Please will you click on the link below and sign the petition to the UK government to take a strong lead on this issue. Why now? Because the

UK is hosting two major conferences of world leaders this year- the G7 in June and the UN "COP26" climate talks in November.

The eyes of the world will be on Britain and with a massive campaign showing popular support, our government will be more likely to push for stronger measures to combat climate change.

Please sign at cafod.org.uk/reclaim and encourage friends and family to do the same.

Thank you!

Sufficiency – Living With Limitation: On **Thursday, 17 June at 8pm**, Fr. Rob Esdaile, Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes, Thames Ditton, will give a talk on Zoom on the tensions inherent in our consumer society and how the Gospel might affect our hopes and choices. To register (and receive the link to watch and join in with discussion) e: office@olchurch.org.uk

London Students for Life was established last year to advocate for and support the prolife message. You can see more about them here: <https://www.facebook.com/londonstudentsforlife/about/> This is their second sponsored walk: the first raised funds to help pregnant students. This walk is to support the great work of Good Counsel Network which offers practical and emotional support to women who might otherwise feel forced to abort. See: <https://goodcounselnet.co.uk/about-the-good-counsel>

This is a wonderful and courageous initiative by London students and it would be great to see them offered encouragement through promotion of their work and donations to this cause. And the A & B Diocese has a special connection with this group as one of the co-founders, Mollie, is the daughter of Tessa and Fr Graham Ricketts. Tessa is our Diocesan Social Action Adviser.

