

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Please pray for all those participating in our catechetical programmes, their catechists and their families. The next Baptism session is on 26th of March at 19:00 in the hall. To book, please contact the office.

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 FOR 03/03/24: £179.29**

### STANDING ORDERS

**FEBRUARY: £4072.67**

### 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 use Gift Aid if you can. Thank you!

# MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>SAT 23 MAR</b>	<b>09:30</b>	MASS
	<b>16:45</b>	ITALIAN MASS
	<b>18:00</b>	MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN RIP
<b>SUN 24 MAR</b>	<b>09:15</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b> BETTY BRAGANZA RIP
	<b>11:15</b>	PARISHIONERS
	<b>13:00</b>	POLISH MASS
<b>MON 25 MAR</b>	<b>09:30</b>	MARY OVERTON'S INTENTIONS (100 BIRTHDAY!)
<b>TUE 26 MAR</b>	<b>09:30</b>	MARY OVERTON'S INTENTIONS (100 BIRTHDAY!)
<b>WED 27 MAR</b>	<b>09:30</b> <b>ROSARY</b>	MARY OVERTON'S INTENTIONS (100 BIRTHDAY!)
<b>THU 28 MAR</b>	<b>11:30</b>	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> VINCENZO SCANELLA'S FUNERAL
	<b>20:00</b>	MASS
<b>FRI 29 MAR</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY, SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION</b>
<b>SAT 30 MAR</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> POLISH FOOD BLESSING
	<b>20:00</b>	<b>THE SOLEMN VIGIL OF EASTER</b>
<b>SUN 31 MAR</b>	<b>09:15</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> NICOLETTA LANZISERA RIP (1ST ANNIVERSARY)
	<b>11:15</b>	PARISHIONERS
	<b>12:30</b>	ITALIAN MASS
	<b>13:30</b>	POLISH MASS



# ST ERCONWALDS NEWSLETTER

24 MARCH 2024

## A MESSAGE FROM FR RUSLAN

Each year on the Sunday before Easter, Christians around the world celebrate and commemorate what is traditionally called Palm or Passion Sunday; when we recount the events leading up to the betrayal, crucifixion and death of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Holy Week is the high point of the Liturgical Year, culminating in the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection next Sunday. The Liturgy of Palm Sunday begins with a re-enactment of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. After hearing the Gospel recount this event, everyone processes into church carrying blessed palms or olive branches.

The joy and triumph will change to another focus as we move into church and begin to hear the readings about the Suffering Servant of God from the book of the Prophet Isaiah, then the great passage from Saint Paul's Letter to the Philippians about Christ and finally the recounting of the betrayal, passion, and death of the Lord according to the Gospel writer, this year Saint Mark. The blessed branches received and carried at the beginning of the celebration are reminders that we are committed to following Christ and being faithful to the Lord.

With blessings and prayers,

Fr Ruslan and PPC

## LENT

### LENTEN PRAYER AND ROSARY

We continue praying the rosary online on Mondays and Fridays from 13:15-13:45 and after 9:30 Mass on Wednesdays in church. To join please email [walton@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:walton@abdiocese.org.uk)

Our **Lenten prayer focus** is for the sick of our parish and those in hospital. Please remember them in your prayers. If you have specific prayer intentions, add them to the Lenten prayer book, or use the blank **prayer intention cards**, both are in the porch. Please use them to write your own prayer for Lent which you can keep, give to someone else, or to write for the sick at St Peter's hospital.

## PARISH DETAILS

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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

Aman Allos, Teresa Azouz, Roger Blishen, Christopher Clifford and Catherine Browle, Katherine Cawley, Rose Collins, David Cox, 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, Andres Gomez, Gloria Gowen, Ann Griffin, the Hansford family, Fr Alex Hill, Yvonne and Michael Johnson, Beryl Jones, Karen Lane, John Lydon, Rita McGloin, Madeleine Menezes, Oscar Menezes, Christian Misuraca, Sarah Mitchell, Louise Nettleton, Arlo Nolan, Shirley Rhodhes, Deborah Russell, Anna Sartori, Michael Spears, Michelle Thomas, Eileen White, Dee Wilson, Dina Yates.

# PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS

## THIS WEEK

### IN MEMORIAM

On Thursday at 11:30, we will be celebrating the life of Vincenzo Scanella. Please have Vincenzo and his family in your prayers during these difficult times. RIP

**EASTER EGG HUNT** will take place after the 9:15 mass on Sunday 31st March.

### GIFT AID ENVELOPES

For several years, the number of parishioners actively using weekly Gift Aid envelopes for the offertory collection has been declining and the cost of purchasing the minimum number of envelope boxes outweighs the financial benefit the parish receives back in tax reclaimed from HMRC. Therefore from 6 April 2024, no new envelopes will be available. If your preference is to continue to donate through cash, please do so using the basket but the parish will not be able to reclaim the tax you have paid on that donation.

Alternatively, you may wish to switch to using a regular monthly standing order for your offertory donation by completing the form, which can be found in the porch, or by using online or telephone banking. If you have not joined the Gift Aid scheme, please complete a Gift Aid Declaration form that can also be found in the porch. This is a fantastic way of making your offertory donation go further, as the Parish can reclaim an additional 25% from HMRC. Last year this amounted to over £14,000 for all the offertory, second collections and appeals.

### NEW BIKE RACKS

You may have seen the two new green bike racks at the left hand side of the church. These, and their installation, have been entirely funded by Elmbridge Borough Council from their Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) - it has not cost the parish a penny! The disabled parking place that was there has now been moved to the right-hand side of the car park, and is hopefully easier to use.

So if you feel like making a more healthy and sustainable journey to Mass, then get on your bike and don't forget to bring a lock and chain.

## FUNDRAISING/SECOND COLLECTIONS

### YOUR EASTER OFFERING

Dear Parishioners, a gentle reminder that Parish priests do not get paid a salary and are remunerated from Mass stipends and from the Easter and Christmas Offerings. Easter offerings go to Fr Ruslan as your personal gift. If you are planning to donate via bank transfer, please use the ref Easter Offering. Thank you in advance for your generosity and God bless.

### This week's second collections are as follows:

- Maundy Thursday: Utilities
- Good Friday: The Holy Places of Palestine
- Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday: Easter offerings to Fr Ruslan

### FUNDRAISING FOR UKRAINE.

Ribbons in memory and to raise funds for those who are still suffering are available in the porch - suggested donation £1. Thank you for your continued prayers for those affected by war.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ALPHA COURSE

The Alpha Course starts Wednesday 24th April at 7.30pm in the hall. Come and explore faith for yourself or invite others to discover our faith. Everyone is welcome! The course starts with 3 in-person sessions and continues online. For more information and to sign up: <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/xjqazrrv> or email [steccalpha@outlook.com](mailto:steccalpha@outlook.com)

### BUCKET COLLECTION AND PETITIONS - HCPT GROUP 24

In just a week's time, HCPT Group 24 will be travelling to Lourdes for our annual Easter Pilgrimage. This year we will be taking a number of children from the parish and will be undertaking our traditional bucket collection at the end of all Easter masses. Any donations will be greatly received and will help pay for treats and other fun activities. We will also be collecting petitions for anyone who would like to leave a prayer with Our Lady at the Grotto. Thank you for all your support and prayers.

## HOME VISITS

Fr Ruslan is very aware that there is 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/social media items or any amendments to: [comms.sterconwalds@gmail.com](mailto:comms.sterconwalds@gmail.com) by Thursdays at 2pm for inclusion/uploading as appropriate. All feedback is welcome.