

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

**Baptism preparation** sessions take place regularly throughout the year. Please contact the office for details and to book. The next Baptism session will be on **Tuesday 8 October** at 19.00 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.

**Confirmation and First Holy Communion:** see separate notices.

**COLLECTIONS**  
**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS**  
**FOR 22.09.24: £277.47**

**LAST WEEK'S SECOND**  
**COLLECTION FOR EVANGELI**  
**GAUDIUM SUNDAY: £207.85**

**STANDING ORDERS**  
**FOR AUGUST: £4750.67**

**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 for all your help and financial contributions!

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>SAT 28 SEP</b>	<b>9:30</b>	<b>MASS CANCELLED</b>
	<b>10.00</b>	<b>ADORATION AND RECONCILIATION</b>
	<b>16.45</b>	<b>ITALIAN MASS</b>
	<b>18:00</b>	COSTA SAMMUT RIP (ANNIVERSARY)
<b>SUN 29 SEP</b>	<b>9:15</b>	<b>26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> PARISHIONERS
	<b>11:15</b>	SARAH & GILES BLESSINGS ON THEIR MARRIAGE
<b>MON 30 SEP</b>	<b>9:30</b>	<b>ST JEROME, PRIEST, DOCTOR</b> <b>(MEMORIAL)</b> ANN & PATRICK RUSSELL RIP (ANNIVERSARY)
<b>TUE 1 OCT</b>	<b>18:30</b>	<b>ADORATION AND RECONCILIATION</b>
	<b>19:30</b>	<b>ST THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS,</b> <b>VIRGIN, DOCTOR (MEMORIAL)</b> MASS
<b>WED 2 OCT</b>	<b>9:30</b>	<b>THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS</b> <b>(MEMORIAL)</b> TOM & PHILIP KILBURN RIP
	<b>10:00</b>	<b>ROSARY</b>
<b>THU 3 OCT</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>FRI 4 OCT</b>	<b>9:30</b>	<b>ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI (MEMORIAL)</b> NIALL COX RIP (ANNIVERSARY)
	<b>10:00</b>	<b>DIVINE MERCY</b>
<b>SAT 5 OCT</b>	<b>9:30</b>	GOOD HEALTH OF FRANKY GOES
	<b>10:00</b>	<b>ROSARY</b>
	<b>16.45</b>	ITALIAN MASS
	<b>18:00</b>	<b>MASS</b>
<b>SUN 6 OCT</b>	<b>9:15</b>	<b>26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> IN THANKSGIVING FOR HENRY, MARGOT & TILDA
	<b>11:15</b>	PARISHIONERS

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**TODDLERS GROUP - Play and Praise** continues on Fridays from 10-11.30. Sign up in advance here: <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/dnp0lyul>. We know it's hard coming to Mass with young children, so why not come beforehand at 9.30 and join others in the same boat! **REQUEST:** the group would love some bible story board books aimed at very young children. If you have any to donate please drop off in the sacristy labelled 'toddlers group'.



# ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

28-29 SEPTEMBER 2024

This week the **Season of Creation** draws to a close with the Feast of St Francis, but care for our Earth must be ongoing. Pope Francis encourages us "to reflect on our lifestyles, and how our daily decisions about food, consumption, transportation, use of water, energy and many other material goods, can often be thoughtless and harmful."

We pray with Pope Francis:

"For the cry of the Earth.

If we took the planet's temperature, it will tell us that the Earth has a fever. And it is sick, just like anyone who's sick.

But are we listening to this pain? Do we hear the pain of the millions of victims of environmental catastrophes?

The ones suffering most from the consequences of these disasters are the poor, those who are forced to leave their homes because of floods, heat waves or drought.

Dealing with the environmental crisis caused by humans, such as climate change, pollution or the loss of biodiversity, begs responses that are not only ecological, but are also social, economic and political. We must commit ourselves to the fight against poverty and the protection of nature, changing our personal and community habits. Let us pray that each of us listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and climate change, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit."

### OCTOBER and OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Last Tuesday Year 6 from Cardinal Newman came to Mass on the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham. How blessed we are to have a shrine to Our Lady in England! **October is traditionally a month devoted to Mary and Our Lady of the Rosary.** At Fatima, Our Lady said "Pray the Rosary every day in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary to obtain peace in the world ... for she alone can save it." (Our Lady, July 13, 1917). Pope Francis too encourages us to pray for peace.

There are many ways to **pray the rosary**. See what happens when you seek Jesus through Mary! If you're not familiar with praying the rosary, why not come along to one of the opportunities at our church detailed on the website? Or try an e-rosary app developed by the worldwide prayer network to pray for peace: <https://erosary.clicktoprayerosary.org>.

### HARVEST FAST DAY

...takes place this **Friday 4 October**. Next weekend there will be an appeal from **CAFOD and a second collection**. To give thanks for the bounties our earth offers, we shall mark Harvest Thanksgiving by collecting **donations for our local foodbank**.

When you come to mass on **5/6 October** please bring any of the following items - **don't place them in the basket at the back of church!** You will be invited to bring these up to the altar as an offering: ketchup, mayo, tinned tuna, noodles, pasta, deodorant, washing-up liquid, shampoo, laundry capsules.

### PARISH PRIEST

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tue - Fri 10:00 -13:30

### WEBSITE

[www.sterconwald.org.uk](http://www.sterconwald.org.uk)

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## PARISH NEWS/EVENTS

### 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, Thérèse 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, Colleen Murphy, Louise Nettleton, Arlo Nolan, Ben Piltsher, Shirley Rhodhes, Deborah Russell, Evie Sagun, Anna Sartori, Michael Spears, Michelle Thomas, Eileen White, Dee Wilson, 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 schedule visits.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We're excited to see a new cohort of children and their parents coming along! **Parents, we need your support** - please sign up to help once every six weeks or so to enable this ministry to keep going each week. A reminder that children's liturgy is for children who have not yet received their First Holy Communion. Do encourage older children to get involved in other ways, such as music, reading or altar serving.

### ALPHA

Our next Alpha Course starts as a short 4-week course on **Sunday 13 October** at 7.30pm in the hall. Alpha is for everyone and helps explore life, faith and meaning. Please email [steccalpha@outlook.com](mailto:steccalpha@outlook.com) with any questions or sign up at: <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/5nlchpsx>

### RESEARCH PROJECT

Barbara Hogan is a doctoral student at St. Mary's and is conducting a research study to assess the importance of touch when attending Mass, particularly when receiving Holy Communion. She would like to include participants from St. Erconwald's in her study. If you'd like to participate in a one-to-one informal interview with her (less than 1 hour) please email her on [164936@live.stmarys.ac.uk](mailto:164936@live.stmarys.ac.uk). Please visit <https://mahara.stmarys.ac.uk/view/view.php?id=178082> or pick up an Information Form from the back of church.

### FR RUSLAN'S 40TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!

A reminder that we'll be celebrating Fr Ruslan's birthday with him **this Sunday** in the hall from 3.30- 5pm for an afternoon tea. Do come along!

**WELCOME NEWCOMERS** to our parish. We're delighted to have you! Please do pick up a **parish registration form** from the back of church, or download one online. It'll help us ensure that we are able to serve you best.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

If your child is in Year 3 or above you can now apply for the FHC Programme 2025. Forms are available from the back of the church or our website and need returning to the parish office **no later than Sunday 20 October**. Any families wishing to register their children for this programme need also to be registered with our parish. Parish registration forms are in the back of church/online. 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 PREPARATION 2024-2025

A reminder that the introductory meeting for those considering preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation is in the hall this **Wednesday 2 October** at 19:30.

### MASS LED BY YOUNG PEOPLE

And a reminder that masses led by young people will start again on **Saturday 19 October at 6pm**. If you'd like to participate please contact Fr Ruslan. All are welcome

### ADVENT 2024

The Parish Pastoral Council is currently planning and coordinating our Advent prayer focus, activities and outreach as we move into the new liturgical year, as Pilgrims of Hope. We welcome contributions from all parishioners. **If you'd like to help plan or simply share ideas**, please contact John Joyce on 07801 373 299.

### PARISH RETREAT

Timings have now been confirmed for our parish retreat! It will start with Mass at 6pm on **Fri eve 22 November**. Sessions on **Sat 23 November** will be from 9.30- 12.30 (including mass, followed by lunch), and will recommence at 4pm. The evening session will have a particular focus on young people, as we celebrate National Youth Sunday that weekend! On **Sun 24 November** there will be a final session after our 11.15 mass followed by lunch. More details to follow! **If you'd like to serve on the preparation team**, or help in any other way, do **contact Lucy on 07740 461785**.

### PARISH TALKS ABOUT WILLS, INHERITANCE PLANNING, CHARITABLE REQUESTS

Did you know that bequests from former parishioners form an important source of income for our parish? If you would like to know more about how to leave charitable bequests in your will as part of your wider will and estate planning, in November Jess Buttaci, a parishioner with a law practice here in Walton, will be giving two talks about this complicated area. They will incorporate any changes that arise from the new Government's Budget at the end of October. Further details to follow.

**BAPTISMS.** Next weekend 5/6 October we shall celebrate 4 baptisms in our parish! Do welcome these families into our community.

### DIOCESAN/OTHER EVENTS

Our friends at **Holy Name, Esher** are holding an English **wine tasting** to raise funds for the **CAFOD Harvest appeal**. Join us in the parish rooms at Holy Name on **Saturday 19 October** from 7pm to learn about English wine including a guided tasting. Tickets available from [info@holymfamilyelbridge.church](mailto:info@holymfamilyelbridge.church).

### YOUNG ADULTS

Our diocese is organising a games night and social for single young adults on **5 October**. Sign up here (and for other events): [abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/ujidxlp](https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/ujidxlp)

**ANTI SLAVERY DAY** is on **18 October 2024** and is part of **Anti-Slavery Week**. A day of events to raise awareness is being held in Chichester - for further details see the poster in the porch or visit <https://www.togetherinsussex.org.uk>

**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 as part of this group, **please contact the parish office asap**.

### 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.

### SAFEGUARDING

If you wish to work with children or vulnerable adults in our parish please contact Tina O'Kelly, our Safeguarding Rep for volunteers (**change of email address**): [tina@okellynet.com](mailto: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>

### SAVE THE DATES

13 Oct: Alpha starts  
19 Oct: Youth-led mass  
22-24 Nov: Parish retreat  
15 Dec: Christmas lunch  
15 Mar: Flame congress