

# ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER 26<sup>TH</sup>

## SEPTEMBER 2021

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### **Mass Intentions and Mass Times: Week starting 26<sup>th</sup> September**

Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30 am	Paddy Brady RIP
	6.00 pm	Mass in Italian
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	9.15 am	Costa Sammut RIP
	11.15 am	Michael (Paddy) Brady RIP
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30 am	Nola, Gagliano families & Vincenzo Costanzo RIP
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30 am	Elizabeth Raffle
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30 am	
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Friday 01 <sup>st</sup> October	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Saturday 02 <sup>nd</sup> October	9.30 am	
	6.00 pm	Mass in Italian
Sunday 03 <sup>rd</sup> October	9.15 am	Niall Cox RIP
	11.15 am	Parishioners

**Please note that there is now no need to book for Sunday Masses**

**Fr Bill's Farewell Mass Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30 am (One Mass this Sunday)**

**Fr Ruslan would like to thank all the parishioners that welcome him into our community on Wednesday. A special thank to all those who helped and made everything perfect! The welcomers, the helpers during the reception, the donations. And thank you to all the priest and the Bishop for attending. He feels very lucky to be part of our community. And we are extremely grateful for his appointment! Thank you everyone for making him feel so welcome.**

**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.*

## **Announcements**

**As from this Wednesday, there will be no mass at 7pm.**

**This mass will be replaced by mass at 9.30am.**

We have now received official guidance from the Bishops' Conference with regard to services in Catholic churches. On this basis the following points need to be made for parishioners to consider and will operate from 19<sup>th</sup> July:

- The rate of infection is increasing exponentially and therefore the expectation is that all adults will be expected to wear masks in church to mitigate the spread of infection.
- All people should continue to sanitise their hands on entry to the church.
- The practice of cleaning the benches after each Mass is to continue. You are asked to help with this when you attend one of the Masses
- There will be no need to book places for Sunday Masses. You just turn up and try to take a place that is at least one metre from the person nearest to you.
- Singing is now permitted but because of the rate of infection masks should not be removed even if singing. The choir in the balcony will be exempted from this, as under current guidance, since they are a significant distance from the rest of the congregation.
- Hymn books can be used but they will be split into two groups for use of the two Masses. They will be kept separate on the trolley and therefore each hymn book will only be used once a week at the most.
- The sign of peace will be restored but we will observe a non-contact version – such as nodding or waving to people.
- With the relaxation of the guidance for indoor gatherings I would like to encourage the visiting of the housebound and sick but under strict guidance. **All Eucharistic ministers who wish to take communion to the sick and housebound should attend a briefing session with Fr Bill after the Tuesday morning Mass on 20<sup>th</sup> July.**

- For the time being I do not propose any changes in the procedure for collections but consideration will need to be given to how we facilitate special collections.
- Given the current rate of infection I do not propose to consider teas and coffees after Masses and will wait until the rate has declined significantly. That will be the time to outline the protocols for the safe conduct of such gatherings.

# MASKS

Dear parishioners,

We understand that the Government has decided that the use of masks is a personal but responsible choice. However, as a Christian community we have the duty to protect our most vulnerable parishioners. And as you can read above, the Bishop has stated that all adults will be expected to wear masks in church to mitigate the spread of infection. I know it is not the most comfortable thing to wear, but it is only an hour and we really need to look after each other. We are finally getting people back that have been sheltering for the last 18 months and we would like everyone to feel comfortable and safe at mass. So please wear your masks while entering the church (if you don't have one, I'm sure the stewards will be able to provide you with one) and please please please, be kind to our stewards as they are doing an incredible job at keeping everyone safe. Thank you.

**CCRS** - The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) is beginning again in our Diocese this September. The course is designed for teachers in Catholic schools, for Catechists and for anyone who would like to grow in understanding as they live their Catholic faith. The CCRS offers a very flexible and accessible way of learning, it includes some online content and is made up of eight modules: six core and two specialist modules. Each module involves ten hours of course time and an assignment. For more information or to register your place please [contact our Formation Adviser](#)

**Church Cleaners:** Now that things are starting to return to normality, we are seeking volunteers to clean the church on a regular basis. This includes the vacuuming of the carpet and clearing of cobwebs etc. If we have sufficient numbers it should not be onerous and a rota could be constructed. Any volunteers should email Susana in the office on the parish email address.

**Gardeners:** We are also looking for some keen gardeners to help keep on maintaining the church grounds. We have 2 wonderful helpers but it would be lovely if we could get some more so they don't have to do it all the time. As I said before, I'm a terrible gardener but happy to delegate! 😊

**Offertory Collection: 19.09.21: Will give you a figure next week.....  
Standing Orders contributions for July totalled £3274.34**

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 also 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

Account No 01126393

Payable to A&B Diocesan Trust St Erconwalds

## **First Holy Communion Programme 2022**

To all parents and carers,

If your child is in Yr3 or above from September 2021 and Baptised Catholic, the enrolment pack for St Erconwald's First Holy Communion 2022 will be available to download from our website ([www.sterconwalds.org.uk](http://www.sterconwalds.org.uk)) from 1st of September. The closing date to enrol in the program will be Sunday 03rd of October.

Thank you

## **Confirmation Program 2022**

To all parents and carers,

If your child is in Yr10, above or 14 years old by September 2021, the enrolment pack for St Erconwald's Confirmation 2022 is available to download from our website ([www.sterconwalds.org.uk](http://www.sterconwalds.org.uk)). Deadline to return the completed forms is 1 November.

Thank you

## **Cardinal Newman school Open Mornings**

Dear parents and carers,

If your child is due to start Reception in 2022, Cardinal Newman School in Hersham is having opening mornings during September and October. If you would like to attend please email the school office at [office@cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk](mailto:office@cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk) stating what session you would like to book in for. Please give your phone number also.

The presentation/tour will take approx 1 - 1.5 hours. Numbers are limited.

Wednesday 29th September 10.30 am

Wednesday 6th October 10.30 am

Wednesday 13th October 10.30 am

Friday 5th November 10.30 am

Friday 19th November 10.30 am

For more information on applying for a place for your child in 2022/2023 please [click here](#)

## **URGENT APPEAL**

URGENT REFUGEE RENTAL PROPERTY APPEAL for 2 of our Syrian Refugee families and interpreters from Afghanistan needing urgent resettlement.

It takes one person to act on this one notice, to make the most enormous difference to one or more people in great need. If you know any landlords in Elmbridge or you are willing to ask around, or ask your estate agent, your help is very much appreciated.

Property would have to be in Elmbridge, accessible by public transport. Rent will be guaranteed and needs to be as close to Local Authority Housing levels as possible. For more information visit [www.elmbridgecan.org.uk/let-your-property.html](http://www.elmbridgecan.org.uk/let-your-property.html) or contact [housingpolicy@elmbridge.gov.uk](mailto:housingpolicy@elmbridge.gov.uk) or telephone 01372 474 632.

### **THE WALTON & HERSHAM FOODBANK HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE in CRISIS**

**[waltonhershams.foodbank.org.uk](http://waltonhershams.foodbank.org.uk)**

Your gift can make a real difference to local people in need. Please only donate items on the Foodbank's most wanted list. The list can be viewed on their website and is regularly updated.

Red storage containers are placed in the porch for your donations.  
Thank you for your continued support.

### **To Red Box Donors**

This is the first collection of Red Boxes this year due to the earlier restrictions on attending Mass at the church.

Please take an envelope from the church porch, empty the contents of your Red box into it and return it to the sacristy by Sunday the 10th October. If you prefer to return your box please ensure your name is on the label, place it in the sacristy and take a new box from the porch. If you would like to start collecting for overseas missions, please take a new Red box from the porch. The next collection will be in February 2022. If you would prefer to contribute by Standing order or would like information on Gift Aid to make your donation go further, please contact Dominic Ennis on 0208 2246114. Thank you.

## **A BIG THANK YOU**

Thank you very much to all those parishioners who have volunteered to help with the works in the Presbytery and for all the donations received. It has been so nice to see the parish come together to welcome Fr Ruslan! All your work has been greatly appreciated. Let's keep the good work going!

## **CAFOD Climate Crisis Appeal**

Family Fast Day is Friday, 1st October. Pope Francis asks us all to protect our common home and to support the poor among our one global family, who are suffering the most from climate change. Our appeal this year focuses on Ivanilde, a farmer in the Brazilian Amazon rainforest, who is bravely protecting her small area. Her land has been burned by fires spread from nearby deforested land by cattle ranchers, but with CAFOD's support, she has replanted and not given up. CAFOD and its partners have also helped win legal battles to ensure land rights are upheld. All over the world, from solar water pumps in Ethiopia to cyclone-resistant building in Bangladesh, your money goes to the front line where the poor are struggling with the extra burdens of the climate crisis.

Please give online at [cafod.org.uk/climate crisis](http://cafod.org.uk/climate%20crisis)  
or text CAFOD10 to 70580 to give £10  
or use a donation envelope available at masses.  
Thank you!