

# ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER 05<sup>TH</sup>

## SEPTEMBER 2021

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### Mass Intentions and Mass Times: Week starting 04<sup>th</sup> September

Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30 am	Fr Adrian Cadwallader CJ RIP
	6.00 pm	Mass in Italian
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	9.15 am	Parishioners
	11.15 am	Fr Bill's intentions & good health on retirement
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30 am	In Thanksgiving for Fr Ruslan
Tuesday 07 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30 am	Intentions of Frances Smith
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	7.00 pm	Venita & Frances Goes Intentions
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30 am	<b>No mass</b>
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30 am	Noel Raffle RIP
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30 am	Good health of Clare Campbell
	6.00 pm	Mass in Italian
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	9.15 am	Parishioners
	11.15 am	Thanksgiving to Jesus & Mother Mary

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

**Induction of Fr Ruslan as Parish Priest by Bishop Richard: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 7.00 pm**

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

**Fr Bill writes:** This will be my last comment in any official capacity in the parish. As I have been clearing out my room in the presbytery and looking at papers spanning the short time I have been here I am struck by how the parish has come together to meet the challenges of the pandemic. I encountered a feeling of insecurity and uncertainty as to the future of the parish. Through your coming together and helping to put the parish on a sustainable financial footing the Bishop felt enough confidence to send Fr Ruslan as your Parish Priest.

This gives the parish stability you have only reached the foothills of the mountain to be climbed to restore the fabric of the church building and to energise the parish to meet the needs of a rapidly changing church and society. I am confident that you will give Fr Ruslan every support and backing when he comes to serve you and I would like to thank you all for the welcome you have extended to me personally and for the co-operation in meeting the challenges of the Pandemic.

My mandate officially ends on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August but I will continue to celebrate masses in the Parish until and including Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September. I will remember you in my prayers.

## **Announcements**

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.

**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.

## **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

### **Offertory Collection: 15<sup>th</sup> August:**

#### **Standing Orders contributions for July totalled £3293.34**

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

## **Diocesan Youth Service – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – 4 September 2021 - Arundel Cathedral -**

We are delighted to be able to celebrate our Youth Service, which has impacted many people in the last four decades and we want to invite anyone who has ever attended an event hosted by the service to come along and join

the festivities. Whether it was a Maryvale Retreat, a World Youth Day Pilgrimage, Youthgather, Lourdes Redshirts, or you are a member of our new online community BeCome, or one of our other virtual networks, everyone will be welcome to give thanks for all that has been done and to pray for the success of the Youth Service in the future. Reminisce with old friends and meet new friends in person (not just on a screen!). A thanksgiving Mass will be said by Bishop Richard, followed by a chance to chat over refreshments. Please click [here](#) for more information and to register.

## **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**

**[waltonhershambank.org.uk](http://waltonhershambank.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.