

# ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023

4<sup>TH</sup> 'GOOD SHEPHERD' SUNDAY OF EASTER

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## Parish News

### **Parish Council announcement**

The Parish Pastoral council met via Zoom on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> of April. A new Chair, Lucy Jardine was elected. Lucy will be supported by a new Secretary, John Joyce. We plan to meet the third week of each month.

Thank you for your input to map our parish life (details still hanging in the porch). This will help us to establish priorities and draft our parish plan.

Other items discussed were the Diocesan Audit, which includes St Erconwalds, and which took place on Wednesday. This is a regular process that focuses on reviewing the Parish's processes and controls. A summary of the review will be shared with parishioners when the audit is concluded and finalised.

We noted that the Diocesan Levy (the amount we pay to the diocese annually) has been set for the next 12 months at £31,200 pa, which represents an increase of 50%. This increase is based on our parish income, which has seen an overall increase due to significant fundraising, much of which has been for maintenance and the Ukraine appeals. The increase will be addressed with the Diocese to understand if there is any scope to reduce this.

Finally, we considered quotations for the replacement and secondary glazing of the Church Hall have been received. We expect the work to happen over the summer so that it is complete before the temperatures fall in the autumn.

As the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC!) we look forward to serving the parish. Any questions or suggestions, please do contact Lucy or John via the parish office.

### **May, Month of our Lady Mary**

During the month of May we'll be saying the Rosary after 9.30 mass on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please come and join us.

### **A CAFOD word of thanks**

Shukla is a mum in Bangladesh who has been very worried about her children's nutrition. After joining a community project in Bangladesh, which is supported by CAFOD, Shukla has a productive garden and can grow food for her son. Shukla says, "worry has completely disappeared now." People support us in so many ways – giving in church, giving to us by direct debit, or leaving us a gift in their will. This generosity and compassion reaches hard-working mothers like Shukla. Thank you. To read Shukla's story, go to [cafod.org.uk/GiftInWill](http://cafod.org.uk/GiftInWill)

### **Lourdes Pilgrimage request**

Applications from pilgrims requiring assistance to journey with the Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer are back to pre-Covid numbers – which is wonderful news, but it does mean we now need lots of helpers, nurses and HCA's to apply to make sure we have enough people to care for them in Lourdes. "Being a helper is an act of service that many of us do not get to offer during our day to day lives. Giving our time and care for a week in Lourdes can make such a positive impact on the life and wellbeing of the people we help, and ourselves. There are many ways that you can help someone, the first step is to apply!". Further information and a link to the application is available on the [Lourdes Pilgrimage \(abdiocese.org.uk\)](http://abdiocese.org.uk) website.

The diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place 28 July to 3 August for those travelling by air, or 27 July to 4 August for those travelling by coach or jumbulance. The cost for Helpers and Clinicians is £680 (subsidised) or £850 full price. There are further subsidies which may be available.

Thank you & kind regards,  
The Pilgrimage Office Team

### **Parish Registration form**

Please remember to register with the Parish if you have not done so yet. This will help us knowing our parishioners a bit better. Please download the form from the Parish website or contact the office for a paper copy. Thank you very much!

### **Twitter Relaunch**

We're delighted to announce the relaunch of our Twitter account so you can stay up-to-date real-time with all that is happening around the parish. Follow us at [@StErconwalds](https://twitter.com/StErconwalds)

**Next weekend, Fr Ruslan will be celebrating 2 Baptisms in our Church. One on Saturday at 12pm and the second one on Sunday during the 11.15am Mass. Please welcome these children and their families into our wonderful community. Thank you.**

### **Saint Vincent de Paul news**

#### **Homelessness - How to Help**

When we see someone living on the street it can be hard to know what to do, give money? give food? walk on by? Have you seen someone sleeping rough, but are unsure how you can help? There are many reasons why someone might end up homeless. StreetLink is a UK charity that helps assist those who are homeless and are sleeping rough. It is not an outreach service or an accommodation provider, nor is it an emergency service. It is the link between someone sleeping rough and the independent local services available. Find out more at <https://www.sterconwalds.org.uk/streetlink.html>.

#### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Our next meeting is in the Parish Hall on 10<sup>th</sup> of May in the morning from 10.30-12.30. Tea, coffee and cake is provided.

Thank you everyone who has donated yarn and needles. And a special thank you to everyone who has knitted or crocheted squares. When we have enough, we shall start sewing these squares together. We are also making twiddle muffs for people with dementia.

If you want to join in, there are some prepared kits in the porch (yarn, patten and 15cm template) for making squares. Please help yourself and bring back the finished squares. For more information, please contact Margaret ([margothawkes@gmail.com](mailto:margothawkes@gmail.com))

## Collection

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ thank you very much for your generosity and support to the parish. I greatly appreciate all your help and financial contribution. May God bless you all!!!

**Offertory Collection 23.04.23: £249.06**

**Standing Orders contributions for March: 3886**

**Contributions via DONA for March: £210**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Verona Fathers: £306.50**

If you would like to donate online, please see the parish bank details. Parish Account: Sort code 40 05 20  
Account No 01126393, payable to RCD A&B St Erconwalds Walton on Thames.

You can also donate in the Church using our DONA device.

And please remember to make your donation Gift Aided if you can. Thank you.

## Sacramental Life

<b>Baptism</b>	<b>First Communion</b>	<b>Reconciliation</b>
Next Baptismal Preparation session will be <b>in May at 7pm</b> (date tbc) in the Hall. If you would like to attend, please contact the office to book a space.	Following the teachings of the Church, 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.	In the sacrament of Reconciliation, we encounter God's love for us through the gift of forgiveness, pardon and peace. <b>The sacrament of Reconciliation is regularly available in church on Saturdays after 9.30 Mass or on request.</b>

## Catholic Education

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<b>Cardinal Newman School</b> Arch Road Hersham Surrey KT12 4QT TEL : 01932 222536 Email: <a href="mailto:office@cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk">office@cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk</a>	<b>Salesian School</b> Guildford Road Chertsey Surrey KT16 9LU TEL : 01932 582520 Email: <a href="mailto:info@salesian.surrey.sch.uk">info@salesian.surrey.sch.uk</a>

**Mass Intentions and Mass Times: Week commencing 01<sup>st</sup> May**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Mass Intention</b>
Saturday 29 April	9.30am	<b><u>St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor, Patron of Europe</u></b> Good health of Anne Porter
	4.45pm	Italian Mass
	6.00pm	Elena Mingoia RIP
Sunday 30 April	9.15am	<b><u>4<sup>th</sup> 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter</u></b> Win Merry RIP
	11.15am	Parishioners
Monday 01 May	9.30am Rosary	Nicoletta Lanzisera RIP
Tuesday 02 May	9.30am Rosary	<b><u>St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor (Memoria)</u></b> Eugene & Bridget Morgan RIP
Wednesday 03 May	9.30am Rosary	<b><u>Ss Philp and James, Apostles (Feast)</u></b> Betty Braganza RIP
Thursday 04 May	NO MASS	<b><u>The English Martyrs (Feast)</u></b> NO MASS
Friday 05 May	9.30am Rosary	Nicoletta Lanzisera RIP
Saturday 06 May	9.30am	Deceased members of the Reid family
	4.45pm	Italian Mass
	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sunday 07 May	9.15am	<b><u>Fifth Sunday of Easter</u></b> Nicoletta Lanzisera RIP
	11.15am	Pearl and Tom Coe RIP
	1.00pm	Polish Mass

***Please pray for those who have asked for your prayers:***

*Margaret (Maggie) Hawkes, Anna Sartori, Rose Collins, Carmen Galanty, Patrick Russell, Deborah Russell, Ann Griffin, Ann Lane, Dina Yates, Manuel and Jackie Faraldo, Andres Gomez, Christian Misuraca, Christopher Clifford and Catherine Browle, June Ellis, Shirley Rhodes, John Lydon, James De Leons-Hopkins, Sheila Tickner, Teresa Azouz, Maureen and Bill Dodds, Roger Blishen, Michael Spears, Sarah Mitchell, Rita McGloin, Fr Alex Hill, Katherine Cawley, Karen Lane, Dee Wilson, Michelle Thomas, Aman Allos, Eileen White, Sophie Giannin, Yvonne and Michael Johnson, Louise Nettleton, Julia Donaldson*

Dear Parishioners,

This section of our Newsletter is for those in need of our prayers, whether they are 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, then 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 only Fr Ruslan to know but not have your name in the newsletter just let us know and this can be accommodated. Fr Ruslan is very aware that we have 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 this Church. 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.