

ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

7TH MARCH 2021

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Mass Intentions and Mass Times: Week starting 7th March

Saturday 6 th March	9.30 am	All COVID sufferers
	6.00 pm	Mass in Italian
Sunday 7 th March	9.15 am	Connor Crumpler RIP
	11.15 am	Ken & Barbara Greanery
Monday 8 th March	9.30 am	Good Health of Giselle O'Brien
Tuesday 9 th March	9.30 am	Jeremy Grace RIP
Wednesday 10 th March	11.00 am	Funeral of Ellen Widdop
Thursday 11 th March	9.30 am	LITURGY OF THE WORD
Friday 12 th March	9.30 am	Donny Wallace RIP
Saturday 13 th March	9.30 am	Malcolm Rivers RIP
	6.00 pm	Mass in Italian.
Sunday 14 th March	9.15 am	Monica Zaufall RIP
	11.15 am	Good health of Dottie Brady

The Church is open for public Masses and booking is required for Sunday Masses.

Please pray for those in the Parish who have asked for our prayers:

Michael Snee, Margaret Hawkes, Bernadette Barnbrook, Anna Sartori, Maureen Lloyd, , Sheila Day, Nicoletta Lanzisera, Ben Adderley, Patrick Duggan, Rose Collins, Carmen Galanty, Patrick Russell, Ann Griffin, Ann Lane, Dina Yates, Rose Collins, Manuel and Jackie Faraldo, Andres Gomez, Christian Misuraca, Mary Ovington, Dottie Brady, Christopher Clifford and Catherine Browle.

Fr Bill writes: While Easter may be some time off, we still need to prepare for the celebration, limited though our liturgies may be. Last year Easter was during the lock-down but we still were able to have examples of children's work to reflect either the Easter Story or the Stations of the Cross. I am inviting children wherever you are to submit a picture or even a decorated poem that reflects either one of the Stations of the Cross or the Easter Story. It could be a picture of Jesus on the Cross or it could be one of the empty cave or tomb or it could be a picture of the Last Supper or a picture of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. We will have three age categories: seven years and below; KS 8-11 years and 12+. There will be an Easter Egg for the winner of each category. All entries to be sent electronically to mail@sterconwalds.org.uk and are to reach the parish by Monday of Holy Week – 29th March.

The church is now open for public Masses but because we are still in lock down there are limits as to what can happen inside a church outside the public Masses. Therefore I will not as yet be introducing Exposition.

Easter Music: We will need to give thought to the celebration of the Triduum. At this stage I hope that there will be live music at each of the main Services over this time: Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday, The Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday, the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday and at the two Masses on Easter Sunday. Could musicians let me know whether there are sufficient people to make this happen. I still assume that there will be no congregational singing but that choirs can sing. In particular I am looking for volunteers to sing the Responsorial Psalm during the Easter Vigil. I would like a list of suggested hymns within the next two weeks so that a final order of service can be established.

I have posted the first three stations and now the following three stations of the cross using **artwork of Sieger Koder** on the parish web site. I will continue to do so throughout Lent until we reach the last station. They can be accessed at <https://www.sterconwalds.org.uk/stations.html>

To keep us all safe I still need volunteers for stewards from those who attend the 9.15 am and 11.15 Masses on Sundays. Thanks to those who have come forward. Please let me know if you are willing by emailing me at mail@sterconwalds.org.uk

I will hold a **Zoom Coffee morning** on Monday and this week from 10.30 am until 11.00 am so that I can chat to parishioners whom I have not seen for ages.

It would be good to see how some of you are getting on in these challenging times.

Here is the Zoom Invitation

Topic: Zoom Coffee Morning

Time: Monday at 10.30 am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97155275292?pwd=TnIwRk5FRzI1TNzJGRTF5ZVBjbzZ3UT09>

Meeting ID: 971 5527 5292

Passcode: 967199

The last talk on the gospel of Mark has been given. The handouts and recording of the talks are available for the next month at the hyper link below.

<https://www.sterconwalds.org.uk/mark.html>

Any notices for this newsletter to be sent to Fr Bill at mail@sterconwalds.org.uk

Parish Finance

We have had several generous donations towards the maintenance of the parish recently. **Little income has been received during the current lockdown apart from standing orders which are the life blood of the parish at present. Many thanks to those who regularly donate and to those who are keeping up with their Gift Aid payments. The parish accounts for 2020 will soon be published.**

Standing Order Income for January 2021 : £3,382 . In the January statement we have banked £2,323.69. During February we have or are about to bank or about to bank £1,936.75.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

For those who are able you can either put your donations through the presbytery letterbox at the side of the house or you can make a donation online.

Diocese of Arundel and Brighton charity No 25287

The Diocese 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. If it is an Easter offering then mention Easter Offering in the message section.

Alternatively make a bank transfer.

Parish sort code 40 05 20

Account No 01126393

Payable to A&B Diocesan Trust St Erconwalds

Services for the Triduum

Maundy Thursday	8.00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday	3.00 pm	Liturgy of the Passion
Holy Saturday	8.00 pm	Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	9.15 am & 11.15 am	

A Big **THANK YOU**

St Erconwald's Catholic Church
for kindly supporting the **Walton & Hersham foodbank**
with **355.6kgs** of food in 2020
Your donations make a **BIG** difference
to local people in crisis.

Walton & Hersham foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust's UK wide foodbank network.
Registered Charity Number: 1131361 | Registered in England and Wales

The Walton & Hershaw Food Bank are now again receiving donations of dry foods and toiletries, following the recent suspension due to Covid 19.

All donations of dry foods and toiletries to assist local people in need, are gratefully received.

Red storage containers are placed in the Church Porch for your donations.

Red Mission Boxes (MISSIO)

It is time for the first of two collections for this year from parishioners who have Red Mission Boxes. As a result of government restrictions due to

Covid19 being in force since last year it has been difficult for those with red boxes to return the contents to our church. Therefore this collection for those unable to attend church your box could be collected and exchanged for a new box from your home by our local secretary for MISSIO, Dominic Ennis. He would comply with current hygiene government guidelines. If you would like to avail yourself of this service, please telephone him on 0208 2246114 any time.

For those who are able to attend church, envelopes will be in the porch for you to collect and return the contents of your red box in the large box provided. If you would like to start collecting for overseas missions, please take an empty Red Box from the porch. If you would prefer to contribute by standing order or like information on Gift Aid, please contact Dominic Ennis on his above number.

Dominic

Diocesan Lent Mission

journey together as a Diocese through a season of mission.

Visit www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited to find out more.

You, are Invited.

Each session will be available on the evening of Monday evening during Lent. You can register to join small groups on Thursday evenings during Lent to discuss the Monday sessions.

Feasts of the Coming Week

8th March

St John of God (1495 - 1550)

. He was born to a poor but devout family in Portugal in 1495. After serving as a soldier under the Emperor Charles V he devoted his life wholly to the service of the poor and the sick. He founded a hospital in Granada and a circle of disciples formed round him, which later became the Order of Hospitallers. He died on 8 March 1550, his 55th birthday.

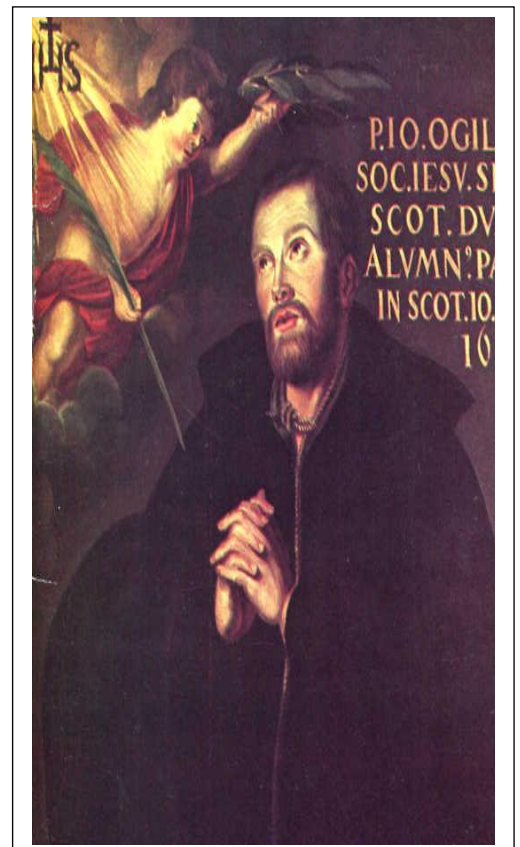


10th March **St John Ogilvie (1579 - 1615)**

ohn Ogilvie was born of noble Calvinist parents in 1579 at Drum-na-Keith in Banffshire, Scotland. As a boy he was sent to the continent to further his education. With the help of Father Cornelius van den Steen ('Cornelius a Lapide') he was received into the Catholic Church.

He entered the Society of Jesus on the 5th November 1599, and was ordained priest at Paris in 1610. He returned to his native country, but his ministry was cut short by his betrayal and capture in Glasgow. After extreme suffering he was hanged on the 10th of March 1615.

The principal cause of his martyrdom was his insistence on the primacy of the Pope in spiritual matters, a primacy he affirmed with great constancy to the very end. His last words were "If there be here any hidden Catholics, let them pray for me but the prayers of heretics I will not have." After he was pushed from the ladder, he threw his hidden Rosary beads out into the crowd. One of his enemies caught them, and he became a devout Catholic for the rest of his life.



Jokes that people did not get immediately.(Times 5th March)

- **Time flies like an arrow.** Fruit flies like a banana
- **A jar of Omega 3 vitamins fell on my head when I opened the cupboard.** I sustained super fish oil injuries
- **How do you milk sheep?** With iphone accessories
- **A cowboy asked me if I could help him round up 18 cows.** I said “yes, of course, that’s twenty cows.”
- **A horse walks into a bar and the barman says:** “Hey, why the long face?”
- **What does a dyslexic agnostic insomniac do at night?** He stays up wondering if there really is a dog.