

ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

19TH DECEMBER 2021

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Parish News

Fr Ruslan and the Parish team would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas! We know it will not be an easy one but really hope you can celebrate and be with your loved ones in this very special time of the year. Fr Ruslan would like to thank you all for making so welcome and for your generous gifts this Christmas. Without you, we will not be here. Fr Ruslan would like to thank you all for

Merry Christmas!!!!

It is with great sadness that due to the increase in COVID cases in the area, we have no choice but to cancel some of our services. We are as disappointed as you all are, but we need to think about everyone in our community specially the most vulnerable. We will not have Christmas Carols before the Christmas Eve Mass and politely ask our Congregation NOT to sing during the masses as per Government guidance. Our Choir can still sing but they will be up in the balcony so they will be keeping their distance from our parishioners.

Also, as our Christmas Masses tend to be quite well attended, we want everyone to feel comfortable, so please do not feel obliged to come if you think you will be uncomfortable in the Church. But if you decide to come, please be assured that we'll do our best to keep you safe. Windows and doors will be left open, we have hand sanitizers at the entrance, and we will ask everyone to wear a mask unless they are exempt. It goes without saying that if you are showing any symptoms or anyone you have been in close contact has COVID, please do not attend the services. We will be live streaming so you will not be missing out! We hope you all understand but at the moment it is all we can do.

- Parish priests do not get paid a salary and is remunerated from mass stipends and from the Christmas and Easter Offerings. Christmas offerings will go to Fr Ruslan as your personal gift. If you are planning to do the donation via bank transfer, could you please write the ref Christmas Offering. If you need a Gift Aid forms, you can find some at the back of the church. Thank you all in advance for your generosity.
- Thank you to everyone that has contributed towards the new windows! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!! If you are already a gift aider, you will not need to complete a new form for the windows.

- Thank you to our wonderful team of volunteers who worked really hard decoration the church for Christmas and to our lovely Italian ladies for cleaning the church this week in preparation for Christmas. Doesn't the church look fantastic??? Thank you!!!!
- And we cannot forget our musicians! Thank you for your wonderful singing! And for making our masses so lively. Thank you!
- Frances, our lovely Sacristan, is looking for helpers with the Sacristy. She has been doing an amazing job, but she also needs a bit of a break from time to time! She is looking for a small team of maybe 2 or 3 people to help out with the Sacristy duties. Please do contact the office or Frances directly for more information. Thank you.
- Missio is the Pope's official charity for overseas mission and is also Bishop Richard's chosen charity. Mission Together is the children's strand of the charity and they produce some brilliant resources for Advent. Please find attached the Advent Calendar which gives us daily encouragement to prepare for Christmas. You can discover more here:
<https://missiontogether.org.uk/advent-and-christmas/>
- CAFOD is combining efforts with the DEC to launch the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal. In Afghanistan, 8 million people are on the brink of famine because of drought, collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict, and COVID. CAFOD is supporting sister Caritas agencies to reach communities most in need with food, clean water, and fuel. During Advent, when we open ourselves to the needs of others, let's do all that we can to save lives. You can donate on the CAFOD website:
cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal
Please pray for the people of Afghanistan.
- **Please see last page of the newsletter for all the Christmas Masses.**

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 11.12.21 & 12.12.21: £476.02

2nd Collection 11.12.21 & 12.12.21: £1859.86.

Standing Orders contributions for November totalled £3339.34

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 A&B Diocesan Trust St Erconwalds. And please remember to make your donation Gift Aided if you can. Thank you

Mass Intentions and Mass Times: Week commencing 19th December

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Sat 18 Dec	9.30am	Good health of Samantha Fielding
	4.45pm	Italian Mass
	6.00pm	Anna Goes RIP
Sun 19 Dec	9.15am	Bernard & Daisy O'Neill RIP
	11.15am	Parishioners
Mond 20 Dec	11.00	Funeral mass for John Allan RIP
Tuesd 21 Dec	9.30am	Anne and Jerry Webb RIP
Wed 22Dec	9.30am Rosary	Michael Monk RIP (birthday)
Thu 23 Dec	No Mass	
Fri 24 Dec	15.00	Very Young Children Service
	18.00	Adam Chuter RIP
	10.00pm	John Ryan RIP
Sat 25 Dec	9.15am	Arnaldo Fernandes RIP
	11.15	Parishoners
	12.30pm	Italian Mass
Sun 26 Dec	9.30am	Edward Budlewski and Mirrosjan Pziernijko RIP

Reconciliation

In the sacrament of Reconciliation, we encounter God's love for us through the gift of forgiveness, pardon and peace.

The sacrament of Reconciliation is regularly available in church on Saturdays after 9.30 Mass or on request.

Please pray for those 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. Jerry Riordan

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

24th December

Very Young Children's Christmas Eve Mass 15.30
Family Christmas Eve Mass 18.00
Midnight Mass 22.00

25th December

Christmas Day Family Mass 9.15
Christmas Day Mass 11.15
Italian Mass 12.30

26th December

Boxing Day Mass 9.30 (only one mass)

1st January

New Year's Day Mass 18.00

6th January

Epiphany Mass 9.30 and 19.30