

**ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER**  
**15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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**Parish News**

Please pray for all the children starting the First Holy Communion Programme this week as they join us today, Sunday for the 9.15 Enrolment Mass.

**Alpha Course**

The Alpha Course: A chance to explore life and the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. Starting on Zoom Monday evenings at 8pm from 16<sup>th</sup> January. For more info contact Caroline at [steccalpha@outlook.com](mailto:steccalpha@outlook.com)

**Safeguarding for Volunteers**

Thank you to all our volunteers, for your hard work and the support you provide to our church and community. We couldn't do what we do without you and we are always looking for new volunteers. We always ensure we are working in safe environment therefore please reach out to Tina O'Kelly on [sg1.walton@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:sg1.walton@abdiocese.org.uk), who will help with your DBS application.

**Holy Land Pilgrimage update**

After consultation with people interested in coming on our pilgrimage to the Holy Land, we have decided to push the dates back a little. The dates for the trip are now 1-10th February 2024. Thank you to those that have already paid the deposit. Please can we have the rest of the deposits in as soon as possible so that we can reserve accommodation and flights. It is not too late to express interest in this trip and it is open to neighbouring Parishes if people would like to come.

Any questions please contact Ann Meehan.

We hope that Della Shenton will be able to visit with us in the New Year to give updates and for the group to meet up and get to know each other.

One of our Parishioners is looking for long term non-smoking accommodation in the local area (Walton, Weybridge, Hersham). She is looking for a house share, flat share, studio or to be a lodger. Please contact Sophie on 07593245151 or by email at [sophiewingate@hotmail.com](mailto:sophiewingate@hotmail.com)

Thank you very much

**WEB SITE UPDATE**

We are trying to keep the website up to date with more recent and relevant information.

However, it's still a work-in-progress so please bear with us.

We're always interested in hearing your feedback. Please let us know if there is anything you would like to see on the site, or what we could improve on.

### **Fundraising Event!!!**

It's not too late to book your evening of food and dancing with family and friends. Join us on Friday 20th January from 7-10pm, for an evening of fun and dancing. And raise some money for Molesey Churches Night Shelter. We'll have haggis, neaps and tatties, sausages for the kids and cranachan. There will be a Cèilidh with a live band, a licensed bar and a raffle. Suggested donations are £15 for an adult (and that includes a child too) and then £5 for every additional child. Book your tickets today!

### **Donate a raffle prize!**

Do you have a Christmas present that wasn't for you but could be someone else's cup of tea? An extra bottle of bubbly? Fancy buying us a treat to give away in the raffle? We are in need of raffle prizes - drop them in to us any evening at the hub. Thank you!

### **Book your tickets today!**

### **Diocesan run events**

**Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist.** This was scheduled to take place on Saturday 18 February. Unfortunately, Bishop Richard now has to be in Rome and therefore the day of reflection has been moved to Saturday 11 March, same venue, same time. We apologise most sincerely for any inconvenience this may cause. All those who have booked a place have been informed.

**Diocesan Youth Work Training Course.** Do you want to help young people to grow in faith? Why not sign up for our Youth Ministry Training Days? Taking Place on 25 February and 25 March 2023, you will learn how to effectively engage with teenagers to help them know the love of God. For Confirmation Catechists, Youth Group Leaders or anyone interested in setting up a youth group. Contact E: [lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk) for more information.

To find out about and book events hosted by the Diocese please visit our website events calendar W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

### **Externally run events/items**

**CAFOD.** Could your New Year's resolution be to help build a better world through volunteering? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, is looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help develop our work in parishes or Catholic schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice throughout the diocese? Training and support are provided. See W: [cafod.org.uk/Volunteer](https://cafod.org.uk/Volunteer) for more information or get in touch at E: [arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk)

**St Robert Southwell RC Primary, Horsham** - Head Teacher wanted for Summer or Autumn 2023. Salary: Group 2, L11-L17. Contract: Full and Permanent. Applications are invited from Heads, Deputies and Assistant Heads for this exciting opportunity to work in a school where students love learning. Closing date for applications 7 February 2023. Please see school website for details and/or contact E: [secretary@strobertsouthwell.co.uk](mailto:secretary@strobertsouthwell.co.uk). We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be subject to Disclosure and Barring Service checks along with other relevant employment checks.

## 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 01.01.23: £362.60**

**Standing Orders contributions for December: £3834**

**Contributions via DONA for December: £300**

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

Baptism	First Communion	Reconciliation
Next Baptismal Preparation session will be <b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm</b> 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

Parish Primary School	Parish Secondary School
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### Mass Intentions and Mass Times: Week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> January

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Saturday 14 January	9.30am	Patrick & Kathleen O'Driscoll RIP
	4.45pm	Italian Mass
	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sunday 15 January	9.15am	Josephine & Joan Corkery's Intentions
	11.15am	Lesley Dingle RIP
Monday 16 January	9.30am	Colm & Ciss Ryan's Intentions
Tuesday 17 January	9.30am	Wellbeing of Maureen Dodds
Wednesday 18 Jan	9.30am Rosary	Tony Chuter RIP (Anniversary)
Thursday 19 January	NO MASS	NO MASS
Friday 20 January	NO MASS	NO MASS
Saturday 21 January	9.30am	Adnie Nwana's Intentions
	4.45pm	Italian Mass
	6.00pm	Peter McGloin RIP
Sunday 22 January	9.15am	Parishioners
	11.15am	Skylar Sayers 5 <sup>th</sup> Birthday

### Rosary

**We will be praying the Rosary every Wednesday after mass. Please join us after 9.30 mass**

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

*Margaret (Maggie) Hawkes, Anna Sartori, Nicoletta Lanzisera, 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. Jerry Riordan, June Ellis, Shirley Rhodes, John Lydon, James De Leons-Hopkins, Sheila Tickner, Paul Bahoshy. Teresa Azouz, Yasmine Hodgkinson, Simonne Ellis, Maureen and Bill Dodds, Roger Blishen, Michael Spears, Sarah Mitchell, Rita McGloin, Fr Alex Hill, Katherine Cawley, Karen Lane, Dee Wilson, Michelle Thomas, Georgina Castiglione, Aman Allos*

Dear Parishioners,

as you know we keep a section of our Newsletter specifically 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. If you have not been able to get to church because you are too poorly or a vulnerable person, please reach out to either Susana in the office, Fr Ruslan himself in confidence or Ann Meehan. Susana and Ann will work with Fr Ruslan to try to schedule visits. Feel free to contact us. God Bless