

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Please pray for all those participating in our catechetical programmes, their catechists and their families. The next Baptismal Preparation session will be in April (date TBC) at 19:00 in the hall. To book, please contact the office.

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.

RECONCILIATION

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation we encounter God's love for us through the gift of forgiveness, pardon and peace. This Sacrament is regularly available in church on **Saturdays after 9.30 Mass** or on request.

COLLECTIONS
OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS FOR 24/03/24: £237.72

STANDING ORDERS
FEBRUARY: £4072.67

PARISH BANK DETAILS
SORT CODE 40-05-20
ACCOUNT NO 01126393

DONATIONS PAYABLE TO:
RCD A&B ST ERCONWALD'S
WALTON ON THAMES.
You can also donate in church using the DONA device or the QR codes in the pews. Please use Gift Aid if you can. Thank you!

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SAT 30 MAR	11:00	HOLY SATURDAY POLISH FOOD BLESSING
	20:00	THE SOLEMN VIGIL OF EASTER PARISHIONERS
SUN 31 MAR	09:15	EASTER SUNDAY NICOLETTA LANZISERA RIP (1ST ANNIVERSARY)
	11:15	ARNALDO FERNANDES RIP
	12:30	ITALIAN MASS
	13:00	POLISH MASS
MON 01 APR	NO MASS	EASTER MONDAY NO MASS
TUE 02 APR	09:30	EASTER TUESDAY REVEREND CHARLES HEURTLEY RIP
WED 03 APR	NO MASS ROSARY	EASTER WEDNESDAY NO MASS
THU 04 APR	09:30	EASTER THURSDAY MARY OVERTON'S INTENTIONS
FRI 05 APR	NO MASS	EASTER FRIDAY NO MASS
SAT 06 APR	NO AM MASS	EASTER SATURDAY NO AM MASS
	16:45	ITALIAN MASS
	18:00	SIDNEY AND JOAN SIMPKIN RIP
SUN 07 APR	09:15	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) PARISHIONERS
	11:15	WELLBEING OF SIMONE ELLIS
	13:00	POLISH MASS



ST ERCONWALDS NEWSLETTER

31 MARCH 2024

A MESSAGE FROM FR RUSLAN

The belief in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the foundation of Christianity. It is at the heart of the Easter message. The risen Christ has conquered death, and it no longer has power over humanity. Death no longer signals the end, but a new beginning. Life after death exists, and it is a life with God. Our current life on earth is meant to prepare us for the afterlife with God. Easter is not only about the afterlife, but it also carries an essential message for our life on earth. It reminds us that life is precious, and that human life comprises both body and spirit. In our present state, both elements are dependent on each other. Life is only meaningful when we have love. Love gives life its true purpose and meaning.

As Christians, we celebrate Easter. It is a time to rejoice and remember that Christ has risen from the dead. Through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, Jesus lives in our hearts and minds. The Holy Spirit is the Lord and giver of all life. In celebrating Easter, we celebrate life and all its fullness. When Christ was raised to new life, the darkness of His death was transformed into the light of eternal life. Jesus, the world's light, shines brightly on this day. Christians all over the world proclaim that Christ has risen from the dead. This is the heart of our faith and its principal mystery. "This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad." Today we celebrate and proclaim that: "Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ will come again."

With blessings and prayers,

Fr Ruslan and PPC

YOUR EASTER OFFERING

Dear Parishioners, a gentle reminder that Parish priests do not get paid a salary and are remunerated from Mass stipends and from the Easter and Christmas Offerings. Easter offerings go to Fr Ruslan as your personal gift. If you are planning to donate via bank transfer, please use the ref Easter Offering. Thank you in advance for your generosity and God bless.

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DEAR PARISHIONERS

This section of our newsletter is for those in need of our prayers, whether 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, 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 Fr Ruslan to know but not have your name in the newsletter, just let us know.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS

Aman Allos, Teresa Azouz, Roger Blishen, Christopher Clifford and Catherine Browle, Katherine Cawley, Rose Collins, David Cox, James De Leons-Hopkins, Maureen and Bill Dodds, Julia Donaldson, Mary Edenborough, June Ellis, Manuel and Jackie Faraldo, Michael and Cathy Flynn, Carole Frost, Carmen Galanty, Sophie Giannini, Andres Gomez, Gloria Gowen, Ann Griffin, the Hansford family, Fr Alex Hill, Yvonne and Michael Johnson, Beryl Jones, Karen Lane, John Lydon, Rita McGloin, Madeleine Menezes, Oscar Menezes, Christian Misuraca, Sarah Mitchell, Louise Nettleton, Arlo Nolan, Shirley Rhodes, Deborah Russell, Anna Sartori, Michael Spears, Michelle Thomas, Eileen White, Dee Wilson, Dina Yates.

PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS

THIS WEEK

CLOCK CHANGE

A reminder that the clocks will go forward one hour on Sunday morning at 1am for Daylight Saving Time.

Fr Ruslan is off to Lourdes on **Sunday**. Please pray for him and everyone else's safe travels and for a blessed stay in Lourdes.

Please see how Mass Intentions section for changes in Masses this week. Masses will be said by Fr Bill. Please welcome Fr Bill this week. Please give him a warm welcome.

During the 09:30 mass on **Sunday 7th of April**, we will have our Rite of Welcoming for the families whose little ones will be Baptised in our Church during April. Please give them a warm welcome.

WORK EXPERIENCE

CAFOD and SVP are working together to offer residential work experience for 20 young adults. Candidates must be over 20 years old and have a passion for social justice. For more details please contact SarahB@svp.org.uk / Khutchinson@cafod.org.uk

UPCOMING EVENTS

ALPHA COURSE

The Alpha Course starts Wednesday 24th April at 7.30pm in the hall. Come and explore faith for yourself or invite others to discover our faith. Everyone is welcome! The course starts with 3 in-person sessions and continues online. For more information and to sign up: <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/xjqazrv> or email steccalpha@outlook.com

PRAYING WITH ICONS EVENT

Saturday 13th April between 11:00 - 12:30. Patricia Stoat has been praying with icons for many years and will explore the history of this special way of seeing icons as a way into prayer. This is an event from the National Board of Catholic women. For more information, visit: www.nbcw.co.uk/events

FUNDRAISING/SECOND COLLECTIONS

FUNDRAISING FOR UKRAINE

Ribbons in memory and to raise funds for those who are still suffering are available in the porch - suggested donation £1. Thank you for your continued prayers for those affected by war.

BUCKET COLLECTION AND PETITIONS

HCPT Group 24 will be undertaking their traditional bucket collection at the end of all Easter masses to fund their annual Easter Pilgrimage to Lourdes. This year a number of children from the parish will be joining the pilgrimage and any donations will be greatly received and will help pay for treats and other fun activities. They will also be collecting petitions for anyone who would like to leave a prayer with Our Lady at the Grotto. Thank you for all your support and prayers.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

For several years, the number of parishioners actively using weekly Gift Aid envelopes for the offertory collection has been declining and the cost of purchasing the minimum number of envelope boxes outweighs the financial benefit the parish receives back in tax reclaimed from HMRC. Therefore from 6 April 2024, no new envelopes will be available. If your preference is to continue to donate through cash, please do so using the basket but the parish will not be able to reclaim the tax you have paid on that donation.

Alternatively, you may wish to switch to using a regular monthly standing order for your offertory donation by completing the form, which can be found in the porch, or by using online or telephone banking. If you have not joined the Gift Aid scheme, please complete a Gift Aid Declaration form that can also be found in the porch. This is a fantastic way of making your offertory donation go further, as the Parish can reclaim an additional 25% from HMRC. Last year this amounted to over £14,000 for all the offertory, second collections and appeals

HOME VISITS

Fr Ruslan is very aware there are 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 our parish. 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.

COMMUNICATIONS

Please send any newsletter/website/social media items or any amendments to: comms.sterconwalds@gmail.com by Thursdays at 2pm for inclusion/uploading as appropriate. All feedback is welcome.