

ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER 25TH APRIL 2021

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Mass Intentions and Mass Times: Week starting 25th April

Saturday 24 th April	9.30 am	Good Health of Samantha Fielding (<i>Followed by Exposition & Confessions</i>)
	6.00 pm	Mass in Italian
Sunday 25 th April	9.15 am	Parishioners
	11.15 am	Wellbeing of our Catholic Schools
Monday 26 th April	9.30 am	Sister Mary Ancilla RIP
Tuesday 27 ^h April	9.30 am	9.30 am Intentions of Mary Chuter
	1.30 pm	Funeral for Jose Odackal
Wednesday 28 th April	7.00 pm	Paul Inglis RIP
Thursday 29 th April	9.30 am	LITURGY OF THE WORD
Friday 30 th April	9.30 am	Paddy Brady RIP
Saturday 1 st May	9.30 am	The Unemployed <i>followed by Confessions and Exposition</i>
	6.00 pm	Mass in Italian
Sunday 2 nd May	9.15 am	Parishioners
	11.15 am	Those on the First Communion and Confirmation programmes.

The Church is open for public Masses and booking is required for Sunday Masses. Please book no later than Thursday evening for the following Sunday.

May is the month of the Holy Rosary. Please join us for the Rosary on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays 9.00-9.15 am in the church, starting Monday 3rd May.

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, Patrick Duggan, Rose Collins, Carmen Galanty, Patrick Russell, Ann Griffin, Ann Lane, Dina Yates, Rose Collins, Manuel and Jackie Faraldo, Andres Gomez, Christian Misuraca, Christopher Clifford and Catherine Browle.

Fr Bill writes: As a consequence of the decline in the infection rate and of the rapid speed of the vaccination programme I have decided to reduce the social distancing of the seating to a minimum of 1 metre in accordance with Government guidelines. This means that those benches that have been roped off will have one bubble only sitting in the centre of the row. **Please avoid kneeling at present to ensure that social distancing is preserved.**

Funeral of Jose Odackal: Please note that the church will be closed to parishioners on Tuesday 27th April from 10.30 am to after the funeral. About 150 mourners will be arriving to pay their respects to Jose Odackal prior to her funeral, which will commence at 1.30 pm. Numbers have to be monitored and the flow of mourners controlled to ensure social distancing. This will be done by the funeral director.

First Communion and First Reconciliation: Starting on Wednesday and Saturday of the coming week I will be meeting groups of parents and children on the Sacramental Preparation Course face-to-face to introduce them to the Church and to what will happen during First Confession. These meetings will take start at 5.30 pm on Wednesdays and 3.30 pm on Saturdays and last no more than an hour.

Rosary in May: You are invited to gather and say the rosary on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays from 9.00 am to 9.15 am prior to the Morning Mass will commence at 9.30 am.

In the post Easter period there will be Exposition and Confessions after the 9.30 am Mass on Saturdays.

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Offertory 28th March £130.30

Easter Offertory Collection for 4th April: £1142.58 **Thank you for your generosity. Total banked £1665.18**

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.

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

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Announcements

The Walton & Hersham 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.

Thank you for your continued support

Forthcoming Feasts

29th April Catherine of Sienna (1347-1380)



Catherine was born in Siena and, seeking perfection, entered the Third Order of the Dominicans when she was still in her teens. In 1370 she was commanded by a vision to leave her secluded life and enter the public life of the world. She wrote letters to many major public figures and carried on a long correspondence with Pope Gregory XI, urging him to reform the clergy and the administration of the Papal States. She burned with the love of God and her neighbour. As an ambassador she brought peace and harmony between cities. She fought hard to defend the liberty and rights of the Popes and did much for the renewal of religious life. She also dictated books full of sound doctrine and spiritual inspiration. She died on 29 April 1380. In 1970 Pope Paul VI declared her a Doctor of the Church.

Smile Lines

Sportsmanlike

During a game, the coach asked one of his young players: "Do you understand what cooperation is? What a team is?" The little boy nodded yes. "Do you understand that what matters is winning together as a team?" The little boy nodded yes. "So," the coach continued, "when a free kick is awarded against you or when you score and the goal is disallowed, you don't argue or curse or attack the referee. Do you understand all that?" Again, the boy nodded yes.

"Good," said the coach. "Now go over there and explain it to your mother."

Gift?

I asked my mother if I was a gifted child. She said I must be, because they certainly wouldn't have paid for me.