

# ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

## 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021

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### Mass Intentions and Mass Times: Week starting 28<sup>th</sup> March

Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30 am	Deceased friends & relatives of Beryl O'Brien
	6.00 pm	Mass in Italian
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> March (Palm Sunday)	9.15 am	John Reid RIP
	11.15 am	Chris Try RIP
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30 am	Louis Ryan RIP
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30 am	Pavlo Scyhinski RIP
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	7.00 pm	Deceased Members of the Reid Family
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April (Maundy Thursday)	8.00 pm	Pete Thomas RIP
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April (Good Friday)	3.00 pm	Liturgy of the Passion and Veneration of the Cross
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April (Holy Saturday)	8.00 pm	Easter Vigil Parishioners
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> April (Easter Sunday)	9.15 am	Arnaldo Fernandes RIP
	11.15 am	Luise & Bryan Glasgow RIP

**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.**

### 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, Christopher Clifford and Catherine Browle.*

**Fr Bill writes:** It would be nice to have examples of children's/young people's art-work on the theme of Holy Week and Easter, for the web site. Can we have all entries in by **Good Friday** please.

As we approach Holy Week we focus on the transience of human success – change from the popularity of Jesus on Palm Sunday through his last meal with his apostles in which they swore loyalty to him only later to betray him; through his suffering on the cross, his isolation and brokenness to the tantalising emptiness of the tomb on Easter Sunday. The Easter Liturgy, modified because of the pandemic nevertheless reflects this journey with its highs and lows. **We are already fully booked for Good Friday and Easter Sunday (9.15). Please book your Sunday places no later than Thursday for the following Sunday.**

**On Maundy Thursday** there will be no washing of the feet this year on the instruction of the Bishops because of the closeness of contact required. However I will reserve the Blessed Sacrament at the end on the main altar until 10.00 pm before its transfer to the tabernacle in St Joseph's altar. It would be nice if some of you could be there until 10.00 pm or for part of the time. **On Good Friday** there will be an opportunity to reverence the Cross but in a way that does not make physical contact. **You are asked to bow or genuflect to the cross not to touch it.** **At the Easter vigil** there will be no fire and the service will start with the Easter Candle being prepared and then lit. This will take place inside on the sanctuary.

**Confessions:** I will be available for Confessions after Mass on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March and 3<sup>rd</sup> April for an hour. I will locate myself in the sacristy.

I have outlined a draft schedule for the delivery of the **First Reconciliation and First Communion Programme** that enables us to complete the celebrations before the start of August. The first Communion Masses will still be scheduled for Saturday afternoons but it is possible that some of the social distancing measures will have been relaxed by the time for the first Mass of the four scheduled in July.

I have posted the final set of 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>

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=TnIwRk5FRzlTNzJGRTF5ZVBjbzZ3UT09>

Meeting ID: 971 5527 5292

Passcode: 967199

*Any notices for this newsletter to be sent to Fr Bill at*  
[mail@sterconwalds.org.uk](mailto:mail@sterconwalds.org.uk)

## **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.

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

## **Announcements**

The Passage's mission and work is developing to cope with more people becoming homeless it is raising funds through the Big Give until Wed 31<sup>st</sup> March to support **No Night Out** a new initiative to take newly homeless people off the street straight away. Further details of the work is at [www.passage.org.uk](http://www.passage.org.uk).

**Double your Donation, Double your impact.** This is a matched giving scheme for online donations. If someone (can be company, individual or trust) gave £10 online matched giving of £10 would bring the Gift up to £20 (and for individuals to £22.50 with Gift Aid with higher rate tax relief it may cost the donor less than £10). For more information ring Andrew Hollingsworth 020 75921886 [andrew.h@passage.org.uk](mailto:andrew.h@passage.org.uk)

Donate at <https://tinyurl.com/NoNightOut>

### **PETITION: That the Government Does Not Reduce Overseas Aid:**

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/561068>

There are suggestions that the Government is planning to reduce its commitment to giving 0.7% of GDP as overseas aid. We want to keep this foreign aid and help the world's poor.

Please sign the petition. At 10,000 signatures the Government will respond to the petition. At 100,00 the petition will be considered for debate. Thank you.

### **THE OPEN CLOISTER @ WORTH ABBEY**

#### **Online Easter Triduum Retreat: Maundy Thurs 1<sup>st</sup>-Easter Sun 4<sup>th</sup> April**

Join with the monks of Worth Abbey, in this interactive online retreat over the Easter Triduum. With a mixture of prayer, small groups and talks this is a great opportunity to journey with others deeper into the mystery of Easter, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Including participation in the monastic daily office and Easter liturgy, live streamed from the Abbey Church.

Book your place online at [www.worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats](http://www.worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats)

### **Services for the Triduum**

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

**Easter Competition:** 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](mailto:mail@sterconwalds.org.uk) and are to reach the parish by Monday of Holy Week – 29<sup>th</sup> March.

**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**

## Smile Lines

### **When you mix children and religion...**

*You get some unexpected gems. The following are extracts from religious exam papers...*

In the first book of the Bible, Guinness, God got tired of creating the world, so he took the Sabbath off.

Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was Joan of Ark, because Noah built an ark. The animals came on in pears.

Moses led the Jews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.

The Seventh Commandment is: Thou shalt not admit adultery