

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

### BAPTISM PREPARATION

These sessions take place regularly throughout the year. Please contact the office for details and to book. The next Baptism session will be on **Monday 4th of November at 7pm via Zoom.**

### 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 the 9.30 Mass or on request.

Children are introduced to **Reconciliation** during the year in which they make their first Holy Communion and are then invited to celebrate this sacrament of God's healing.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

The Parish Office will be in touch with all the applicants next week.

We do need **additional catechists** and especially ask parents of those who children will participate in the programme to help out. You don't need to commit to each week! Do get in touch with the parish office by phone or email.

### CONFIRMATION

If you're still interested in joining this year's programme, please email the parish office. The next session is on **Saturday 23 November.**

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>SAT 26 OCT</b>	<b>9:30</b>	MAURICE GOES RIP
	<b>10.00</b>	<b>ADORATION, ROSARY &amp; RECONCILIATION</b>
	<b>16.45</b>	ITALIAN MASS
	<b>18:00</b>	PARISHIONERS
<b>SUN 27 OCT</b>	<b>9:15</b>	<b>30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> KEN & MARJORIE ROBERTSON RIP
	<b>11:15</b>	MASS
<b>MON 28 OCT</b>	<b>9:30</b>	<b>SS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES (FEAST)</b> PATRICK & KATHLEEN O'DRISCOLL RIP (ANNIVERSARY)
	<b>10:00</b>	<b>ROSARY</b>
<b>TUE 29 OCT</b>	<b>18:30</b>	<b>ADORATION AND RECONCILIATION</b>
	<b>19:30</b>	ANNE & GERRY WEBB RIP (ANNIVERSARY)
	<b>20.00</b>	<b>ROSARY</b>
<b>WED 30 OCT</b>	<b>9:30</b>	JOHN MAY, BRIAN O'NEILL & RAY PALMER RIP
	<b>10:00</b>	<b>ROSARY</b>
<b>THU 31OCT</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>FRI 01 NOV</b>	<b>9:30</b>	<b>ALL SAINTS (SOLEMNITY)</b> BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE
	<b>10:00</b>	<b>DIVINE MERCY</b>
	<b>19:30</b>	<b>ALL SOULS VIGIL MASS</b> BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE
<b>SAT 02 NOV</b>	<b>9:30</b>	<b>ALL SOULS</b> BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE
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<b>SUN 03 NOV</b>	<b>9:15</b>	<b>31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE
	<b>11:15</b>	BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE
	<b>13:00</b>	POLISH MASS

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**TODDLERS GROUP - Play and Praise** continues on Fridays from 10-11.30. Sign up in advance here:  
<https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/dnp0lyul>.



# ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

26/27 OCTOBER 2024

### PARISH RETREAT

The programme for the parish retreat (**22-24 November**) is online and in the porch. Please **SIGN UP in the porch/online** <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/sthwi3ap> to help us with catering. We are looking for people to support with **hospitality** (teas/coffees/meal prep) and also **overnight accommodation** for 3 of the team members. If you can help in any way please contact Lucy on 07740 461785.

Please that the retreat leader, Fr Gladson, will speak to us at all masses on 9/10 November.

During the retreat, we'll have the opportunity to spend some time in **Adoration, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**. Bishop Richard, in his pastoral plan published in January this year, encourages us to come along to Adoration.

### What is Adoration?

If you've never 'been' to Adoration before, or aren't sure what it's all about, the diocese has produced a really helpful leaflet: <https://abdiocese.org.uk/faith/prayer>. Some refer to it as "intimate time with the One who loves us": spending time in Adoration draws you into intimacy with him. Others describe it as "looking at Jesus, looking at me". Adoration is a time to connect with Our Lord and relax in his presence. As we get closer to Jesus, he gives us wisdom, guidance, and strength for our journey of life.

### How do I pray when I am with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament?

There are many ways to pray, but three major ones: vocal – talking to God like he is your best friend, Meditation – thinking about God; and Contemplation – simply being with God. The leaflet mentioned above has some suggestions to help you. **Why don't you come along on Tuesday evenings at 6.30pm, or after Mass on Saturday morning and see what it's all about?**

### ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL/NOVENA

Last week Cardinal Vincent Nichols' pastoral letter was read out at our Sunday masses; do read it if you missed it. He encourages us to write to our MPs, discuss this issue with each other, and pray. The bill will be debated and put for a vote towards the end of November. To pray in our parish, we invite all parishioners/prayer groups to offer a **novena of prayer from 1-9 November**.

### What is a novena?

The most simple way to pray a novena is, simply, praying the same prayer or for the same intention for nine consecutive days. It's an old form of prayer - there are nine days between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost Sunday, the amount of time the disciples gathered in the upper room to pray after Jesus ascended into heaven - the first novena! At the heart of a novena is persevering trust. You bring your trials and struggles to God, petition Him with all your heart, and wait for the Holy Spirit. So, **from 1-9 November we ask you all to pray** for those debating and voting on the bill, focussing on trusting in Jesus, and praying for an outpouring of His abundant love and mercy for our country.

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### 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 for all your help and financial contributions!

# 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 seek 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, Trish Claxton, Rose Collins, David Cox, Theresè Crumpler, 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, Franky Goes, Gloria Gowen, Ann Griffin, the Hansford family, Yvonne and Michael Johnson, Karen Lane, John Lydon, Rita McGloin, Oscar Menezes, Christian Misuraca, Sarah Mitchell, Colleen Murphy, Louise Nettleton, Arlo Nolan, Ben Piltsher, Shirley Rhodhes, Deborah Russell, Evie Sagun, Anna Sartori, Michael Spears, Michelle Thomas, Eileen White, Dina Yates.

## HOME VISITS

Fr Ruslan would like to meet parishioners who are too poorly to come to church at different times throughout the year in their homes. Do reach out to Susana in the office, Ann Meehan or Fr Ruslan so we schedule visits.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME** will start this weekend, so don't forget to put your clocks back on Saturday night!

## OCTOBER and OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

On Fridays, after 9.30am Mass, our Divine Mercy prayer group meets, but as October is the Month of the Rosary, we are also saying the rosary after the weekday Masses. Feel free to join us during this last week of October.

# PARISH NEWS/EVENTS

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

The second collection this weekend is for World Mission Sunday (we missed it last week!). **Next weekend (2/3 November) is Prisoner's Sunday**, when we'll be collecting for PACT (Prison Advice and Care Trust). Bishop **Richard is the Liaison Bishop for Prisons** (PACT) and invites parishes across England and Wales to bring people in prison, and their children and families, before the Lord in prayer. PACT's work is varied, and includes care for children whose parents have been sent to prison, as well as offering practical assistance to people leaving prison, who are trying to make a fresh start and put their past behind them.

**THANK YOU** to all who came along to and participated in the **youth-led mass on Saturday- with pizza and fun afterwards!** **And many thanks** to the generous parishioner who has offered her **spare room** for the Ukrainian refugees who need one. The family is very grateful. And finally, we are very grateful for the **spare Hoover! Thank you!**

You may notice that the porch is being cleared and tidied, hopefully helping us to enter our church in a spirit of prayer, but also making it easier to find information on our parish activities. It's a work in progress! There is now a dedicated table with activities/books for children who are in church. Please contact the parish office and/or email the comms team: [comms.sterconwalds@gmail.com](mailto:comms.sterconwalds@gmail.com) before posting/placing anything in the porch.

## ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS

In **November** we remember our beloved departed and, during this month, there will not be individual mass intentions during the month of November. The Remembrance book is in the porch, where you can write the name of the person you would like to remember in prayer. The book will be brought to the altar during each Mass, and Fr Ruslan will pray for them on that specific day.

On **Friday 1 November** Fr Ruslan will be visiting and blessing the cemeteries in the area. On **Tuesday 19 November** we shall hold an evening Mass to commemorate those who have gone before us.

## MARY STEVENSON RIP

Mary died peacefully in her sleep after short illness on 18 October. Mary and her family were part of St Erconwalds for many years until moving to Wiltshire. Please remember her children and grandchildren in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - PRIZES NEEDED!

To raise much needed funds for the parish we are planning a Christmas raffle - but to make it a success we need some prizes! If you can donate a prize yourself or source one from someone you know please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

## PARISH READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Fr Ruslan will be holding training sessions at 7.30pm in the church for all **current readers (Ministers of the Word) and Eucharistic ministers and anyone interested in joining** these ministries:

- Wednesday 20 November at 7.30 pm:** Parish readers
- Wednesday 27 November at 7.30pm:** Eucharistic ministers

All parish readers will be specially **commissioned at all masses during the weekend of 30/11-1/12**, Eucharistic ministers will be formally commissioned in the new year.

## ADVENT 2024

The Parish Pastoral Council is currently preparing our parish Advent/Christmas booklet with the various parish activities/events and prayer focuses. If you/your parish group is organising anything, please do contact John Joyce at [jdejoyce@gmail.com](mailto:jdejoyce@gmail.com) or 07801 373299 by 30 October with details for inclusion.

## INTERCESSIONARY (BIDDING) PRAYERS

We have a wonderful team of women who write our inspiring intercessionary prayers each week on a rota basis. We'd love to expand the team to reflect more fully our parish community. We have plenty of guidance for you; do contact Margaret on 07811 792 117 if interested.

## MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

The diocese is recruiting for the next intake for our Ministry of Consolation training. If you are interested in joining our team, our next training course will run on **Wednesdays from 8 Jan-12 Feb 2025** via Zoom (9.30am-1.30 pm). For further details please visit follow.

## WILLS, INHERITANCE TAX AND CHARITABLE BEQUESTS

Wills and inheritance tax can be difficult subjects, emotionally and technically. In **January** Jess Buttaci, a parishioner with a law practice in Walton, will be giving **two talks in the hall** about incorporating any changes arising from the October Budget. **Dates TBC.**

## DIOCESAN/OTHER EVENTS

**Please see** <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events> for a full listing.

## NATIONAL BOARD OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

The NBCW is promoting various talks and events during October - for full details see the poster in the porch.

# COMMUNICATIONS

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

## SAFEGUARDING

If you wish to work with children or vulnerable adults in our parish please contact Tina O'Kelly, our Safeguarding Rep for volunteers: [tina@okellynet.com](mailto:tina@okellynet.com). See our website for further details.

## VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers are such a huge part of our parish and we would love to welcome anyone who wishes to get involved as we grow together as a faith community and reach out to those around us. For details: <https://www.sterconwalds.org.uk/get-involved.html>

## PLATE

**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS FOR 20-10-24: £277.75**  
**STANDING ORDERS FOR SEPTEMBER: £5258.46**

## THANK YOU!

**SAVE THE DATES:**  
**20 NOV:** READERS MEETING  
**27 NOV:** EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING  
**22-24 NOV:** PARISH RETREAT  
**30 NOV:** WREATH MAKING  
**15 DEC:** CHRISTMAS LUNCH  
**22 DEC:** CAROL CELEBRATION  
**15 MAR:** FLAME CONGRESS