

# ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

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03<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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## Parish News

**Thank you to everyone that attended our Church Social Event on Saturday. It was a lovely evening and a great start of the Christmas season.**

### **Your Christmas Offering**

Dear Parishioners, a gentle reminder that Parish priests do not get paid a salary and is remunerated from mass stipends and from the Christmas and Easter Offerings. Christmas offerings on the 24th and 25th of December will go to Fr Ruslan as your personal gift. If you are planning to do the donation via bank transfer, could you please write the ref Christmas Offering.

Thank you all in advance for your generosity and God bless

We have two 4ft potted Christmas trees outside the church for the children. Please encourage them to make a decoration or bring a bauble (for outdoors) from home to hang on the tree when they come to church over the next 2 weeks. Maybe they would like to paint a pebble to put it under the tree? There will also be a tree inside the church foyer for them as well. The more the kids get involved the better!!! Thank you

### **Announcing Saint Vincent De Paul at St Erconwald's**

St Vincent de Paul Society is an international Christian voluntary organisation dedicated to tackling poverty and disadvantage by providing direct practical assistance to anyone in need.

Part of our parish mission is to reach out to the lonely, the lost, disabled people, those with mental health conditions and the disadvantaged. Whilst prayers and good wishes are always well received, practical and pragmatic help for those who are in need around the parish and surrounding community is essential.



**We are looking to start out small and build out a team extend what fantastic volunteers, building on what individuals have been doing already. We need people who can:**

- Visit elderly people in their homes or care homes
- Provide Mass lifts for those not able to make their own way
- Assist with shopping trips with or for people who find this difficult
- Source furniture for those without the means to buy their own
- Organise Christmas parcels to people who may not receive anything at Christmas
- Organise regular social events

Register by scanning the QR Code Below:



Visit: [tinyurl.com/supportsvp](https://tinyurl.com/supportsvp)

Email: [svp@simpkin.net](mailto:svp@simpkin.net)

### **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.

### **OUR GIFT TO UKRAINIAN CHILDREN**

As the cold is coming, we are starting to bring out thick coats, gloves and scarves, maybe even turning the heating on! Now, imagine children not having any of these items and no electricity or heating and in temperatures even lower than the ones we have in the UK.... Hard to think, isn't it? Well, we can do something about it! Here at St Erconwald's we would like to encourage you and your child to donate children's new gloves, scarves, hats and warm socks to go to Ukraine this winter or to sponsor these items by donating (cash or bank transfer). We are sponsoring a lorry to go to Ukraine as soon as possible and sending these items would be really helpful. Just paying for the lorry to go to Ukraine costs us £2500 so any help towards this as well would be greatly appreciated. If you wish to contribute, please bring any items to the Parish Office (only new items please) or if you would like to be a sponsor please add as ref "Ukraine gift". The deadline is 12<sup>th</sup> of December. We are extremely grateful for your generosity and help in this matter. Thank you (St Erconwald's Parish Office)

### **Christmas masses**

On Christmas Eve, masses will be at 3.00 pm, 6.00 pm and 10.00 pm.

The 3.00pm and 6.00pm masses will be primarily focused on children. Readings will hopefully be read by our young parishioners. The 3.00pm mass is relatively new and we hope it makes things easier for families with very young children. If there are parents willing to help at this mass, please let the parish office know. Sara Smith will be co-ordinating the 6.00pm mass

The 10.00pm mass will be as normal with the choir providing music and festive hymns.

On Christmas Day masses will be as normal: 9.15am mass will be supported by St Erconwald musicians and the 11.15am by our choir.

There are signup sheets at the back of the church for all the ministries. We need lots of helpers so that we have cover if people fall sick or travel plans change.

Thank you

Polish Mass on Christmas Day 25<sup>th</sup> December at 1.00pm

### **WEB SITE UPDATE**

Dear all, we are delighted to say that we have started a programme of improvements to our parish web site. Our ambition is to make the site much easier to navigate, meaning you can find the information you need quickly and easily. We'll also be keeping the site up to date with more recent and relevant information. It's a work-in-progress at the moment, but over the coming weeks you'll start to see more improvements.

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.

**Please do not leave Christmas Presents under the tree. We know we have done it in previous years, but Rentsart Charity has been overwhelmed with presents for the last few years so at the moment, they don't need any more. Thank you**

### **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 27.11.22: £385.36**

**Standing Orders contributions for November: £4021.99**

**Contributions via DONA for November: 170**

**Christmas event and Raffle: £184**

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**

<b>Baptism</b>	<b>First Communion</b>	<b>Reconciliation</b>
Next Baptismal Preparation session will be <b>In the New Year (date TBC) 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**

<b>Parish Primary School</b>	<b>Parish Secondary School</b>
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## Mass Intentions and Mass Times: Week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> December

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Saturday 10 Dec	9.30am	Ann Daly RIP
	4.45pm	Italian Mass
	6.00pm	Phyllis Madden & Betty Jackson RIP
Sunday 11 Dec	9.15am	Angelo, Ivana, Angela & Giuseppe Minerva RIP
	11.15am	Good health of Paula Mooney
Monday 12 Dec	9.30am	John Rendall RIP
Tuesday 13 Dec	9.30am	Virginia Herdon RIP
Wednesday 14 Dec	9.30am	Horatia Rae RIP
	Rosary	
Thursday 15 Dec	NO MASS	No Mass
Friday 16 Dec	9.30am	Tom & Christopher McGrath RIP
Saturday 17 Dec	9.30am	Anna Goes RIP
	4.45pm	Italian Mass
	6.00pm	Frank & Patricia Mitchell RIP
Sunday 18 Dec	9.15am	Daisy & Bernard O'Neill RIP
	11.15am	Michael Collins RIP (Anniversary)

**Visiting the sick. If you have a few hours to spare in the week, please contact the office or Frances Ryan after mass as we need someone to visit one of our parishioners in Norfolk House, Weybridge.**

**Thank you**

### Please pray for those who have asked for our 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 Rhodhes, John Lydon, James De Leons-Hopkins, Sheila Tickner, Paul Bahoshy. Teresa Azouz, Yasmine Hodkinson, Simonne Ellis, Maureen and Bill Dodds, Roger Blishen, Michael Spears, Sarah Mitchell, Rita McGloin, Fr Alex Hill, Katherine Cawley, Karen Lane, Dee Wilson*

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