

# ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023

7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## **Parish News**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection**

Dear parishioners. We will be producing this year's financial accounts and forecast at the end of the month. Whilst parishioners' numbers have continued to increase since we reopen the church after COVID restrictions were lifted, the unexpected cost of living and energy price rise and the recent cold spell have meant an increased in our expenses higher than was forecast last year. We have seen an increase in the use of the Church Hall for functions, meetings, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Alpha Course, etc. And as always, we welcome any suggestions as to making better use of the facilities, but this has and will continue to add additional costs to the utility bills. We are therefore doing an extra collection after masses this weekend to help cover the bills. Thank you all again for your continued generosity and regular donations. We appreciate these are challenging and difficult times for everyone. But your donations as always, however small will be very gratefully received. God Bless.

### **Red Box Holders**

It is time for the first collection of the year of the contents of your Red boxes. Please would donors take an envelope from the porch, empty the contents of your box into the envelope and return it to the sacristy after Mass **by Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> March at the latest.**

If you prefer to return your box, please ensure that your name is on the label, place it in the sacristy and take a new box from the porch.

If you would like to start collecting for overseas missions, please contact Dominic Ennis on 0208 2246114. Thank you.

### **World Day of Prayer**

Please support World Day of Prayer which is being held at our Church this year at 10am on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of March. All welcome

### **Shrove Tuesday**

On Shrove Tuesday (21st Feb) from 3.30-5pm we are holding an after school/nursery pancake party in the Church Hall for the children of the Parish and would love for you to join us.

Sign up at the back of the Church or at <https://form.jotform.com/pfcwalton/pancakes> so we know how many kids (and their adults) are coming. There is a small charge of £2, payable on the day, to cover costs. Also, if anyone would like to help out on the day, please email [pt.walton@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pt.walton@abdiocese.org.uk). Thank you!

### **Lent Lunches**

From Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of March and all through Lent, every Friday we will be having Stations of the Cross at 11.30 followed by Mass at 12pm and Lent Lunches afterwards. There are 2 lists at the back of the church, one to confirm attendance so we can have an idea of numbers and another one to provide let us know what you are bringing. These lunches have always been very popular so please come and join us. All welcome.

### **Parish Ploughman's lunch**

This year's confirmation candidates would like to invite all members of the parish to a **Ploughman's lunch on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 12.30** in the church hall. The young people will be organising, preparing and serving the lunch. If you would like to attend, please add your name to the list in the porch at the back of the church. There will be no teas and coffees after the 9.15 mass on this day.

This event has proved very popular in past years (pre Covid) and we hope it will continue to do so this year. Please support our youngsters as they continue their confirmation journey by giving of their service, in the spirit of Christ.

### **Parish Hall**

If you are interested in hiring St Erconwald's Hall, we have a new email address for bookings. Please send any hall enquiries to [bookings.walton@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bookings.walton@abdiocese.org.uk) Thank you

### **Parish Registration form**

Please remember to register with the Parish if you have not done so yet. This will help us knowing our parishioners a bit better. Please download the form from the Parish website or contact the office for a paper copy. Thank you very much!

### **Funeral**

Fr Ruslan will be celebrating Julia White's funeral on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> of February at 11.15am here at St Erconwald's. Please keep Julia and her family in your prayers. RIP

### **Saint Vincent De Paul Updates**

Our hearts go out to those who have lost their lives or otherwise have been affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. We know we ask so much of our parishioners, so we're not collecting right now however, if you are able and want to, please consider making a donation. Find out more about how you can donate through some of the charities currently collecting, please visit <https://sterconwalds.org.uk/turkey-syria>.

Whether you are an existing volunteer or wondering how you can support our parish community, please join St Vincent De Paul team on Tuesday 28th February at 7.30pm in the Church Hall for an informal meeting to put faces to names, gain a better understanding of the outreach work that is currently going on across the parish, and to look at ways we can build on this.

## 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 12.02.23: £290.41**

**Standing Orders contributions for January: £3841.02**

**Contributions via DONA for January: £217**

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

Baptism	First Communion	Reconciliation
Next Baptismal Preparation session will be <b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 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

Parish Primary School	Parish Secondary School
<b>Cardinal Newman School</b> Arch Road Hersham Surrey KT12 4QT TEL : 01932 222536 Email: <a href="mailto:office@cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk">office@cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk</a>	<b>Salesian School</b> Guildford Road Chertsey Surrey KT16 9LU TEL : 01932 582520 Email: <a href="mailto:info@salesian.surrey.sch.uk">info@salesian.surrey.sch.uk</a>

## Mass Intentions and Mass Times: Week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> February

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Saturday 18 February	9.30am	Maureen O'Driscoll RIP
	4.45pm	Italian Mass
	6.00pm	Patrick Brandon RIP (Anniversary)
Sunday 19 February	9.15am	Gareth Fox RIP (Anniversary)
	11.15am	Terry O'Brien RIP & Parishioners
Monday 20 February	9.30am	Tom & Christopher McGrath RIP
Tuesday 21 February	9.30am	<b><u>Shrove Tuesday</u></b> Private Intention
Wednesday 22 Feb	9.30am	<b><u>Ash Wednesday</u></b> Julia White RIP
	Rosary	
	7.30pm	Mary Kate Reilly RIP
Thursday 23 February	11.00am	Funeral for Julia White RIP
Friday 24 February	12.00pm	Eve Tanner RIP
Saturday 25 February	9.30am	Nola Galiano and Ferraro deceased relatives
	4.45pm	Italian Mass
	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sunday 26 February	9.15am	<b><u>First Sunday of Lent</u></b> Anna Goes RIP
	11.15am	Bridget Lydon RIP (Anniversary)

**We will be praying the Rosary every Wednesday after mass. Please join us after 9.30 mass**

### ***Please pray for those who have asked for your 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 Rhodes, John Lydon, James De Leons-Hopkins, Sheila Tickner, Paul Bahoshy, Teresa Azouz, Yasmine Hodkinson, Maureen and Bill Dodds, Roger Blishen, Michael Spears, Sarah Mitchell, Rita McGloin, Fr Alex Hill, Katherine Cawley, Karen Lane, Dee Wilson, Michelle Thomas, Georgina Castiglione, Aman Allos, Eileen White, Sophie Giannin, Yvonne and Michael Johnson*

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.