

ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER 11TH JULY 2021

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Mass Intentions and Mass Times: Week starting 11th July

Saturday 10 th July	2.00 pm	First Communion Mass
	6.00 pm	Mass in Italian
Sunday 11 th July	9.15 am	Luise Glasgow RIP
	11.15 am	Lynda Ellis RIP
Monday 12 th July	9.30 am	Intentions of Glen & Queency Gonsalves
Tuesday 13 th July	9.30 am	God Health of Kevin and Lynne Andrews
Wednesday 14 th July	7.00 pm	Rosalyn Rodrigues RIP
Thursday 15 th July	9.30 am	Liturgy of the Word
Friday 16 th July	9.30 am	Betty Braganza RIP
Saturday 17 th July	2.00 pm	First Communion Mass
	6.00 pm	Mass in Italian
Sunday 18 th July	9.15 am	Betty Braganza RIP
	11.15 am	Lucia Saliba 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, Anna Sartori, Sheila Day, Nicoletta Lanzisera, Rose Collins, Carmen Galanty, Patrick Russell, Ann Griffin, Ann Lane, Dina Yates, Rose Collins, Manuel and Jackie Faraldo, Eileen Englefield, Andres Gomez, Christian Misuraca, Christopher Clifford and Catherine Browle.

Fr Bill writes: There is much anticipation concerning what precisely is going to happen when regulations are relaxed on 19th July. In due course there will be detailed guidance from the bishops concerning what will happen in churches. However the mantra is about personal responsibility. I think we all need to be aware that many people are still reluctant to be in large gatherings – especially if the people are without masks and closer than two metres.

I will continue to wear a mask for the time being at the start of Mass and during the distribution of Communion. I would hope that people would consider wearing a mask at least on Sundays when the church is expected to be more crowded than on weekdays. Sanitising of hands ought to become routine whatever the state of the pandemic since the slowing of the spreading of any infections should be part of our everyday agenda. I would anticipate that the need to book will cease and hope that people will be sensitive to maintaining a good distance from the elderly and those known to be vulnerable.

The future of congregational singing will be communicated to you as soon as guidance is received. I will inform you of the guidance once it is received.

WE are now in the season of First Communion Masses. Please pray for the children and their families.

This weekend there is scheduled to be a Second Collection for the **Apostleship of the Sea**. This is a means of supporting the Church's mission to sailors who have suffered during the pandemic. At present we have no mechanism for a Second Collection, since the Offertory Collection is taken as you leave. **May I suggest that you give extra and those who pay by standing order put something in the plate. The average cash collection is about £200.00. Anything above £200 in the plate will be donated to the Apostleship of the Sea.**

Although there is a certain relaxation in some of the COVID restrictions we are still asked to be cautious and keep one metre apart in enclosed spaces even though we may be wearing masks. While people may wish to have conversations with people whom they have not seen for a long time it is important that those conversations take place outside and in areas that blocks the smooth exit of people from the church.

John and Ola will be departing during the weekend of 17/18th July to start a new venture in Cumbria in the north of England. There will be an opportunity to say goodbye to them during this weekend 10/11th July. The Parish is grateful for all that they have done during their time here. I will say a few words after the 9.15 Mass.

With the relaxation of the pandemic restrictions **30** people are now allowed at Baptisms. The **Offertory Procession** can now take place and the priest will at Communion now say “**Body of Christ**” to which each person responds **Amen. Altar Servers** can now start to fulfil their role. However there can be no singing on the part of the Congregation and masks and social distancing regulations are still in place. We will await further guidance for what will happen after 19th July.

I am very grateful for the work of the stewards in ensuring that we are all safe and that social distancing is maintained as far as is possible. Without their generous help the church would not legally be able to open. It is important therefore that we show our appreciation for what they do by complying with their instructions. **It would be very helpful if some of you could help with the cleaning of benches after Mass on Sundays so that it is not left to the generous few.**

Offertory Collection: 27th June £179.11; 4th July £180. (£525 banked)

Standing Orders for May totalled £2934

Those who are not able to attend Mass on Sundays can either put their 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.

Alternatively make a bank transfer.

Parish sort code 40 05 20

Account No 01126393

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Announcements

Sr Maria will be selling cards next Sunday. Please support her enterprise.

CCRS - The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) is beginning again in our Diocese this September. The course is designed for teachers in Catholic schools, for Catechists and for anyone who would like to grow in understanding as they live their Catholic faith. The CCRS offers a very flexible and accessible way of learning, it includes some online content and is made up of eight modules: six core and two specialist modules. Each module involves ten hours of course time and an assignment. For more information or to register your place please contact our Formation Adviser

Church Cleaners: Now that things are starting to return to normality we are seeking volunteers to clean the church on a regular basis. This includes the vacuuming of the carpet and clearing of cobwebs etc. If we have sufficient numbers it should not be onerous and a rota could be constructed. Any volunteers should email Susana in the office on the parish email address.

Were you thinking about a gap year but because of COVID have changed your mind?

Just graduated and need a year to get some meaningful work experience that actually makes a difference to the lives of young people?

St John Bosco School Battersea , an inner city school just fifteen minutes from Clapham Junction is looking for a number of Teaching Assistants for the next twelve months (or more). Last year this provided a wonderful opportunity to make a real impact on the lives of a number of young people including those in two special needs units. Why not join this year's team!

The role is for 32.5 hours per week and provides a fantastic opportunity to gain some valuable work experience in a hard working but fun environment. Please contact Miss Carrington CCarrington@sjbc.wandsworth.sch.uk

Initial Closing date for applications is noon on Friday 9 July 2021 with interviews taking place w/c Monday 12 July 2021. Please contact if you need to apply late

Bishop thanks those who opposed radical abortion amendment

Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues at the Bishops' Conference, has thanked the thousands of people who contacted their MP to register their opposition to an amendment that could have led to abortion on demand in England and Wales.

The controversial amendment to the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill was withdrawn on Monday, 5 July.

Death by Appointment: A Rational Guide to the Assisted Suicide Debate Monday 12th July 7.30 to 9pm

The assisted suicide debate will be centre stage once more with a Bill to legalise this in England and Wales recently tabled in the House of Lords. All prior attempts have failed but the pressure continues and we need to be ready to play our part.

You are invited to a webinar organised by the Bishops' Conference in which speakers with key, relevant expertise will look beyond the headlines: from law, to clinical practice, social attitudes, end of life care, public safety and the experience of those jurisdictions which have already legalised it. This is our opportunity to get informed, to prepare to protect the vulnerable. Please join us.

For further information and to book your place see: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/death-by-appointment-a-rational-guide-to-the-assisted-suicide-debate/>

Forthcoming Feast Days

Thursday St Bonaventure 1218-1274



Bonaventure was born at Bagnoregio in Etruria in about 1218. He became a Franciscan in 1243 and studied philosophy and theology at the University of Paris. He became a famous teacher and philosopher, part of the extraordinary intellectual flowering of the 13th century. He was a friend and colleague of St Thomas Aquinas.

At this time the friars were still a new and revolutionary force in the Church, and their radical embracing of poverty and rejection of institutional structures raised suspicion and opposition from many quarters. Bonaventure defended the Franciscan Order and, after he was elected general of the order in 1255, he ruled it with wisdom and prudence. He is regarded as the second founder of the Order.

He declined the archbishopric of York in 1265 but was made cardinal bishop of Albano in 1273, dying a year later in 1274 at the Council of Lyons, at which the Greek and Latin churches were (briefly) reconciled.

Bonaventure wrote extensively on philosophy and theology, making a permanent mark on intellectual history; but he always insisted that the simple and uneducated could have a clearer knowledge of God than the wise.

He was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1588 by Pope Sixtus V.

