

ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

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04TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Parish News

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

24th December

Young Children Mass 15.00

Christmas Carols 17.30

Family Christmas Eve Mass 18.00

Midnight Mass 22.00

25th December

Christmas Day Family Mass 9.15am

Christmas Day Mass 11.15am

Italian Mass 12.30pm

Polish Mass 1.30pm

6th January

Morning Mass 9.30am

Evening Mass 7.30pm

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

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

The Parish Office will be closed between 27th of December and 03rd of January. Fr Ruslan will also be taking a well-deserved break during these days. There will be NO midweek morning or Saturday morning masses between the 28th of December and the 03rd of January (weekend masses as usual).

Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Thank you everyone for your generous contributions for the Ukrainian Christmas Gift. We have been overwhelmed by your generosity. Thank you and God bless you all.

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

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.

Alpha Course

The Alpha Course: A chance to explore life and the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. Starting on Zoom Monday evenings at 8pm from 9th January. For more info contact Caroline at steccalpha@outlook.com

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 need your help

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

Email: svp@simpkin.net

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 11.12.22: £330.68

Standing Orders contributions for November: £4021.99

Contributions via DONA for November: £170

Ukraine Gift Collection (Including cash, bank transfers and DONA): £12349.14

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 In the New Year (date TBC) at 7pm 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. The sacrament of Reconciliation is regularly available in church on Saturdays after 9.30 Mass or on request.

Catholic Education

Parish Primary School	Parish Secondary School
Cardinal Newman School Arch Road Hersham Surrey KT12 4QT TEL : 01932 222536 Email: office@cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk	Salesian School Guildford Road Chertsey Surrey KT16 9LU TEL : 01932 582520 Email: info@salesian.surrey.sch.uk

Mass Intentions and Mass Times: Week commencing 19th December

Date	Time	Mass Intention
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)
Monday 19 Dec	9.30am	Alan Nogueur RIP
Tuesday 20 Dec	9.30am	Adam Chuter RIP (Anniversary)
Wednesday 21 Dec	9.30am & Rosary	Daisy & Bernard O'Neill RIP
Thursday 22 Dec	NO MASS	No Mass
Friday 23 Dec	9.30am	Michael Monk RIP
Saturday 24 Dec	3.00pm	Private Intention
	6.00pm	John and Amanda Ryan RIP
	10.00pm	Claire Campbell RIP
Sunday 25 Dec	9.15am	Ann & Stanley Brown RIP
	11.15am	Arnaldo Fernandes RIP
	12.30pm	Italian Mass
	1.30pm	Polish Mass

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 Rhodes, 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