

ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Parish News

Eucharistic Ministers and Readers

Thank you very much for showing an interest in the training sessions. Fr Ruslan is planning to hold his first meeting for Eucharistic Ministers on Wednesday 7th of June at 7.30pm in the Church and Hall. And for Readers it will be on Wednesday 14th of June at 7.30pm also in the Church and Hall. Please contact the office if you have any queries. Thank you.

2nd Collection

Dear Brothers and Sisters, due to an increase in utilities bills (gas, electricity, etc) as a Parish we need to generate funds to cover winter expenses which doubled in comparison with previous years. Therefore, it was decided by the Parish Finance Committee that we are going to have 2nd Collection quarterly for utilities. "Spring Utility Collection" will take place on Sunday 21st of May. If you pay online or by DONA, please chose the "Maintenance Option". We are very grateful for your contributions.

Confirmation Group

Also, on Sunday 21st of May at 9.15am, Fr Ruslan will be celebrating a Parish Welcoming Mass for the newly Confirmed young people of our community. The youngsters will be receiving their certificates during this Mass. Please join us and congratulate them on taking such an important step in their Catholic life.

May, Month of our Lady Mary

During the month of May we'll be saying the Rosary after 9.30 mass on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please come and join us.

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!

Twitter Relaunch

We're delighted to announce the relaunch of our Twitter account so you can stay up-to-date real-time with all that is happening around the parish. Follow us at [@StErconwalds](https://twitter.com/StErconwalds)

Next Saturday 13th of May, Fr Ruslan will be celebrating 2 Baptisms in our Church. Please welcome these children and their family into our wonderful community. Thank you.

Next Baptismal Preparation Session will be on Tuesday 23rd of May at 7pm in the Church Hall. Please contact the Parish Office to book your space. Thank you.

CAFOD

***Did you know** that Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty? Pope Benedict XVI said that "Love — caritas — is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace." For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more and get involved in tackling the root causes of poverty, please go to cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns*

Lourdes Pilgrimage request

Applications from pilgrims requiring assistance to journey with the Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer are back to pre-Covid numbers – which is wonderful news, but it does mean we now need lots of helpers, nurses and HCA's to apply to make sure we have enough people to care for them in Lourdes. "Being a helper is an act of service that many of us do not get to offer during our day to day lives. Giving our time and care for a week in Lourdes can make such a positive impact on the life and wellbeing of the people we help, and ourselves. There are many ways that you can help someone, the first step is to apply!". Further information and a link to the application is available on the [Lourdes Pilgrimage \(abdiocese.org.uk\)](https://abdiocese.org.uk) website.

The diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place 28 July to 3 August for those travelling by air, or 27 July to 4 August for those travelling by coach or jumbulance. The cost for Helpers and Clinicians is £680 (subsidised) or £850 full price. There are further subsidies which may be available. Thank you.

The Pilgrimage Office Team

Saint Vincent de Paul news

Next SVP meeting will take place on Tuesday 23rd of May at 7.30pm in the Hall.

Homelessness - How to Help

When we see someone living on the street it can be hard to know what to do, give money? give food? walk on by? Have you seen someone sleeping rough, but are unsure how you can help? There are many reasons why someone might end up homeless. StreetLink is a UK charity that helps assist those who are homeless and are sleeping rough. It is not an outreach service or an accommodation provider, nor is it an emergency service. It is the link between someone sleeping rough and the independent local services available. Find out more at <https://www.sterconwalds.org.uk/streetlink.html>.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our next meeting is in the Parish Hall on 10th of May in the morning from 10.30-12.30. Tea, coffee and cake is provided.

Thank you everyone who has donated yarn and needles. And a special thank you to everyone who has knitted or crocheted squares. When we have enough, we shall start sewing these squares together. We are also making twiddle muffs for people with dementia.

If you want to join in, there are some prepared kits in the porch (yarn, patten and 15cm template) for making squares. Please help yourself and bring back the finished squares. For more information, please contact Margaret (margothawkes@gmail.com)

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 30.04.23: £438.99

Standing Orders contributions for April: £3841

Contributions via DONA for April: £126

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 Tuesday 23rd of May 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 08th May

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Saturday 06 May	9.30am	Deceased members of the Reid family
	4.45pm	Italian Mass
	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sunday 07 May	9.15am	<u>Fifth Sunday of Easter</u> Nicoletta Lanzisera RIP
	11.15am	Pearl and Tom Coe RIP
	1.00pm	Polish Mass
Monday 08 May	9.30am Rosary	Christopher McGrath RIP
Tuesday 09 May	9.30am Rosary	Private Intention
Wednesday 10 May	9.30am Rosary	Decease relatives of Georgina Castiglione
Thursday 11 May	NO MASS	NO MASS
Friday 12 May	9.30am Rosary	Nicoletta Lanzisera RIP
Saturday 13 May	9.30am	<u>St Erconwald, Bishop</u> For Good Friends
	4.45pm	Italian Mass
	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sunday 14 May	9.15am	<u>6th Sunday of Easter</u> In memory of the Mondello-Sammuto families
	11.15am	Daniel O'Sullivan RIP

Please pray for those who have asked for your prayers:

Margaret (Maggie) Hawkes, Anna Sartori, 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, June Ellis, Shirley Rhodes, John Lydon, James De Leons-Hopkins, Sheila Tickner, Teresa Azouz, Maureen and Bill Dodds, Roger Blishen, Michael Spears, Sarah Mitchell, Rita McGloin, Fr Alex Hill, Katherine Cawley, Karen Lane, Dee Wilson, Michelle Thomas, Aman Allos, Eileen White, Sophie Giannin, Yvonne and Michael Johnson, Louise Nettleton, Julia Donaldson

Dear Parishioners,

This section of our Newsletter is 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. Please reach out to either Susana in the office, Ann Meehan or Fr Ruslan himself in confidence. We will work with Fr Ruslan to try to schedule visits.

God Bless.