

ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

28TH FEBRUARY 2021

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Mass Intentions and Mass Times: Week starting 28th February

Saturday 27 th February	9.30 am	Anna Goes
	6.00 pm	Mass in Italian
Sunday 28 th February	9.15 am	Gareth Fox
	11.15 am	Brigette Lydon RIP
Monday 1 st March	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Tuesday 2 nd March	9.30 am	Funeral Mass for Segunda Parabuac
Wednesday 3 rd March	7.00 pm	Michael Overton RIP
Thursday 4 th March	9.30 am	LITURGY OF THE WORD
Friday 5 th March	9.30 am	Fr John Pearson RIP
Saturday 6 th March	9.30 am	All COVID sufferers
	6.00 pm	Mass in Italian.
Sunday 7 th March	9.15 am	Connor Crumpler RIP
	11.15 am	Ken & Barbara Greanery

The Church is open for public Masses and booking is required for Sunday Masses.

Please pray for those in the Parish who have asked for our prayers:

Michael Snee, Margaret Hawkes, Bernadette Barnbrook, Anna Sartori, Maureen Lloyd, , Sheila Day, Nicoletta Lanzisera, Ben & Anna Adderley, Patrick Duggan, Rose Collins, Carmen Galanty, Patrick Russell, Ann Griffin, Ann Lane, Dina Yates, Rose Collins, Manuel and Jackie Faraldo, Andres Gomez, Christian Misuraca, Dottie Brady, Mary Overton, Christopher Clifford and Catherine Browle.

Fr Bill writes: The church is now open for public Masses but because we are still in lock down there are limits as to what can happen inside a church outside the public Masses. Therefore I will not as yet be introducing Exposition.

Easter Music: We will need to give thought to the celebration of the Triduum. At this stage I hope that there will be live music at each of the main Services over this time: Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday, The Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday, the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday and at the two Masses on Easter Sunday. Could musicians let me know whether there are sufficient people to make this happen. I still assume that there will be no congregational singing but that choirs can sing. In particular I am looking for volunteers to sing the Responsorial Psalm during the Easter Vigil. I would like a list of suggested hymns within the next two weeks so that a final order of service can be established.

I have posted the first three stations of the cross using **artwork of Sieger Koder** on the parish web site. I will continue to do so throughout Lent until we reach the last station. They can be accessed at <https://www.sterconwalds.org.uk/stations.html>

To keep us all safe I still need volunteers for stewards from those who attend the 9.15 am and 11.15 Masses on Sundays. Thanks to those who have come forward. Please let me know if you are willing by emailing me at mail@sterconwalds.org.uk

I will hold a **Zoom Coffee morning** on Monday and this week from 10.30 am until 11.00 am so that I can chat to parishioners whom I have not seen for ages. It would be good to see how some of you are getting on in these challenging times.

Here is the Zoom Invitation
Topic: Zoom Coffee Morning
Time: Monday at 10.30 am

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/97155275292?pwd=TnIwRk5FRzlTNzJGRtF5ZVBjbzZ3UT09>
Meeting ID: 971 5527 5292
Passcode: 967199

The last talk on the gospel of Mark has been given. The handouts and recording of the talks are available for the next month at the hyper link below.

<https://www.sterconwalds.org.uk/mark.html>

Any notices for this newsletter to be sent to Fr Bill at mail@sterconwalds.org.uk

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY 2021



Catholic Agency for Overseas Development **CAFOD**

Loving God,

we hear your call
to all who thirst
for a brighter future:
Come to the water.

Pour out your Spirit upon us
and lead us to walk
alongside one another.

Let a desire for change
well up within us.
May we overflow with
compassion and love.

And as a stream
wears away stone,
may we reshape
our world together
to reflect your kingdom
of hope for all.

Amen.

[cafod.org.uk](https://www.cafod.org.uk)

no one
beyond reach

Please do not forget to support CAFOD Family Fast Day. There will be a retiring collection on (Sunday 28th February). If you cannot be present at Mass, then donate online or post a contribution through the Parish Office Letterbox. The project is to get fresh water to many poor people. Find out more at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cjtDxhOvKXs>

Parish Finance

We have had several generous donations towards the maintenance of the parish recently. **Little income has been received during the current lockdown apart from standing orders which are the life blood of the parish at present. Many thanks to those who regularly donate and to those who are keeping up with their Gift Aid payments. The parish accounts for 2020 will soon be published.**

Standing Order Income for January 2021 : £3,382 . In the January statement we have banked £2,323.69. During February we have or are about to bank or about to bank £1,936.75.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

For those who are able you can either put your 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. If it is an Easter offering then mention Easter Offering in the message section.

Alternatively make a bank transfer.

Parish sort code 40 05 20

Account No 01126393

Payable to A&B Diocesan Trust St Erconwalds

Food Bank

The Walton & Hersham Food Bank are now again receiving donations of dry foods and toiletries, following the recent suspension due to Covid 19.

All donations of dry foods and toiletries to assist local people in need, are gratefully received.

Red storage containers are placed in the Church Porch for your donations.

Diocesan Lent Mission

Coming soon – Invited

God loves you. He has great plans for you. He wants to accompany you through all the highs and lows of your life.

There will soon be an opportunity for you to explore all this and more as we journey together as a Diocese through a season of mission.

Visit www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited to find out more.

You, are Invited.

Each session will be available on the evening of Monday evening during Lent. You can register to join small groups on Thursday evenings during Lent to discuss the Monday sessions.

Feasts of the Coming Week

1st March St David (520 - 589)



The earliest life of St David dates from five centuries after his death, probably in 589. He became eminent as abbot and bishop at the site now known as St David's, but formerly Mynyw, from which the present diocese of Menevia is named. He is credited with a monastic rule based on the example of the Eastern Fathers, and also with a Penitentiary. He was invited to preside at the synod of Llandewibrefi. Monks trained at his monastery evangelized South Wales and made foundations in Cornwall, Brittany and Ireland.

St David is said to have sent a Mass rite to Ireland. At his death his contemporary St Kentigern, founder of St Asaph's in North Wales, witnessed in vision his joyful entrance into the joy of his Lord. His holy relics have been found hidden in the fabric of St David's Cathedral, where they are carefully preserved. He was canonized by Pope Callistus II in 1123.

2nd March St Chad (-672)



Chad was born in Northumbria, one of four brothers, all of whom became priests. He was educated partly at Lindisfarne under St Aidan and partly in Ireland. He succeeded his brother St Cedd as Abbot of Lastingham in Yorkshire in 664. He became Bishop of Mercia in 669 and Wulfhere, first Christian King of Mercia, gave him land to establish his see at Lichfield. Chad was outstanding for his humility and simplicity of life. He died of the plague on 2 March 672. He was at once venerated as a saint and his shrine in the Cathedral of Lichfield was a place of pilgrimage throughout the Middle Ages. At the Reformation, some of his bones were preserved and handed down by recusant families in the Midlands: in 1841 they were enshrined in the new Cathedral consecrated in Birmingham in that year and dedicated to Saint Chad.

6th March St Ambrose of Milan (340?-397)

Ambrose was born in Trier (now in Germany) between 337 and 340, to a Roman family: his father was praetorian prefect of Gaul. Ambrose was educated at Rome and embarked on the standard *cursus honorum* of Roman advocates and administrators, at Sirmium, the capital of Illyria. In about 372 he was made prefect of Liguria and Emilia, whose capital was Milan.

In 374 the bishopric of Milan fell vacant and when Ambrose tried to pacify the conflict between the Catholics and Arians over the appointment of a new bishop, the people turned on him and demanded that he become the bishop himself. He was a layman and not yet baptized (at this time it was common for baptism to be delayed and for people to remain for years as catechumens), but that was no defence. Coerced by the people and by the emperor, he was baptized, ordained, and installed as bishop within a week, on 7 December 374.

He immediately gave his money to the poor and his land to the Church and set about learning theology. He had the advantage of knowing Greek, which few people did at that time, and so he was able to read the Eastern theologians and philosophers as well as those of the West.

He was assiduous in carrying out his office, acting with charity to all: a true shepherd and teacher of the faithful. He was unimpressed by status and when the Emperor Theodosius ordered the massacre of 7,000 people in Thessalonica, Ambrose forced him to do public penance. He defended the rights of the Church and attacked the Arian heresy with learning, firmness and gentleness. He also wrote a number of hymns which are still in use today.

Ambrose was a key figure in the conversion of St Augustine to Catholicism, impressing Augustine (hitherto unimpressed by the Catholics he had met) by his intelligence and scholarship. He died on Holy Saturday, 4 April 397.

Peace

After a very long and boring sermon the parishioners glumly filed out of the church past the parish priest. Towards the end of the queue was a thoughtful person who always commented on the sermons. "Father, today your sermon reminded me of the peace and love of God."

The parish priest was thrilled. "Nobody has ever said anything like that about my preaching before. Tell me why."

"Because it endured forever."

Definitions from church life

RECESSIONAL HYMN: The last hymn at Sunday Mass, often sung a little more quietly, since most of the people have already left.

JONAH: The original 'Jaws' story

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PROCESSION: The ceremonial formation at the beginning of a Sung Mass, consisting of altar servers, the celebrant, and late parishioners looking for seats.