

ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

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4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

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Parish News

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land February 2024

There will be a meeting on Monday 20th March at 7.00 pm for all those already signed up for our Pilgrimage to the Holy Land next February. The meeting will be here in St Erconwald's Church. Della Shenton, back from a recent visit to the Holy Land, will be able to give you up to date information. Della will be there to answer any queries you may have and to meet our fellow travellers. If there is anyone else out there still dreaming of coming with us, then do come along. This is our final calling and deposits need to be in by the 20th of March. We have a lovely group travelling together from St Erconwald's and neighbouring parishes. Thank you to all that have signed up for this historic and Spiritual adventure. Any questions please contact Ann Meehan ann-meehan@hotmail.co.uk

Lourdes Pilgrimage

The Annual Arundel and Brighton Dioceses Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 28th of July to the 3rd of August 2023. If anyone is interested in joining the Pilgrimage and/or needs assistance with it, please advise the Parish Office. The closing date is the 30th of April 2023. 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!

St Erc's Big Dig

Big Dig to continue. Please join us on Thursday 30th March at 10am when we will be spreading over compost and digging in the plants. Any help would be most welcome.

Easter initiative

We would love for the children (any age) to make an Easter card or draw a small picture to hang on our Easter tree or put on display in the church foyer. We will distribute them during Easter week to parishioners in the community and at St. Peter's and Walton Hospital. We would love to have the children and parents more involved in these initiatives. So please watch this space for more things to come! Thank you.

Ukrainian family

A family from Ukraine, members of our Church, is looking for a flat or house to rent in Walton or around. They are looking to move into the new premises on 1st of May or earlier. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help. Thank you

Baptismal Photography

A child's baptism is a very special moment in their life 🥰. So please get in touch if you'd like me to capture any baptisms or christenings!📷. For more than 13 years I have been professionally involved in various types of photography (pregnancy, family photoshoots, individual photography, christenings etc).

I would be glad to discuss with you your requirements for a photo session to create unforgettable memories for you and your loved ones!

Photograph: @gala_photographer_uk

Tel. No 07384 007245 (WhatsApp)

Updates from the Parish Pastoral Council

As a group convened by Fr Ruslan, we have now met three times and are looking at how we can best support all of the amazing activities in our parish, as well as looking ahead to where we want to be as a parish in the future. We'd love your input – please do check out the mapping in the porch and let us know of any omissions/items for your wish list via the parish office. In April we shall be electing our first Chair and Secretary. Please do pray for us as we discern how best to serve the parish.

Saint Vincent De Paul Updates

The next Saint Vincent De Paul next meeting is scheduled for 28th March in the church hall. If you would like more information, please visit our website at www.sterconwalds.org.uk/svp or email us at svp@simpkin.net

SVP Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our St Vincent de Paul group would love to bring the American tradition of knitting prayer shawls for loved ones or those in need to our parish. There are three parts to this: (1) production of knitted/crochet items at home, (2) assembly of blankets from knitted/crochet squares, this will involve getting together for a couple of hours once a month to work together and chat and pray over tea and cake, and (3) Distribution to those in need of prayer, companionship or just keeping warm, remembering that this winter many people were very cold and next winter may not be much different.

If you can knit or crochet, please make 6in (15cm) squares which will be assembled into lap blankets or shawls. Alternatively, other small items can be produced such as hats, scarves, gloves or fingerless mittens. Don't know how to knit/crochet, but want to? No problem - tuition can be provided!

If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Margaret Hawkes (margothawkes@gmail.com) know. And donations of yarn (preferably moth free) and needles would be appreciated. Are you interested in getting involved? Click here for more information. More information is available on the web site at www.sterconwalds.org.uk/prayer-shawl-ministry.

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 12.03.23: £442.51

Standing Orders contributions for February: £3816

Contributions via DONA for February: £127

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 25th April 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: <u>office@cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk</u>	Salesian School Guildford Road Chertsey Surrey KT16 9LU TEL : 01932 582520 Email: <u>info@salesian.surrey.sch.uk</u>

Mass Intentions and Mass Times: Week commencing 20th March

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Saturday 18 March	9.30am	Marcia & Quentin Douet RIP
	4.45pm	Italian Mass
	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sunday 19 March	9.15am	<u>Fourth Sunday in Lent</u> In Thanksgiving to Fr Ruslan & all parishioners from Jerry Riordan (he has been given an all clear!)
	11.15am	Jack White RIP
Monday 20 March	9.30am	<u>St Joseph, Spouse of the B. Virgin Mary (Solemnity)</u> Good health of Val Fairhurst
Tuesday 21 March	9.30am Rosary	Jane Frawley
Wednesday 22 March	7.30pm	Nina, Alex and Anna RIP
Thursday 23 March	NO MASS	NO MASS
Friday 24 March	11.30am	Stations of the Cross
	12.00pm	Private intention for good health
Saturday 25 March	9.30am	<u>The Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity)</u> In Thanksgiving
	4.45pm	Italian Mass
	6.00pm	Phyllis Canavan RIP
Sunday 26 March	9.15am	<u>Fifth Sunday in Lent</u> Good health of Margaret Dakin
	11.15am	Parishioners

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 Rhodhes, John Lydon, James De Leons-Hopkins, Sheila Tickner, Paul Bahoshy, Teresa Azouz, Yasmine Hodgkinson, 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

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