

ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Parish News

2nd Collection

Dear parishioners. We will be producing this year's financial accounts and forecast at the end of the month. Whilst parishioners' numbers have continued to increase since we reopen the church after COVID restrictions were lifted, the unexpected cost of living and energy price rise and the recent cold spell have meant an increased in our expenses higher than was forecast last year. We have seen an increase in the use of the Church Hall for functions, meetings, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Alpha Course, etc. And as always, we welcome any suggestions as to making better use of the facilities, but this has and will continue to add additional costs to the utility bills. We are therefore doing an extra collection after masses on the weekend of 18/19th February to help cover the bills. Thank you all again for your continued generosity and regular donations. We appreciate these are challenging and difficult times for everyone. But your donations as always, however small will be very gratefully received. God Bless.

Shrove Tuesday

On Shrove Tuesday (21st Feb) from 3.30-5pm we are holding an after school/nursery pancake party in the Church Hall for the children of the Parish and would love for you to join us.

Sign up at the back of the Church or at <https://form.jotform.com/pfcwalton/pancakes> so we know how many kids (and their adults) are coming. There is a small charge of £2, payable on the day, to cover costs. Also, if anyone would like to help out on the day, please email pt.walton@abdiocese.org.uk. Thank you!

Parish Ploughman's lunch

This year's confirmation candidates would like to invite all members of the parish to a **Ploughman's lunch on Sunday 26th February at 12.30** in the church hall. The young people will be organising, preparing and serving the lunch. If you would like to attend, please add your name to the list in the porch at the back of the church.

This event has proved very popular in past years (pre Covid) and we hope it will continue to do so this year. Please support our youngsters as they continue their confirmation journey by giving of their service, in the spirit of Christ.

Parish Hall

If you are interested in hiring St Erconwald's Hall, we have a new email address for bookings. Please send any hall enquiries to bookings.walton@abdiocese.org.uk 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!

Safeguarding for Volunteers

Thank you to all our volunteers, for your hard work and the support you provide to our church and community. We couldn't do what we do without you and we are always looking for new volunteers. We always ensure we are working in safe environment therefore please reach out to Tina O'Kelly on sg1.walton@abdiocese.org.uk, who will help with your DBS application

Saint Vincent De Paul Updates

Our hearts go out to those who have lost their lives or otherwise have been affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. We know we ask so much of our parishioners, so we're not collecting right now however, if you are able and want to, please consider making a donation. Find out more about how you can donate through some of the charities currently collecting, please visit <https://sterconwalds.org.uk/turkey-syria>.

Whether you are an existing volunteer or wondering how you can support our parish community, please join St Vincent De Paul team on Tuesday 28th February at 7.30pm in the Church Hall for an informal meeting to put faces to names, gain a better understanding of the outreach work that is currently going on across the parish, and to look at ways we can build on this.

Diocesan run events

Mental Health Training. The Diocese is pleased to be able to offer a range of courses to empower anyone involved in ministry to walk alongside those who struggle with mental health issues. We will be delivering MHFA England Accredited Awareness, Champion and First Aid Courses in a variety of locations as well as online to make them accessible for everyone. Suitable for Catechists, Welcomers, Ministers of Consolation, in fact anyone who speaks to anyone else in the community! The first course takes place on Saturday 25 February in Guildford. Email E: formationevents@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.

Externally run events

A Gap Year opportunity: Are you 18-30, or do you know someone who is? Do you want to develop a wide range of skills including leadership while learning about global justice and inspiring others to use their faith in action? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, believes in equipping and inspiring young adults to contribute to a more just and peaceful world. Step into the Gap is a fully funded year of volunteering, with food, accommodation, stipend and training within a UK placement plus a Rome and Assisi pilgrimage. Visit the CAFOD website for more information: cafod.org.uk/gapyear

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 12.02.23: £410.10

Standing Orders contributions for January: £3841.02

Contributions via DONA for January: £217

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 14th of February 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 13th February

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Saturday 11 February	9.30am	Peter McGloin RIP
	4.45pm	Italian Mass
	6.00pm	Blessings & intentions of Francis Goes
Sunday 12 February	9.15am	Private Intention
	11.15am	Parishioners
Monday 13 February	9.30am	Speed recovery of Chris Tredwin
Tuesday 14 February	9.30am	Ann & Stanley Brown RIP
Wednesday 15 Feb	9.30am Rosary	Deceased friends & Relatives of Maureen Reid
Thursday 16 February	NO MASS	NO MASS
Friday 17 February	9.30am	Terry O'Brien RIP
Saturday 18 February	9.30am	Maureen O'Driscoll RIP
	4.45pm	Italian Mass
	6.00pm	Patrick Brandon RIP (Anniversary)
Sunday 19 February	9.15am	Gareth Fox RIP (Anniversary)
	11.15am	Parishioners

Rosary

We will be praying the Rosary every Wednesday after mass. Please join us after 9.30 mass

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 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, Michelle Thomas, Georgina Castiglione, Aman Allos Eileen White, Sophie Giannini

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