

# ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

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## Parish News

### A Massive Thank you!!!!

Fr Ruslan would like to thank everyone that helped last week volunteering and with donations. The response was overwhelming, and he is very thankful to all the help received and for your prayers in such a difficult time for his country. Without the work of our amazing volunteers, we would not have been able to deliver all the donations! Thank you

### Red Box Holders

Dear donors In the last two years due to COVID 19 restrictions, understandably very few of the Red Box contents have been returned to the church. Now that restrictions have been lifted, please would donors take an envelope from the church porch, empty the contents of your Red Box into it and return it to the sacristy by Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April. If you prefer to return your box, please ensure your name is on the label, place it in the sacristy and take a new box from the porch. If you would like to start collecting for overseas missions, please take a new Red Box from the porch or contact Dominic Ennis on 0208 2246114 if you would prefer to donate via standing order. The next collection will be in October 2022. Thank you.

### CAFOD Family Fast Day

CAFOD is the church's development charity, supporting the poorest people around the world who are in desperate need, their conditions worsened by the climate crisis. The church asks us to give up some food or other spending and donate generously to CAFOD during Lent. You can give via an envelope, donate online at [cafod.org.uk/lent](http://cafod.org.uk/lent), or take part in/sponsor our Walk Against Hunger. Your small acts of love make a huge difference to people who are struggling with the absolute basics of life. Thank you.

### Friday Masses

Please note that during Lent, Friday Masses will be at 12 instead of 9.30, as we will be having Lent Lunches straight after. Please join us for a nice bowl of soup after Mass. There will be a list at the back of the church this weekend so you can sign up for it. All welcome.

### Rosary

We will be praying the Rosary after midweek mass during Lent (Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays). Please join us after 9.30 mass.

### **CALL FOR SINGERS FOR 11.15 MASS CHOIR**

Are you interested in an uplifting way to help at Mass? The choir at the 11.15 Sunday Mass needs singers - no experience necessary, all welcome.

Rehearsals: 7.30-8pm Thursdays

Singing: 11.15 Mass Sundays

Contact Mary 01932 863777, or Sue 07933 769993

### **Children's Liturgy**

Our wonderful team of volunteers could do with the help of a couple more volunteers to help with the Children Liturgy on Sundays. If you are already in mass and your children are attending the Liturgy, please join the volunteers. The work in a rota basis so you will not have to do it every week. But the more they are the better. Kids love it!

Please contact the Parish office if you would like to help.

### **Sponsored walk for CAFOD: "Walk Against Hunger"**

We are hoping to have a group sponsored walk in the parish on 19th March, to raise money for CAFOD's work combatting malnutrition and hunger around the world. The aim is to walk at least 200km between us, and to be sponsored through a Just Giving webpage (or in cash for any who cannot give this way). Would you like to join us? The distance(s) are yet to be confirmed as this will depend on the participants, but as an example, twenty people could walk 10km or forty people could walk 5km, or there could be a combination. There are no age restrictions, but children will need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

An alternative is to take this on as a solo challenge, walking 5km a day for 40 days. Please contact Alison Foreman on 07920775872 or at [alisonforeman16@gmail.com](mailto:alisonforeman16@gmail.com) if you would like to take part.

### **Car Wash and Bake Sale - Sunday 13 March**

This year's Confirmation candidates would like to invite all members of the parish to have their car washed on Sunday 13 March. Our young people will wash cars during the 9.15am and 11.15am masses and sell their homemade cakes afterwards.

In light of current events, we feel that it would only be right and just that all donations/monies raised on the day now go towards helping the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine.

Please support our young people who are preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation.

### **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 27.02.22: £198.69**

**Offertory Collection 06.03.22: £394.77**

**Donations for Ukraine (including Lent Lunches donations): £1067**

**Standing Orders contributions for February: £4063**

**Bank Contributions towards the Ukraine Crisis Appeal: £13647**

**Contributions via DONA towards the Ukraine Crisis Appeal: £3231**

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 April (date to be confirmed) at 8pm 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. <b>The sacrament of Reconciliation is regularly available in church on Saturdays after 9.30 Mass or on request.</b>

### Catholic Education

Parish Primary School:	Parish Secondary School:
Cardinal Newman School Arch Road Hersham Walton-on-Thames Surrey KT12 4QT TEL: 01932 222536 Email: <a href="mailto:office@cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk">office@cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk</a>	Salesian School Arch Road Guildford Road Chertsey Surrey KT16 9LU TEL 01932 582520 Email: <a href="mailto:office@cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk">office@cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk</a>

### Mass Intentions and Mass Times: Week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> March

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Sat 12 March	9.30am	
	4.45pm	Italian Mass
	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun 13 March	9.15am	Betty Braganza RIP
	11.15am	Viv family and Cagle
Mond 14 March	9.30am	Intentions of Judith Murray
Tuesd 15 March	9.30am	Good health of Sasha Cronin
Wed 16 March	NO MASS	NO MASS
Thurs 17 Mar	No Mass	
Fri 18 March	12.00	Eddie Hensmay RIP
Sat 19 March	9.30am	Arnaldo Fernandes RIP
	4.45pm	Italian Mass
	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun 20 March	9.15am	Michael Snee RIP
	11.15am	Bridget Lyndon RIP (anniversary)

One of our former parishioners, Theresa Sant Passed away at the age of 88 last Friday 04th March, please keep her in your prayers

#### Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

*Margaret (Maggie) Hawkes, Anna Sartori, Sheila Day, Nicoletta Lanzisera, Rose Collins, Carmen Galanty, Patrick Russell, Ann Griffin, Ann Lane, Dina Yates, Manuel and Jackie Faraldo, Eileen Englefield, Andres Gomez, Christian Misuraca, Christopher Clifford and Catherine Browle. Jerry Riordan, Pia Nelson, June Ellis, Kevin Andrews, Shirley Rhodes.*

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. So 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 Mehan. Susana and Ann will work with Fr Ruslan to try to schedule visits. Feel free to contact us. God Bless.