

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

BAPTISM PREPARATION

These sessions take place regularly throughout the year. Please contact the office for details and to book. The next Baptism session will be on **Tuesday 1st April at 8pm on Zoom.**

RECONCILIATION

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation we encounter God’s love for us through the gift of forgiveness, pardon and peace. This Sacrament is regularly available in church on Saturdays after the 9.30 Mass or on request.

Children are introduced to **Reconciliation** during the year in which they make their first Holy Communion and are then invited to celebrate this sacrament of God's healing.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

Our First Holy Communion programme for 2024-25 is underway and our FHC candidates have now received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please pray for all them, their catechists and their families.

CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation programme is now also underway. Please pray for our Confirmation candidates as they prepare for this Sacrament, which they will receive next year at Arundel Cathedral.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 29 March	9.30	MASS Reverend Charles Heurtly RIP Adoration and Reconciliation
	10.00	
	16.45	ITALIAN MASS
	18.00	MASS Kirk Thornton RIP
Sun 30 March	9.15	<b>Fourth ‘Laetare’ Sunday of Lent</b> MASS Parishioners
	11.15	MASS Adam Chuter RIP
Mon 31 March	9.30	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue 01 April	18.30 19.30	Adoration MASS Reverend Fr Agustine Babyesize RIP
Wed 02 April	9.30	MASS Anne Moultrie RIP
Thu 03 April	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
Fri 04 April	11.30 12.00	Stations of the Cross MASS Sidney & Joan Simpkin RIP
Sat 05 April	9.30	MASS Vic Alexander RIP Adoration and Reconciliation
	10.00	
	16.45	ITALIAN MASS
	18.00	MASS In thanksgiving to Jesus & Mother Mary for good job
Sun 06 April	9.15	<b>Fifth (‘First Passion’) Sunday of Lent</b> MASS Nicoletta & Tony Lanzisera RIP
	11.15	MASS Parishioners
	13.00	POLISH MASS

TODDLER PRAISE AND PLAY

Have you been in the hall recently? Our toddlers have been marking their **Lenten journey towards Easter** - do take a look! The toddler group meets on Fridays from 10-11.30am. Please sign up here: <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/hkjh4yyr>



ST ERCONWALD’S NEWSLETTER

29/30 MARCH 2025



MOTHERING SUNDAY

We celebrate Mothering Sunday on the 4th Sunday of Lent - this **Sunday 30 March**. Traditionally it is when we honour our ‘mother churches’ - the church where we were baptised! It is now also a celebration of mothers.

Today, we pause to celebrate the incredible women in our lives. We thank God for all the mothers who nurture us with boundless love; we honour women who may not have children of their own but have offered kindness, support, and wisdom to those around them. We pray for children who have lost their mothers, asking for your comfort and peace. And we thank God for the example of Mary, and her love for his Son, Jesus.

LENT ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN/FAMILIES

Want to bring the Passion of Jesus alive for you and your family? Why not go along to Trafalgar Square on Good Friday (performances at 12pm and 3.15pm lasting 90 minutes). One hundred **Wintershall players** bring their electric and moving portrayal of the final days of Jesus to this location. Free to all.

And here are some suggestions for holy week activities for your children: <http://bit.ly/4iOoBDX>

**CAFOD** has a **Lent calendar** you can use to pray throughout Lent: <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/len-calendar>; see here for family prayer ideas: <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/prayer-resources/len-family-prayer-ideas>  
And **Radio Maria England** has a series of daily videos: Ashes to Hope: A Lenten Journey. Sign up here: <https://rmengland.civi-go.net/len-tendailyreflections>.

WORK IN THE CHURCH

Work continues on the sanctuary and as a result some mass times may be changed - please see the list for details. We are currently deciding the background for the statue of Jesus above the altar - the fabric there is old, dirty and faded. Speak to Fr Ruslan if you’ve any ideas! I if you’d like to support the work - we need to raise £28,000 to complete this stage - please donate via DONA, the office or via our justgiving page: [www.justgiving.com/page/sterconwalds](http://www.justgiving.com/page/sterconwalds). Thank you to those who have contributed so generously so far.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

NEXT weekend we shall be having a collection for the Easter flowers.

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**DONATIONS PAYABLE TO:**  
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WALTON ON THAMES.

You can also donate in church using the DONA device or the QR codes in the pews. Please use Gift Aid if you can. Thank you for all your help and financial contributions!

DEAR PARISHIONERS

This section of our newsletter is for those in need of our prayers, whether 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, please let the office know. If you are submitting on behalf of someone else, please seek their permission first. If you are sick or unwell and would like Fr Ruslan to know but not have your name in the newsletter, just let us know.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS

Aman Allos, Teresa Azouz, Baby Elm, Roger Blishen, Christopher Clifford and Catherine Browle, Katherine Cawley, Trish Claxton, Rose Collins, Jimmy Connaughtoin, Thérésè Crumpler, James De Leons-Hopkins, Maureen and Bill Dodds, Julia Donaldson, Mary Edenborough, Manuel and Jackie Faraldo, Michael and Cathy Flynn, Carole Frost, Carmen Galanty, Sophie Giannini, Franky Goes, Gloria Gowen, Ann Griffin, the Hansford family, Yvonne and Michael Johnson, Karen Lane, John Lydon, Rita McGloin, Oscar Menezes, Christian Misuraca, Sarah Mitchell, Maureen Moriarty, Eileen Mulqueen, Colleen Murphy, Louise Nettleton, Arlo Nolan, Ben Piltsher, Shirley Rhodes, Deborah Russell, Evie Sagun, Anna Sartori, Michael Spears, Michelle Thomas, Eileen White, Angela Widdup, Dina Yates.

HOME VISITS

Fr Ruslan would like to meet parishioners who are too poorly to come to church at different times throughout the year in their homes. Do reach out to Susana in the office, Ann Meehan or Fr Ruslan so we can schedule visits.

FRIDAY LENTEN LUNCHES

Our Lenten lunches continue on Fridays throughout Lent at 12.30pm. following Stations of the Cross (11.30am) and Mass (12pm) All are welcome - sign up in the porch or just come along. Donations will go to a selected charity each week.

DROP IN MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING

Do come along to our next 1st Wednesday of the month coffee morning this **Wednesday 2 April** from 10-11.30am in the hall. Babies/toddlers are welcome!

LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS

Our 5-week series using the ‘**We Dare To Hope**’ resource for small group faith-sharing continues on Thursday mornings from 9.45-11am in the hall - you’re very welcome even if you haven’t attended earlier sessions. Do come along.

CARLO ACUTIS - FIRST MILLENNIAL SAINT

Carlo Acutis, a London-born teenager, is on the path to becoming the first saint of the millennial generation! Born in 1991 and growing up in Milan, Italy, Acutis passed away in 2006 at the age of 15 due to leukaemia. His life, though short, was marked by a profound faith and a passion for technology, which he used to spread the teachings of the Catholic Church. Carlo had great devotion to the Eucharist and he created a website documenting Eucharistic miracles. He will be made a saint during the weekend of **26/27 April** and we’ll be marking this in our parish. More details to follow.

YOUTH-LED MASS, SOCIAL AND CONFIRMATION MASS OF ELECTION

We’ll be celebrating our Confirmation Candidates during the next youth-led Mass on **Saturday 26 April at 6pm**. At this Mass of Election, the Confirmation Candidates, the ‘elect’ put themselves forward, called by name by God to a new life in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please join in welcoming them and praying for them. This combined Mass will be followed by a **young people’s social evening** until 8pm in the hall, with pizza and games.

ANNUAL PLANT AND JAM SALE - ADVANCE NOTICE

We’ll be selling home-made jam, marmalade and plants for your (vegetable) garden on **Sunday 11 May**. Do bring along any surplus plants you may have to add to what our current growers have for sale, or, if you haven’t managed to get your seeds into compost, come and buy what you need!

JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Our parish Jubilee pilgrimage to the National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady at Walsingham led by Fr Ruslan will take place on **Thursday 10 & Friday 11 July 2025**. Please do sign up here: <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/qolblgvx> or contact the parish office for further info. Deadline: mid May.

ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT

Back by popular demand, our parish quiz night will take place on **Saturday 10 May** (not in April as previously indicated). Pit your wits against other teams - you can come along by yourself or as a team (max. 6 people). Sign ups to follow in due course.

DEACON GARY’S ORDINATION AND FIRST MASS

Save the dates! Our Deacon, Gary Carter, will be ordained a priest at Arundel Cathedral on **Saturday 5 July**. We shall be taking a coach from our parish to join in support and in prayer. And on **Sunday 6 July** Gary will celebrate his first Mass as an ordained priest in our parish at 10 am (just one Mass that day), followed by a celebration in the hall. Further details to follow.

DIOCESAN/OTHER NEWS

HARD CASES DON’T MAKE GOOD LAW

Many of you wrote to your MPs about the Terminally Ill Adults Bill. This webinar on **Thursday 3 April** at 18.30, chaired by Baroness Hollins, President of the Catholic Union, offers the chance to unpick the Bill, guided by three experts: Dr Matthew Doré, Dr Philip Howard and Professor Julian Hughes. Contact: [info@catholicunion.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicunion.org.uk)

HOUSE OF PRAYER MOLESEY - LENT RETREAT, 4-6 APRIL

This retreat, ‘Journeying to Jerusalem’ will be led by Audrey Hamilton. Audrey is a long-standing friend of the House of Prayer. Formed in the Ignatian and Carmelite traditions she offers spiritual direction, retreats and workshops and is passionate about helping people connect with God in the busyness of daily life. There will be times of guided reflections and space for personal and community prayer with poetry, music and Scripture. For further info/to sign up: <https://www.christian-retreat.org/our-programme/len-retreat-journeying-to-jerusalem>

ANNUAL CHRISM MASS

This takes place at Arundel Cathedral on **Wednesday 16 April** at 6pm. The Chrism Mass is celebrated in Catholic Cathedrals across the world during Holy Week. Bishop Richard will bless the holy oils used to anoint people receiving the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, ordination and the sick. Diocesan priests will also renew the promises they made at their ordinations.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:

Closing date for applications is soon, visit the diocesan website for details.

FESTIVAL OF HOPE/DIOCESAN 60th ANNIVERSARY

**Save the date!** A big celebration will take place on 20 September to which all are invited. Coaches will be going from our deanery. Many more details to follow in due course.

COMMUNICATIONS

Please send any newsletter/website/porch/ social media items or any amendments to: [comms.sterconwalds@gmail.com](mailto:comms.sterconwalds@gmail.com) by Thursdays at 2pm for inclusion/ uploading as appropriate. All feedback is welcome.

SAFEGUARDING

If you wish to work with children or vulnerable adults in our parish please contact Tina O’Kelly, our Safeguarding Rep for volunteers: [tina@okellynet.com](mailto:tina@okellynet.com). See our website for further details.

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers are such a huge part of our parish and we would love to welcome anyone who wishes to get involved as we grow together as a faith community and reach out to those around us. See here for details: <https://www.sterconwalds.org.uk/get-involved.html>

YOUR OFFERINGS  
PLATE COLLECTIONS FOR  
23.03.25: £314.50

2ND COLLECTION OUR LADY  
OF WALSINGHAM: £168.06

STANDING ORDERS  
FOR FEBRUARY: £4540.67

THANK YOU!

SAVE THE DATES!

**2 APR:** COFFEE MORNING  
**26 APR:** YOUTH-LED MASS AND SOCIAL  
**10 MAY:** QUIZ NIGHT  
**17 MAY:** YOUTH-LED MASS  
**27 JUN:** YOUTH-LED MASS  
**5/6 JUL:** DEACON GARY’S ORDINATION AND FIRST MASS  
**10-11 JUL:** PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM  
**AUG:** PILGRIM’S WAY WALK  
**20 SEP:** FESTIVAL OF HOPE