

ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER 16TH MAY 2021

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Mass Intentions and Mass Times: Week starting 16th May

Saturday 15 th May	9.30 am	Joseph Horen RIP (<i>Followed by Exposition & Confessions</i>)
	6.00 pm	Mass in Italian
Sunday 16 th May	9.15 am	Intentions of Frances Ryan
	11.15 am	Margaret Nash RIP
Monday 17 th May	9.30 am	Intentions of Kevin Andrews
Tuesday 18 th May	9.30 am	Good Health of Eileen Englefield
Wednesday 19 th May	7.00 pm	Michael White RIP
Thursday 20 th May	9.30 am	Liturgy of the Word
Friday 21 st May	9.30 am	Good health of the Kirk family
Saturday 22 nd May	9.30 am	Frances Madden RIP
	6.00 pm	Mass in Italian
Sunday 23 rd May	9.15 am	Martin O'Shea RIP
	11.15 am	Tom and Charles Phelp-Penry RIP

The Church is open for public Masses and booking is required for Sunday Masses. Please book no later than Thursday evening for the following Sunday.

May is the month of Mary. Please join us for the Rosary on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays 9.00-9.15 am in the church, starting Monday 3rd May.

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

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

Fr Bill writes: Please note that we are in the process of changing the parish email address from mail@sterconwalds.org.uk to the official diocesan email address. So don't be surprised if the next newsletter comes from walton@abdiocese.org.uk ! We will let you know as soon as it is functional but in the short term please continue to use the old email address. Once the new one is up and running the address email be phased out.

Thank you for all the good wishes and gifts on my birthday. Keeping slim and sober without being puritanical is a challenge!!!

Pentecost Novena of Prayer: We have been asked by the Pope to pray for the success of the conference on climate change that will be taking place later in the year. The Bishops of England and Wales have provided materials for a prayerful novena leading up to Pentecost. You are invited to join with the rest of the country in this time of prayer. The materials are on the parish web site.

First Confessions: Please pray for the children on the Sacramental Preparation Programme, who will be celebrating the Sacramental of Reconciliation for the first time during the coming week. Please note that next Saturday 22nd May there will be no Exposition and during the morning children will be making their First Confession. **No Confessions for adults next Saturday!**

First Communion and First Reconciliation: Starting on Wednesday and Saturday of the coming week I will be meeting groups of parents and children on the Sacramental Preparation Course face-to-face to introduce them to the Church and to what will happen when they Make their First Communion in July.. These meetings will take start at 5.30 pm on Wednesdays and 3.30 pm on Saturdays and last no more than an hour.

Rosary in May: You are invited to gather and say the rosary on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays from 9.00 am to 9.15 am prior to the Morning Mass will commences at 9.30 am.

In the post Easter period there will be Exposition and Confessions after the 9.30 am Mass on Saturdays.

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION : £624.50 banked Offertory £204.50

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.

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Announcements

Climate Change Petition: We all know about the climate change. Because of the Climate Change emergency Pope Francis has called on us all to take action. CAFOD and other development charities are also at the forefront of campaigning, because climate change is already hitting the some of the poorest countries hard.

Please will you click on the link below, and sign the petition to the UK government to take a strong lead on this issue. Why now? Because the UK is hosting two major conferences of world leaders this year- the G7 in June and the UN "COP26" climate talks in November.

The eyes of the world will be on Britain and with a massive campaign showing popular support, our government will be more likely to push for stronger measures to combat climate change.

Please sign at cafod.org.uk/reclaim and encourage friends and family to do the same.

Thank you!

CAFOD Opportunities: Step into the Gap with CAFOD's gap year programme. Applications are open until 31 May 2021. It's an opportunity for 18-30 year olds: learn more about yourself and global justice whilst gaining skills and work experience. Accommodation, travel expenses and stipend included. More info at: www.cafod.org.uk/gapyear

Fundraiser for Pax Christi.

In the week from 15 to 21 May, Pax Christi, the Catholic Peace organisation, will be trying to raise funds to make up for lost income due to Covid19.

Fausta is having a dance-a-thon, Bruce is delivering a peace message to foreign embassies in London, Matt is cycling 50 miles visiting peace sites, Pat is going on a walk from Victoria to the Peace Pagoda in Battersea Park, Rachel will be cycling for 75 miles, to celebrate Pax Christi's 75th anniversary. More fundraisers are joining the fun.

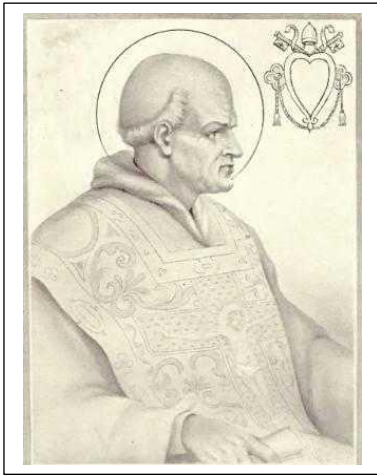
Please go to their website www.paxchristi.org.uk/register-you-interest/ for details on how you can sponsor them.

Thank you very much,

Arn Dekker / Cambridge

Forthcoming Feasts

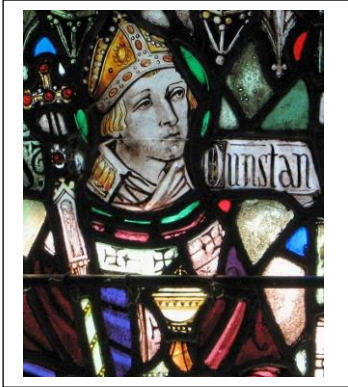
18th May Pope ST JOHN 1 (- 526)



He was born in Tuscany and elected pope in 523. It was a time of high us tension. Theodoric the Ostrogoth, the ruler of Italy, was an Arian, subjects were Catholics. Initially tolerant, he became increasingly of the Catholics' influence and political allegiance - above all, because increasingly had strong links with the Catholicism of the surviving Roman Empire in Constantinople. Moreover, Arians in the eastern Roman Empire were being persecuted by the Catholic emperor, Justin and they appealed to Theodoric for help.

Pope John I was sent on an embassy to the emperor, to ask for better treatment for the Arians. In this he succeeded; but the enthusiasm with which he was greeted in Constantinople excited Theodoric's suspicions, and when he returned to Italy Theodoric had him imprisoned and he died from ill-treatment there a few days later.

Wednesday 19th May St Dunstan



Dunstan was a Benedictine monk, reformer and Archbishop of Canterbury near Glastonbury and educated at the abbey. He joined the king's court but was soon expelled from court, accused of being a magician. Later he was appointed Bishop of Winchester. He returned to Glastonbury briefly when the abbat died. King Edmund took a great interest in Glastonbury when the abbacy fell vacant he appointed Dunstan as abbot. Dunstan set about restoring monastic life, which had been neglected under Danish invasions, and this is considered to be his greatest achievement.

In 995 his fortunes changed again, and through intrigue at court he was exiled to Mont Blandin (Ghent), and he saw for the first time a reformed monastery of the continent. Recalled by King Edgar, he became successively Bishop of Worcester, Bishop of London and Archbishop of Canterbury. He composed the Coronation Rite for King Edgar at Bath, which is the basis of the Coronation Rite still in use. So began the fruitful collaboration between King and Archbishop which reformed the Church in England, largely through the monastic orders, and was regarded after the Conquest as a 'golden age'. The promulgation of *Regularis Concordia* in about 970 marked the success of the movement Dunstan had started in Glastonbury years before. He collaborated with the king in making laws, administering justice and reforming the Church, and remained active until he died, at Canterbury, on 19 May 988. After his death his cult grew rapidly, and under Anselm's rule it became nationwide. He was one of the most popular Anglo-Saxon saints, and many legends have grown up around him.

Smile Lines

Curate

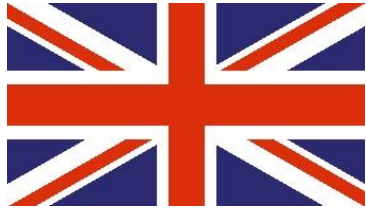
As the enthusiastic curate was preparing to move on to his first parish as parish priest, a parishioner asked him what he thought had been his main contribution to the life of his present parish. He replied: "People here didn't know what sin was until I came."

The Lord's work

On leaving the local Churches Together lunch, the Catholic priest was heard to say to the Methodist minister: "Well, at the end of the day, we're all doing the Lord's work: you in your way, and I in His."

Do you

languages?



New Bilingual School



A newly formed (2021) local parent group seeks to establish a new **Bilingual School (English & Spanish) Academy Trust** located in the Bedfont/Ashford borders. This will become a *language specialism* state financed Free School with a *Christian ethos*.

We are looking to bring in new members into our embryonic Academy Trust for people who are either currently or have recently (retired in the last few years) undertaken the following careers/roles:

Primary/Secondary school Head Teacher (or Deputy)

Head of Modern Languages in a Secondary School

Chartered Accountant

School Governor

Architect

Please check our draft website which briefly outlines our goals and hopes.

<https://cristoreylondon.wixsite.com/mysite>

Interested / intrigued in finding out more then please contact us via our email: cristorey.london@gmail.com