

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Please pray for all those participating in our catechetical programmes, their catechists and their families. The next Baptism session is in March (date TBC) at 19:00 in the hall. To book, please contact the office.

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.

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 9.30 Mass** or on request.

COLLECTIONS
OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS FOR 18/02/24: £350.55

22ND COLLECTION (CAFOD): £280.38

STANDING ORDERS JANUARY: £4332.67

PARISH BANK DETAILS
SORT CODE 40-05-20
ACCOUNT NO 01126393

DONATIONS PAYABLE TO:
RCD A&B ST ERCONWALD'S
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!

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SAT 02 MAR	09:30	MASS
	16:45	ITALIAN MASS
	18:00	MICHAEL COLLINS RIP (BIRTHDAY)
SUN 03 MAR	09:15	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT CONNOR CRUMPLER RIP
	11:15	PARISHIONERS
	13:00	POLISH MASS
MON 04 MAR	09:30	ANATOLIY KURDIUMOV RIP
TUE 05 MAR	09:30	FR JOHN PEARSON RIP (ANNIVERSARY)
WED 06 MAR	09:30	ROSARY MAISIE CRONIN'S INTENTIONS (21ST BIRTHDAY)
	18:30	ADORATION
	19:30	PENITENTIAL SERVICE
THU 07 MAR	NO MASS	NO MASS
FRI 08 MAR	11:30	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
	12:00	ANATOLIY KURDIUMOV RIP
SAT 09 MAR	09:30	ANTONIA BLENCOWE RIP
	16:45	ITALIAN MASS
	18:00	MICHAEL DONOGHUE RIP
SUN 10 MAR	09:15	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT CORNELICUS HALE RIP
	11:15	PARISHIONERS



ST ERCONWALDS NEWSLETTER

3 MARCH 2024

A MESSAGE FROM FR RUSLAN

Today is the third Sunday of Lent, a time when the Church encourages us to reflect on the suffering, death, and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. In today's gospel, St. John describes a scene where Jesus appears angry while cleansing the temple. This scene requires careful examination and reflection to help us understand Jesus's actions. The gospel emphasises the importance of the temple, which held significant religious importance as a place of special encounter with God. Thus, Jesus is unhappy with the way the temple worship has been organised and how it no longer reflects God's original idea of a worshipping community.

We can also refer to the temple inside us, our soul, where we welcome Jesus. Today's reading emphasises the need for both the historic temple and our souls to be cleared and prepared for the encounter with our Lord. Lent is a wonderful opportunity to open our hearts and receive the sacrament of reconciliation. It is a special time for us to reflect on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

May God bless you all.
Father Ruslan and PPC.

SPRING BALL AND AUCTION

Last day to buy tickets is Sunday 3rd of March at 5pm.

If you can't attend but still wish to support, please do so via bank transfer (**ref Ball**) to the parish account or on **Dona**. You can bid on the auction prizes until **Friday 8th March at 5pm**. Details in the porch and online at: <https://www.sterconwalds.org.uk/news-and-newsletters.html>

LENT

Please take a copy of our **Lent leaflet** for full details of our (children's) activities and parish prayer focuses. It's also available online at: <https://www.sterconwalds.org.uk/lent-2024.html>.

LENTEN PRAYER AND ROSARY

We continue praying the rosary online on Mondays and Fridays from 13:15-13:45 and after 9:30 Mass on Wednesdays in church. To join please email walton@abdiocese.org.uk

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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 get 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, Roger Blishen, Christopher Clifford and Catherine Browle, Katherine Cawley, Rose Collins, David Cox, James De Leons-Hopkins, Maureen and Bill Dodds, Julia Donaldson, Mary Edenborough, June Ellis, Manuel and Jackie Faraldo, Michael and Cathy Flynn, Carole Frost, Carmen Galanty, Sophie Giannini, Andres Gomez, Gloria Gowen, Ann Griffin, the Hansford family, Fr Alex Hill, Yvonne and Michael Johnson, Beryl Jones, Karen Lane, John Lydon, Rita McGloin, Madeleine Menezes, Oscar Menezes, Christian Misuraca, Sarah Mitchell, Louise Nettleton, Arlo Nolan, Shirley Rhodhes, Deborah Russell, Anna Sartori, Michael Spears, Michelle Thomas, Eileen White, Dee Wilson, Dina Yates.

PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS

Our **Lenten prayer focus** is for the sick of our parish and those in hospital. Please remember them in your prayers. If you have specific prayer intentions, add them to the Lenten prayer book, or use the blank **prayer intention cards** both are in the porch. Please use them to write your own prayer for Lent, which you can keep, give to someone else, or to write anonymously for the sick at St Peter's hospital.

OFFICE NEWS: We have now implemented a new software system which enables us to make online bookings, have a database to facilitate communication, and put our events calendar online! See <https://www.sterconwalds.org.uk/parish-calendar.html> Huge thanks to all who have been working on this! All feedback welcome.

We have received a new order of **devotional candles** for the side chapels. Please put your donation in the box when offering an intention (suggested amount 50p).

The Parish Pastoral Council met this week and looked at plans for the year to Advent. We're planning a quiz night in May and celebration of you, our wonderful volunteers in June - watch this space!

MASS CARDS. We have a new range of Mass intentions Cards, priced at £1 per card. They are available from Church Porch, but please bring the money to the office (this arrangement is provisional)

ASPIRING MUSICIAN? We are looking for more youngsters aged 8-18 to join our music group on the first Sunday of the month. Anyone who is learning to play an instrument or who would like to sing can join us. Speak to Sara after mass or email sarasmith@northsurrey.org.uk

THIS WEEK

WEDDING: Fr Ruslan will be celebrating a wedding in church this Sunday, **3rd March at 15.00.**

PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICE for Lent is Wednesday **6th March at 19:30** after Adoration. All are welcome.

INVITED FOR LENT continues **Thursday 09:45-11:30** in the hall. All are welcome.

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BAPTISM: Fr Ruslan will be celebrating a Baptism in Church on Saturday, **9th March 11:00.** Please welcome this child and her family into our wonderful community.

RED MISSION BOXES. Last chance to return your red boxes this week please!

FUNDRAISING/SECOND COLLECTIONS

Lent provides us with an opportunity to act in solidarity by supporting others in need.

This weekend our second collection is for the **Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage.**

FUNDRAISING FOR UKRAINE. Ribbons in memory and to raise funds for those who are still suffering are available in the porch - suggested donation £1. Thank you for your continued prayers for those affected by war.

On 9/10 March we will have a second collection for the **Arundel Cathedral Maintenance** fund.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MOTHERING SUNDAY RECHARGE. We know that Mothering Sunday isn't the same for everyone. Whether you need some space to reflect, hope or remember, or are a frazzled parent/carer who just needs an excuse to sit quietly with no distractions - our church will be open from **19:30 - 21:00 on Sunday, 10th March**, lit with candles. Please join us.

Baptised at St Erconwald's. Mothering Sunday dates back to the 1600s and was a day when people returned to their 'Mother Church'. If you or your family were baptised at St Erconwald's, we are asking you to **share photos and memories** with the parish! Please add to the display board in the porch or email walton@abdiocese.org.uk Thank you.

VIGIL FOR CHILDREN and all those who have lost their lives in war and conflict, especially in Israel, Palestine and Ukraine, will take place on Tuesday, **19th March** from 20:00- 21:00. All are welcome to spend time to remember, commemorate and pray as people of hope.

HOME VISITS

Fr Ruslan is very aware that there is 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 our parish. 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.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

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