

# ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

05<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023

5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## **Parish News**

### **Abolition of Modern Slavery**

On Wednesday 8th February we celebrate the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita born in 1869 in the Darfur region of Sudan. She was captured as a child by Arab slave traders and was bought and sold many times over until she ended up miraculously with the Canossian sisters in Italy who introduced her to Jesus. She chose freely to become a nun. She was Canonised in 2000 by Pope John Paul II. She is venerated in both the Catholic and Anglican Church. Ann Meehan a parishioner from St Erconwald's church in Walton on Thames will be talking on Radio Maria on the 8<sup>th</sup> February at 10.00am as part of their Just Life programme. Ann will be bringing awareness that Slavery still exists here today in the UK on our doorstep. She is part of a team of Ecumenical ambassadors (Catholic and Anglican) working together to spread the word and take positive action to prevent a crime which is often hidden in plain sight. Please support Ann by listening in to Radio Maria on the 8<sup>th</sup> Feb at 10.00 am. There will be an opportunity in the last 20 minutes of the programme for discussion and questions.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> 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 18/19<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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](mailto:sg1.walton@abdiocese.org.uk), who will help with your DBS application

### **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](mailto: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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Cardinal Newman School**

**Early Career Teacher Vacancy.** We are currently looking for an Early Career Teacher to join our friendly staff team from September 2023. See advert [here](#) for further details and how to apply. More information can be found [here](#)."

### **Prayer and Life Workshops. A New Evangelization**

There is going to be a Prayer and Life workshop on Tuesday evenings for over 15 weeks. It will be in the church hall (All Saints church, Hersham), starting on Tuesday 31st January from 7.00pm till 9.00pm. The Prayer and Life workshops are a new evangelization based on the Bible and 15 methods of prayer. They offer a more vibrant and active presentation of Jesus and for many, have provided an answer to today's world..... The Prayer and Life workshops are based on LOVE and what this is capable of doing, not on fear nor on punishment. For more information please contact Nora 07951 048968 or just come to one of our taster sessions. You are very welcomed and there is no need to book. Thank you.

### **Externally run events**

Join us and take on The Big Lent Walk challenge and walk 200km over Lent. You can walk where, when and how you want, alone or with friends and family. You could break the walk into bitesize chunks and cover 5km a day! Every pound you raise will help CAFOD be there for people globally facing poverty. Sign up now! W: [walk.cafod.org.uk](http://walk.cafod.org.uk) W: [Catholic international development charity | CAFOD](#)

## 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 22.01.23: £308.27**

**Standing Orders contributions for December: £3841.02**

**Contributions via DONA for December: £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 <b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> of February at 7pm</b> 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
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## Mass Intentions and Mass Times: Week commencing 06<sup>th</sup> February

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Saturday 04 February	9.30am	Nina, Anna and Alex RIP
	4.45pm	Italian Mass
	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sunday 05 February	9.15am	Sandra Jane Colon RIP
	11.15am	Arnaldo Fernandes RIP
	1.00pm	Polish Mass
Monday 06 February	9.30am	Nina Vaccaro RIP
Tuesday 07 February	9.30am	Abolition of Modern Slavery
Wednesday 08 Feb	9.30am Rosary	Sandra Jane Colon RIP (Anniversary)
Thursday 09 February	NO MASS	NO MASS
Friday 10 February	9.30am	Healing of mind, soul & heart of Fr Krzysztof Wojceszak
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

### 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 Hodgkinson, 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*

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