

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 in **May (date tbc)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 children will be receiving this Sacrament soon! 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 in May at Arundel Cathedral.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 26 April	9.30 10.00	<b>Easter Saturday</b> NO MASS NO Adoration & NO Reconciliation
	16.45 18.00	ITALIAN MASS MASS Confirmation Candidates
Sun 27 April	9.15 11.15	<b>Second, ‘Low’, Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)</b> MASS Parishioners MASS Ray Matton RIP
Mon 28 April	9.30	<b>St George, Martyr, Patron of England (Solemnity)</b> MASS Good health of Kevin Keatch
Tue 29 April	18.30 19.30	<b>St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor, Patron of Europe (Feast)</b> Adoration and Reconciliation MASS Ann and Patrick Russell RIP
Wed 30 April	9.30 11.00	<b>NO MASS</b> <b>Funeral Mass</b> Jose Zieira RIP
Thu 1 May	NO MASS	<b>St Joseph the Worker</b> NO MASS
Fri 2 May	9.30 10.00	<b>St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor (Memorial)</b> MASS Divine Mercy
Sat 3 May	9.30 10.00	<b>Saints Philip and James, Apostles</b> MASS Intentions of Bill Dodd (90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday) Adoration and Reconciliation
	16.45 18.00	ITALIAN MASS MASS Parishioners
Sun 4 May	9.15 11.15	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> MASS Health and wellbeing of Angela Widdup MASS Blessings of Venita and Francis Goes (Wedding Anniversary)

The toddlers play and praise groups continues on Fridays from 10-11.30 in the hall.  
Children and their parent(s)/grandparent(s) are very welcome.



ST ERCONWALD’S NEWSLETTER

26/27 APRIL 2025



HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS, REST IN PEACE

We thank God for Our Holy Father Pope Francis’ ministry, for his compassion, and the hope he gave us, particularly in this Jubilee Year. We pray for consolation for his family, and that he be received with open arms by our Heavenly Father. Eternal rest grant unto him oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday on the Sunday following Easter each year - the end of the Easter ‘Octave’. St. John Paul II made this an official feast day in the Church in 2000 when he canonised St. Faustina, a Polish nun.

**What does ‘divine mercy’ mean?** It centres upon God’s great love for us and the infinite compassion that flows from it. Jesus himself is the image of God’s divine mercy - “the face of the Father’s mercy” (Pope Francis). The divine mercy devotion centres around God’s great love and compassion for us. Around the time of her first vows, Our Lord began to reveal to St Faustina the mystery of his mercy and gave her the special mission of spreading devotion to it.

**This Sunday** we are marking Divine Mercy Sunday with **Eucharistic Adoration from 12-9pm in the church.** We encourage you to come along and pray for as long or as short as you like, or just have quite time before Jesus. There will be some booklets available to help you pray. We will be praying as a parish during this time and especially for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis and the young people of our parish.

WELCOME BACK FROM LOURDES FR RUSLAN!

Mass times are back to usual this week - please check the list. **Thank you** for all your generous donations to HCPT.

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend’s collection is for our quarterly utilities bill.

MONTH OF MARY

In May we focus on Our Lady, blessed mother of Christ. On Saturday afternoon 17 May we shall be joining with our Italian parishioners for a time of special devotion, with a joint Mass and social afterwards. Further details to follow.

JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Last chance to sign up! 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. **Deadline: 30 April:** <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/qolblgvx> or contact the parish office for further info.

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**SORT CODE** 40-05-20

**ACCOUNT NO** 01126393

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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.

EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION

On 27 April Blessed Carlo Acutis was due to be canonised by Pope Francis - the first millennial saint of the Catholic Church - although this has now been postponed. Carlo was known for his exceptional faith in Christ and his devotion to the Eucharist and the rosary. In 2022 he decided he wanted to put together an exhibit of miracles of the Eucharist from around the world, and he developed his own website categorising them all. Carlo died in October 2006 from leukaemia at the age of 15. A selection of Carlo’s exhibition detailing some of these miracles is displayed in the church, around the sanctuary. It will now be displayed throughout May. Do have a look.

What is a Eucharistic Miracle?

As Catholics, we believe that, when the bread and wine are consecrated during Mass (the Eucharistic elements), they become the body and blood of Christ (transubstantiation), although the elements appear to remain unchanged. Sometimes, very rarely, during a Mass, the elements themselves apparently change in some way along with the substance. These extraordinary occurrences may involve the transformation of the Eucharistic elements into visible flesh and blood, their preservation over extended periods, or other inexplicable manifestations. Such miracles serve to remind us that Jesus Christ is truly present in the Eucharist.

BAPTISMAL RITE OF WELCOME

This weekend we welcome little Bridie Byrne into our community as her family prepares for her baptism.

MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING

Our next coffee morning will take place on **Wednesday 7 May**, 10-11.30am in the parish hall. All are welcome.

ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT

Our parish quiz night will take place on **Saturday 10 May** (7-10pm). Pit your wits against other teams - you can come along by yourself or as a team (max. 6 people). Cost: £7 per person, which will include supper (vegetarian chilli/pasta tray bake) and soft drinks - BYOB! Sign up on the sheet in the porch or online here by **Thursday 8 May** so we know how many to cater for: <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/eqz9mxdc>

ANNUAL PLANT AND JAM SALE

We’ll be selling home-made jam made with fruit from local allotments, 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 any plants going, come and buy some!

WORK IN THE CHURCH

Thank you so much for all your generous donations for the work to renovate the sanctuary so far. We have now raised over £19,000 but need help to reach our target of £28,000 to compete the works. We’re hoping to be finished in time for celebrating the First Holy Communion Masses in our parish. If you would like to contribute please do so via any of the usual methods (Dona machines, cash, cheque, bank transfer or on our Just Giving page) clearly labelled as Church Maintenance.

If you have a fundraising idea that you would like to lead on either as a group or an individual then please contact the office [walton@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:walton@abdiocese.org.uk). Ideas might include a film night, a sponsored walk, a pot luck supper, a cake sale or something more unusual!

If you work for a large (or not so large) company that runs a Matching Gift scheme, your employer might match either what you give or what you raise £ for £. From Accenture at the top of the alphabet to Warner Music at the bottom, if you work for a company that offers this scheme please do let us know!

THANK YOUS!

Thank you to all those who came to make the Mother’s Day posies -we handed out 175! - and to those who helped with the **Easter egg hunt**. We hid 80 eggs to start with, and in the end hungry children found around 200 eggs! And thank you to those who came along on Thursday to clean the kitchen. We made great progress!

FESTIVAL OF HOPE/DIOCESAN 60th ANNIVERSARY

A big celebration will take place on 20 September at Queen’s Jubilee Hall, Ardingley. There are limited tickets available for each deanery/parish; we’ll travel by coach together. **Please contact the office** as soon as possible if you’re interested.

TERMINALLY ILL ADULTS END OF LIFE BILL

The passage of the Bill through Parliament will lead to a vote **this month** on whether it progresses further. This is a crucial moment and Bishop Richard asks for our urgent support in writing to our MPs, urging them to vote against this Bill at that time, even if you have already done so.

DIOCESAN/OTHER NEWS

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Training session for leaders on 24 May. Interested in joining our parish team of leaders? This session will help you plan and prepare. Further info and to sign up: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/4exnaozz>

RETREAT

**Divine Mercy and St Michael the Archangel, 3-4 May.** Church of the Holy Name, Esher. Fr Matthew Szerszeń CSMA will lead this retreat, beginning at 4pm on 3 May. For details, please contact the Esher parish office.

**Divine Mercy Sunday.** If you’re in Shoreham this weekend, your invited to join St Peter’s at 3pm observing a Holy Hour of Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Confessions, followed by Benediction at 4.00pm. All are welcome. For more information email: [adurvalley@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:adurvalley@abdiocese.org.uk).

JUBILEE PILGRIMS OF HOPE DIOCESAN ECUMENICAL WALKING PILGRIMAGE 9-24 August

This year the pilgrimage celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> year and will pass through all deaneries of the diocese. You can join for all or part of a day. Dates for our deanery are 11-12 August. Just £5 as a day pilgrim or £35 per night. See [www.thepilgrims.co.uk/booking](http://www.thepilgrims.co.uk/booking), or contact Lucy Jardine on 07740 461 785 - we’d love a group from our parish to join!

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  
APRIL: TBC

STANDING ORDERS  
FOR MARCH: £4840.67

THANK YOU!

SAVE THE DATES!

- 26 APR: YOUTH-LED MASS AND SOCIAL
- 10 MAY: QUIZ NIGHT
- 11 MAY: PLANT AND JAM SALE
- 17 MAY: YOUTH-LED MASS
- 27 JUN: YOUTH-LED MASS
- 10-11 JUL: PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM
- AUG: PILGRIM’S WAY WALK
- 20 SEP: FESTIVAL OF HOPE