

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 3 June at 8pm via 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 are receiving this Sacrament over the next few weeks! Please pray for all them, their catechists and their families.

CONFIRMATION

Please pray for our Confirmation candidates as they prepare for this Sacrament, which they will receive this month at Arundel Cathedral.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 24 May	9.30 10.00 12.00	NO MASS NO Adoration and NO Reconciliation First Holy Communion Mass
	16.45 18.00	ITALIAN MASS MASS Martin O'Shea RIP (Anniversary)
Sun 25 May	9.15	Sixth Sunday of Easter MASS Patience Ndi & Mary Gwanyama RIP (Anniversary)
	11.15	MASS Anna Dziermiejko RIP
Mon 26 May	9.30	St Philip Neri, Priest (Memorial) MASS For the successful major operation of Ciss Ryan
Tue 27 May	18.30 19.30	St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop (Feast) Adoration and Reconciliation MASS Wellbeing and Rosary prayers for Mary Overton
Wed 28 May	9.30 10.00	MASS Fr Ruslan's 15 year Ordination Anniversary ROSARY
Thu 29 May	9.30 11.30	The Ascension of the Lord MASS Wellbeing & speedy recovery of Kathleen Cox Eileen Mulqueen's Funeral Mass
Fri 30 May	9.30 10.00	MASS Wellbeing of Mary Overton Divine Mercy
Sat 31 May	9.30 10.00 14.30	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast) NO MASS NO Adoration and NO Reconciliation Confirmation Mass in Arundel
	16.45 18.00	ITALIAN MASS MASS Parishioners
Sun 01 June	9.15	Seventh Sunday of Easter MASS Graham Merritt RIP
	11.15	MASS In Thanksgiving for the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Remedios & Sebastian Rodrigues
	13.00	POLISH MASS



ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

24/25 MAY 2025



MAY CELEBRATIONS!

As we draw closer to Pentecost, we have a further celebration. On **29 May** Fr Ruslan will celebrate the 15th anniversary of his ordination as a priest. Thank you God for Fr Ruslan's ministry. We lift him up in prayer: grant him continued strength, wisdom, and grace as he continues to serve. Bless him for his commitment and dedication; may he inspire us all to walk together in faith and love.

During this month we also especially remember and **pray for our First Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates** receiving these sacraments.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE

Please note that we are no longer taking bookings for the parish pilgrimage to Walsingham on 10 / 11 June.

WELCOME!

On Sunday we will welcome the following children and their parents to our Parish:
Amelia Rose May Lancaster
Mariella-Anne Pennycate
Roman Reiss Townsend Ocampo
Adira Laming

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This weekend's Second Collection is for The Missionary Endeavour of The Diocese of Chulucanas, Peru, with which our diocese has a strong connection, and is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year.

YOUTH LED MASS!

Please do join mass led by the young people of our Parish on Saturday **28 June at 6pm**. If you've any suggestions or want to join in - for music, or reading or in any other way, please contact Lucy Jardine on 07740 461 785. Please pass on this message to any young people who might not receive the newsletter!

PARISH FINANCES

We plan shortly to publish the parish's annual accounts for last year. We'll also publish a short narrative explanation of the key points, our annual gift aid report and the minutes of the most recent Parish Finance Committee meeting. In general, thanks to your continuing generosity and the hard work of our fundraising team, our parish finances have improved considerably but we still have lots of work to do to build a strong future together!

The toddlers play and praise group continues on Fridays from 10-11.30 in the hall. This month we have been looking at Jesus' mother Mary - have a look at the side altar in church to see what we've been making! Children and their parent(s)/grandparent(s) are very welcome.

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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 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, Tom Asbury, Teresa Azouz, Baby Elm, Roger Blishen, Christopher Clifford and Catherine Browle, Katherine Cawley, Trish Claxton, Rose Collins, Jimmy Connaughtoin, Thérèse 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, 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.

DEACON GARY CARTER’s ORDINATION and FIRST MASS
On **Saturday 5 July** parishioner Gary Carter will be ordained a priest at Arundel Cathedral. We’ll be taking a coach from St Erconwald’s - anyone who’d like to go along to support Gary please contact the office **by 31 May**. Gary will celebrate his first Mass at 10am on **Sunday 6 July** with us followed by a reception in the hall. Details of how you can help to follow!

PARISH SURVEY
A couple of weeks ago the Parish Pastoral Council conducted a **parish survey during all Masses**, to help shape our priorities and focus for the next 18 months-2 years. **We really do want to hear from you:** additional forms are available in the back of church - please return them to the box there, or ideally complete the survey online here (link live **until the end of May**): **<https://forms.office.com/r/y9eq4vFqqt>**. Thanks to all who have completed it so far.

CHILDREN’S SECOND-HAND BOOK SALE
Please come along to a second-hand children’s book sale on **Sunday 8 June** after the 9.15 Mass. This is a lovely way for the children to get involved in the church community and raise money to restore the church! Please drop off any books you are happy to donate in the porch by Thursday 5 June, and come along on the 8th to buy others!

WORK IN THE CHURCH
Last weekend with great effort and teamwork we managed to have the church ready for the first Holy Communion and the celebration with the Italian community of Our Lady of Miracles of Mussomeli following the works on the Sanctuary. **Thank you** to all who helped in so many ways.

As a reminder of the scale of the works we have installed a steel stud to overcome the damp and have added plasterboard to a height of 9m, the sanctuary frieze of our Lord was renovated and we have rediscovered the brickwork parts of our parish history. New lighting was added to the rear wall and sockets added on the altar and capacity for additional microphones. More than 50m2 of high-quality flooring was laid. There is still some finishing off to do in the sanctuary but we hope that parishioners appreciate the significant improvement.

The works on the church are of course not finished as we will continue as and when we raise the funds. We are spending modestly considering the size of the building and that it is 35 years since such significant works have been undertaken. The next stage will be to replace the flooring on the bottom step of the altar. We are looking at marble to match the two side altars. We can then move on to redecorate the transept (the section making the cross with the two side altars) and the corresponding section at the front of the nave (main body of the church). We then believe replacing the main carpet would lift the church the most. By using carpet tiles we will have greater flexibility in case of any damage. We can then work back through the church.

We continue to look at ways to better control the moisture in the building by improving ventilation but we recognize that we need to carefully trade off the church being fit for modern worship and a perfect building.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION
Please do visit a selection of Carlo Acutis’ exhibition **detailing some of the Eucharistic miracles**, displayed around the sanctuary. **It will be there throughout May.**

FUNDRAISING
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**. 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/raise. If you work for a company that offers this scheme please do let us know! We always, we welcome your feedback.

DIOCESAN / OTHER NEWS

BOSCO CATHOLIC EDUCATION TRUST
Have you ever thought of becoming a Foundation Governor? Would you like to make a positive contribution to children’s education? Would you like to preserve and develop the Catholic Ethos of a school? Our growing Trust would like anyone interested in becoming a Foundation Governor at one of our wonderful schools across Sussex to contact Alice Mackay, Office Manager, by email E: **info@boscocet.org.uk** or telephone T: 01444 221 770 or by providing your details through our website **<https://www.boscocet.org.uk/become-a-governor/>**

UK PRAYS - INVITATION TO PRAY FOR THE UK
UK Prays will be saying a public rosary to place the UK under the protection of Our Lady, on **Saturday June 7th** at 12.00pm at the Lion Gate, Hampton Court Palace, Hampton Court Road,KT8 9DD. This is the side gate opposite Bushy Park. Do not go to the main palace entrance. To be included in the Lion Gate WhatsApp group text Mary on 07757450951. (Transport: Car Park at the Diana Fountain, Bushy Park / Hampton Court Station/multiple buses. Website UKPrays.org).

CORPUS CHRISTI CARPET OF FLOWERS AND PROCESSION
For over 140 years, Arundel Cathedral has celebrated the feast of Corpus Christi with a magnificent festival of flowers, featuring a world famous Carpet Of Flowers in the central aisle. The Cathedral will be open to view the carpet on **Wednesday 18 June and Thursday 19 June.**

CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS!
Did you know that our Diocese has a newsletter and opportunities for grandparents to meet, recognising the importance of your role in helping to build continuity for families between the sacraments. There’s a grandparent’s **pilgrimage to Worth Abbey on 11 June 10-3:30pm**, and the annual formation day in September. For further details see **<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>**

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.

COMMUNICATIONS
Please send any newsletter/website/porch/ social media items or any amendments to: **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**. 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 18.05.25: £412.73

COLLECTION FROM PLANT AND JAM SALE: £212.65

STANDING ORDERS FOR APRIL: £4835.67

THANK YOU!

SAVE THE DATES!

28 JUN YOUTH-LED MASS
10-11 JUL PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM
AUG PILGRIM’S WAY WALK
7 SEP PARISH HOG ROAST/BBQ
20 SEP FESTIVAL OF HOPE