

ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Parish News

St Erconwald's Parish Autumn Concert - Save the Date!

We're very excited to announce that the Weybridge Male Voice Choir led by their musical director, Jonathan Kilhams, will be performing a concert at St Erconwald's at **7:30pm on Saturday 11 November!** Befitting the date, the programme will include some music for Remembrance and will also look forward to the coming season of Advent. **Tickets are £10 and they will go on sale this weekend.** They will be available after Saturday and Sunday Masses and from the Parish office during normal office hours (Tue-Fri 10-13:30). It will be an evening of the best choral music, not to be missed and an opportunity for us to get together social as a parish. We will shortly be looking for a small team of volunteers to help plan and run this concert.

Please note that as a result of the concert, there will be NO VIGIL MASS at St Erconwald's on Saturday 11 November.

Save the Date!!!! St Erconwald's Spring Ball 2024

Please come and join us on Saturday 9th March 2024 for our first ever Spring Ball!!!! This wonderful event to raise funds for our Church will take place at Silvermere's Inn on the Lake (golf club), Redhill Road, Cobham KT11 1EG. What a wonderful venue, with fantastic food and excellent music for all of us to enjoy! Tickets are £75 per head and includes a welcome drink, three course meal, tea/coffee and lots of dancing. Tickets can be purchased individually, in pairs or in groups of up to 10 people and will be sold on a first come first served basis.

For the Ball to be even more successful, we need your help! To raise as much money as we can for the Church (we need to sort out the Damp...) we need donations for the auction and raffle. If you or your business can help, please send an email to: StercsBall2024@gmail.com. Come and join us! It will be so much fun!!!!

Confirmation Program 2024

If your child is 14 years old by September 2023 or going into Yr10 and wishes to be Confirmed, please download the Confirmation Programme 2024 registration pack from the parish website. The deadline to return your completed registration forms is Sunday 12 November. Please contact the Parish Office if you need any more information. Thank you.

First Holy Communion Program 2024

We had a great response this year to our First Holy Communion Program! Thank you to everyone that has signed up their children in our Parish. We have now closed the Program and will NOT be accepting any more forms. The office will be in touch soon with details about the Program.

And thank you to those parents that have volunteered to be Catechists this year. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Good as New Sale

Please keep Saturday 25th of November 10.30-13.30 free!!!! There will be a "Good as New Sale" in the Church Hall. Declutter your house and bring along donations but ONLY GOOD AS NEW. Have fun selling your items and take back anything that is not sold (please do not leave unsold items in the Church Hall). All the money collected from the sale will be for our Maintenance Fund. Thank you!

Children Liturgy

Next Sunday, 29th October, children's liturgy is on half term break.

The following Sunday, 5th November, will be trialling a special family mass at 9.15, and the children will stay in church. We will invite all the children to come and sit at the front. Please bring along a cushion so you can make yourselves nice and comfortable.

Children's Liturgy will resume on Sunday 11th November.

Next Week

- This Saturday/ Sunday (21/22nd October) we have a second Collection: World Missions.

- As in previous years, we are not having individual Mass Intentions during the month of November. The Book of Remembrance will be in the entrance of the Church. Please write the name of the person you would like us to be remembered and the Mass for that day will be said in their memory. The Book will be brought to the Altar every day.

- **Susana is taking a break. So she will not be around next week. We have a wonderful volunteer that will be covering the Parish office next week on Tuesday and Wednesday. Emails will be checked sporadically. Apologies for any inconvenience.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS NEXT WEEK!
CLOCKS GO BACK 1 HOUR NEXT SUNDAY (29TH OCTOBER)**

The Parish Pastoral Council

As you will be aware, the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) ran a survey in July to understand more about our parish community and to capture feedback on areas of parish life to help the PPC prioritise its efforts. In total, there were 178 survey responses covering 284 parishioners in total (58 responses covered 2 or more parishioners) – so firstly thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the survey!

There were two areas that clearly emerged as priorities from the list presented in the survey, with around 30% of responses picking out "Youth" and "Young Family" in their "Top 3" priorities. Other priorities, including adult formation, also featured. Caring for the sick & elderly was also highlighted in the "Other" category where parishioners could suggest additional priorities.

The PPC is working on these priorities, in addition to the theme of "Welcoming" - being a welcoming parish - which it had already identified as a focus area. A key time for our parish community is Advent and Christmas, and several activities and events are being planned - more to follow next week!

If you have any further questions about the survey or additional feedback, please speak to one of the PPC members, email Lucy, the Chair (ppc.walton@abdiocese.org), or email Susana in the parish office.

StEPS - St Erconwald's Parish Support

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14th of November at 7pm in the Church Hall.

SAVE THE DATE - Christmas Lunch!

You may remember that a few years back, before Covid, the Care Group arranged Christmas lunches in the hall for our elderly parishioners. The StEPS group are delighted to announce that there will be a Parish Christmas Lunch on **Sunday 10th December** in the Church Hall after the 11.15am Mass. There will be Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings, some festive cheer and maybe even a special visitor! If you would like to come, or know someone who would enjoy it, please sign up at the back of the Church or drop the office an email so we can start planning.

Diocesan run events

To find out about and book events hosted by the Diocese please visit our website events calendar

W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

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 15.10.23: £370.60

2nd Collection for Prison Sunday: £137.74

Standing Orders contributions for September: £4061.32

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 Erconwald's 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 Tuesday 7th of November at 7pm 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. The sacrament of Reconciliation is regularly available in church on Saturdays after 9.30 Mass or on request.

Catholic Education

Parish Primary School	Parish Secondary School
Cardinal Newman School Arch Road Hersham Surrey KT12 4QT TEL : 01932 222536 Email : office@cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk	Salesian School Guildford Road Chertsey Surrey KT16 9LU TEL : 01932 582520 Email : info@salesian.surrey.sch.uk

Mass Intentions and Mass Times: Week commencing 23rd October

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Saturday 21 October	9.30am	Patrick and Kathleen O'Driscoll RIP
	4.45pm	Italian Mass
	6.00pm	Abolition of Modern Slavery
Sunday 22 October	9.15am	<u>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> Parishioners
	11.15am	Michael Lydon RIP (Anniversary)
Monday 23 October	9.30am Rosary	Jonathan Rich RIP
Tuesday 24 October	9.30am Rosary	Jim Simpkin RIP
Wedn 25 October	9.30am Rosary	Recovery of Ian Clyde
Thursd 26 October	NO MASS	NO MASS
Friday 27 October	9.30am Divine Mercy	Peter McGloin RIP
Saturday 28 October	9.30am	<u>Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles (Feast)</u> Patrick Russell RIP
	4.45pm	Italian Mass
	6.00pm	Intentions of the Corkery, Hight and Lear families
Sunday 29 October	9.15am	<u>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> Ray Palmer RIP (birthday)
	11.15am	Parishioners

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. The Rosary will be recited after Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Mass. Please stay and take part in this important time of prayer. An aid to pray the Rosary can be found in the porch. Please take one

Please pray for those who have asked for your prayers:

Margaret (Maggie) Hawkes, Anna Sartori, Rose Collins, Carmen Galanty, Deborah Russell, Ann Griffin, Dina Yates, Manuel and Jackie Faraldo, Andres Gomez, Christian Misuraca, Christopher Clifford and Catherine Browle, June Ellis, Shirley Rhodes, John Lydon, James De Leons-Hopkins, Teresa Azouz, Maureen and Bill Dodds, Roger Blishen, Michael Spears, Sarah Mitchell, Rita McGloin, Fr Alex Hill, Katherine Cawley, Karen Lane, Dee Wilson, Michelle Thomas, Aman Allos, Eileen White, Sophie Giannin, Yvonne and Michael Johnson, Louise Nettleton, Julia Donaldson, Arlo Nolan, the Hansford family, Beryl Jones, Oscar Menezes, Carole Frost, Gloria Gowen.

Dear Parishioners,

This section of our Newsletter is 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. 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.