

# ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021

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## Mass Intentions and Mass Times: Week starting 4<sup>th</sup> July

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	2.00 pm	First Communion Mass
	6.00 pm	Mass in Italian
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15 am	Intentions of Joseph Buckley
	11.15 am	Good Health of Neve & Noraliza Gonsalves
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30 am	John Ryan RIP
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30 am	Deceased Members of Kenny and Fitzgerald Families
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	7.00 pm	Intentions of Glen & Queency Gonsalves
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30 am	<b>Liturgy of the Word</b>
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30 am	Sally Anderson RIP
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	2.00 pm	First Communion Mass
	6.00 pm	Mass in Italian
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15 am	Luise Glasgow RIP
	11.15 am	Lynda Ellis RIP

**The Church is open for public Masses and booking is required for Sunday Masses. Please book no later than Thursday evening for the following Sunday.**

## Please pray for those in the Parish who have asked for our prayers:

*Michael Snee, Margaret Hawkes, Anna Sartori, Sheila Day, Nicoletta Lanzisera, Rose Collins, Carmen Galanty, Patrick Russell, Ann Griffin, Ann Lane, Dina Yates, Rose Collins, Manuel and Jackie Faraldo, Eileen Englefield, Andres Gomez, Christian Misuraca, Christopher Clifford and Catherine Browle.*

**Fr Bill writes:** WE are now in the season of First Communion Masses. Please pray for the children and their families.

Although there is a certain relaxation in some of the COVID restrictions we are still asked to be cautious and keep one metre apart in enclosed spaces even though we may be wearing masks. While people may wish to have conversations with people whom they have not seen for a long time it is important that those conversations take place outside and in areas that blocks the smooth exit of people from the church.

**John and Ola** will be departing during the weekend of 17/18<sup>th</sup> July to start a new venture in Cumbria in the north of England. There will be an opportunity to say goodbye to them during the weekend 10/11<sup>th</sup> July. The Parish is grateful for all that they have done during their time here.

With the relaxation of the pandemic restrictions **30** people are now allowed at Baptisms. The **Offertory Procession** can now take place and the priest will at Communion now say “**Body of Christ**” to which each person responds **Amen. Altar Servers** can now start to fulfil their role. However there can be no singing on the part of the Congregation and masks and social distancing regulations are still in place.

I am very grateful for the work of the stewards in ensuring that we are all safe and that social distancing is maintained as far as is possible. Without their generous help the church would not legally be able to open. It is important therefore that we show our appreciation for what they do by complying with their instructions. **It would be very helpful if some of you could help with the cleaning of benches after Mass on Sundays so that it is not left to the generous few.**

**Offertory Collection: 6<sup>th</sup> June £237.61, 13<sup>th</sup> June £121.16 20<sup>th</sup> June £207.53.**  
Banked £697.53

Standing Orders for May totalled £2934

Those who are not able to attend Mass on Sundays can either put their donations through the presbytery letterbox at the side of the house or you can make a donation online.

The Diocese has a scheme at:

**<http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/parishoffertory>.**

In the message section you mention St Erconwald's Walton-on-Thames and the donation will come to the parish.

**Alternatively make a bank transfer.**

Parish sort code 40 05 20

Account No 01126393

Payable to A&B Diocesan Trust St Erconwalds

## **Announcements**

**CCRS** - The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) is beginning again in our Diocese this September. The course is designed for teachers in Catholic schools, for Catechists and for anyone who would like to grow in understanding as they live their Catholic faith. The CCRS offers a very flexible and accessible way of learning, it includes some online content and is made up of eight modules: six core and two specialist modules. Each module involves ten hours of course time and an assignment. For more information or to register your place please contact our Formation Adviser

**Church Cleaners:** Now that things are starting to return to normality we are seeking volunteers to clean the church on a regular basis. This includes the vacuuming of the carpet and clearing of cobwebs etc. If we have sufficient numbers it should not be onerous and a rota could be constructed. Any volunteers should email Susana in the office on the parish email address.

## **Were you thinking about a gap year but because of COVID have changed your mind?**

Just graduated and need a year to get some meaningful work experience  
that actually makes a difference to the lives of young people?

St John Bosco School Battersea , an inner city school just fifteen minutes from Clapham Junction is looking for a number of Teaching Assistants for the next twelve months (or more). Last year this provided a wonderful opportunity to make a real impact on the lives of a number of young people including those in two special needs units. Why not join this year's team!

The role is for 32.5 hours per week and provides a fantastic opportunity to gain some valuable work experience in a hard working but fun environment. Please contact Miss Carrington [CCarrington@sjbc.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:CCarrington@sjbc.wandsworth.sch.uk)  
Initial Closing date for applications is noon on Friday 9 July 2021 with interviews taking place w/c Monday 12 July 2021. Please contact if you need to apply late

## **Death by Appointment: A Rational Guide to the Assisted Suicide Debate Monday 12th July 7.30 to 9pm**

The assisted suicide debate will be centre stage once more with a Bill to legalise this in England and Wales recently tabled in the House of Lords. All prior attempts have failed but the pressure continues and we need to be ready to play our part.

You are invited to a webinar organised by the Bishops' Conference in which speakers with key, relevant expertise will look beyond the headlines: from law, to clinical practice, social attitudes, end of life care, public safety and the experience of those jurisdictions which have already legalised it. This is our opportunity to get informed, to prepare to protect the vulnerable. Please join us.

For further information and to book your place  
see: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/death-by-appointment-a-rational-guide-to-the-assisted-suicide-debate/>

## Forthcoming Feast Days

### 6<sup>th</sup> July Maria Goretti

Maria Goretti was the third of seven children of a poor peasant family living near Corinaldo in the province of Ancona in Italy; owing to extreme poverty the family later migrated to a village near Anzio.

In order to make ends meet, Maria's father entered into partnership with a man called Serenelli, and shared a house with him and his two sons, one of whom was called Alessandro. Her father died in 1900, when Maria was ten.

Maria impressed everyone with her radiant purity. She was naturally pious, kind, and helpful. She was also outstandingly beautiful – and Alessandro Serenelli was an outstandingly passionate and undisciplined man. She resisted his attentions, which only made her the more desirable, and narrowly managed to escape a serious sexual assault, which he made her keep secret by means of threats of murder.

A month later Alessandro arranged things so that he would be alone in the house with Maria; and he had a dagger. She tried to resist, begging him to have care for his immortal soul, but he thrust a handkerchief into her mouth to prevent her from crying out, tied her up, and threatened her with the dagger. She could, the theologians say, have consented then, with no danger to her soul; but her love of purity was too great. Alessandro, enraged, stabbed her fourteen times.

She did not die, though her entrails were hanging out from one of her abdominal wounds. She was taken to hospital, seven miles of bad road in a horse-drawn ambulance, and was operated on for more than two hours. She lived for twenty hours more, became a Child of Mary, received the Last Sacrament, and specifically forgave her murderer. She died in the afternoon of 6 July 1902, at the age of eleven years, eight months, and twenty days.

Alessandro narrowly escaped being lynched, and was tried and sentenced to thirty years' penal servitude with hard labour. For the first seven years or so he maintained a cynical and defiant attitude, but he repented, and dreams of Maria herself figured largely in his repentance. (You might say, he pretended to repent so as to get his sentence reduced – but the most sceptical experts were convinced, and he had to remain in prison for another twenty years, which is a long time to sustain a pretence).

Maria was beatified in 1927. Alessandro was released in 1928; and he and Maria's mother received Communion side by side on Christmas Day 1937, and they spent Christmas together.

Maria was canonized in 1950. Her mother was present at the ceremony, the first time this has ever happened. Some people say that Alessandro was there too, others not; but it is certain that he spent his last years in a Capuchin monastery: he died in 1970.