

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Our **Confirmation** and **First Holy Communion** programmes are now underway! Please pray for all those participating, their catechists and their families. The next **Baptism** session is on the **27th February** at 7pm in the hall. To book, please contact the office.

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.

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 9.30 Mass** or on request.

COLLECTIONS

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS FOR 04/02/24: £261.80

STANDING ORDERS

JANUARY: £4332.67

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!

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SAT 10 FEB	09:30	ST SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN (MEMORIAL) NO MASS
	16:45	ITALIAN MASS
	18:00	PARISHIONERS
SUN 11 FEB	09:15	6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SPECIAL BLESSINGS FOR FRANCIS GOES
	11:15	SANDRA JANE CONLON RIP
MON 12 FEB	NO MASS	
TUE 13 FEB	NO MASS	
WED 14 FEB	09:30	ASH WEDNESDAY ANNE BROWN RIP (ANNIVERSARY)
	19.30	MICHAEL WILLIAM PRINCE RIP
THU 15 FEB	NO MASS	
FRI 16 FEB	DIVINE MERCY	
	11.30	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
	12.00	WELLBEING OF DEBORAH RUSSELL
SAT 17 FEB	NO AM MASS	
	16:45	ITALIAN MASS
	18:00	PARISHIONERS
SUN 18 FEB	09:15	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT LYNN HOWELL RIP
	11:15	RAY MATTON RIP (ANNIVERSARY)



ST ERCONWALDS NEWSLETTER

11 FEBRUARY 2024

A MESSAGE FROM FR RUSLAN

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten fast, is a day of happiness, a Christian feast."—Thomas Merton.

Dear brothers and sisters,

We are embarking on our annual Lenten journey, in which we prepare ourselves through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. This is a blessed time for quiet reflection on the suffering and death of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are invited to walk with Him to Golgotha, the place where the history of our salvation reached its most focal and crucial point. Lent is a unique and blessed time when we are encouraged to engage in deep reflection and prayer. This journey will lead us to the glory of the Resurrection of our Lord.

May God bless us all as we begin our journey through the narrow streets of Jerusalem, walking with our Lord as He carries His cross for our salvation and that of the world.

Please note that Fr Ruslan is away until Sunday 18th February. Sorry for the mistake in last week's newsletter! See the mass times and intentions page for changes to mass times.

KEY PARISH EVENTS

LENT

Every Friday during Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross at 11.30am. Mass will be at 12pm followed by our annual Lent lunches (there will be NO 9.30am Masses on Fridays during Lent). Please take a copy of our **Lent/ Easter leaflet** or check online for details of special masses/services, activities and our focuses as a parish.

LENTEN ROSARY CHALLENGE

Ready for a challenge this Lent? Let our Lady walk with you as you become closer to her Son in daily prayer, by taking on the Rosary challenge. Online on Mondays and Fridays from 16th February between 1.15 and 1.45 and after 9.15 Mass on Wednesdays in Church. Rosary guides are also available in the porch for private prayer. To join please email: walton@abdiocese.org.uk

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PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS

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 get 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

Mary Edenborough, Margaret 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, Michael and Cathy Flynn.

THIS WEEK

Members of the parish Finance and Fabric Committee will speak at each of the Masses this weekend about the work of the committee and the parish's finances.

MASSES 10TH & 11TH FEBRUARY: Fr Peter Andrews will be celebrating Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9.15am and 11.15am Masses. Please give him a warm welcome.

ADORATION IN THE CHURCH: There will be **NO** adoration this Wednesday **14th February** due to the Ash Wednesday Mass. From 21st February Adoration will be at 6.30pm, followed by Mass.

PANCAKE PARTY: Join us on Shrove Tuesday (**13th February**) for our pancake party from 15:30 - 17:00 in the church hall. It's £2 per person; all proceeds will go towards the Easter Egg hunt and other activities for children within the parish. Sign up at: <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/chabfiwt>

StEps (our parish support group) meets on **Tuesday 13th February** at 7.30pm in the hall. All are welcome.

ASH WEDNESDAY (14th February): Two Masses will be celebrated at 9.30am and 7.30pm (Fr Peter Andrews in the morning and Fr Bill in the evening).

LENTEN LUNCHES

Please sign up for our Friday Lenten lunches starting on **Friday 16th February at 12.30 pm**. There is a schedule for anyone willing to provide soup, French bread & butter, milk etc. and another for those wishing to come to lunch. Any donations will go to a charity selected each week. It is an opportunity to meet up over a simple lunch, to give thanks and get to know each other better. Everyone is welcome, including our younger parishioners with their parent(s)/caregivers - especially in half term! Please do come along.

MASSES 17TH & 18TH FEBRUARY: Fr John Condery will be saying Mass and making an appeal for the St Francis Xavier Foreign Mission Society. Please give him a warm welcome.

UPCOMING EVENTS

INVITED FOR LENT - Season 4

We shall run the diocesan Lent programme on Thursdays from 9.45-11.45am in the hall, starting on **22nd February**. Sign up in the porch or online: <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/vx0dheqj>
A diocesan online group is also available on Thursday evenings; sign up here: abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/acs6cjtx.

CAFOD's Family Fast Day is on **23rd February**; you are invited to eat a simple meal, giving the money you save to support people living in poverty improve their lives. There will be a second collection on 24/25 February.

PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH

This year's confirmation candidates would once again like to invite parishioners of all ages to a ploughman's lunch on **Sunday 25th February** at 12.30pm in the Church hall. The young people will be preparing and serving the lunch. If you would like to attend, please add your name to the list in the porch.

SPRING BALL

The St Erconwald's Spring Ball will take place on **9th March** at Silvermere's Inn on the Lake. Tickets are £75; please book via the QR code in the porch/online: <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/9itrcoob>

RED MISSION BOX HOLDERS

It is time for the first collection of the year. Please take an envelope from the porch, add your details, empty the contents of your red box into it and return it to the sacristy after mass by **Sunday 10th March**. You can also return your box to the sacristy with your name on the label, taking an empty box from the porch. If you would like to start collecting for overseas missions, please contact Dominic Ennis on 0208 2246114. Thank you.

ANNUAL WALTON & HERSHAM ST PATRICK'S NIGHT

This will take place on **Saturday 16th March** at All Saints Church Hall. It's a family friendly event; profits go to local charities. Come and enjoy the craic, with a live band, bar, Irish shop, kids disco, raffle and more. Tickets (adults £10, children £2.50) available from <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/hershamstpatrick/night>

HOME VISITS

Fr Ruslan is very aware that there is 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 our parish. 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.

COMMUNICATIONS

Please send any newsletter/website/social media items or any amendments to: comms.sterconwalds@gmail.com by Thursdays at 2pm for inclusion/uploading as appropriate. All feedback is welcome.