

# ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021

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## Mass Intentions and Mass Times: Week starting 18<sup>th</sup> April

Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30 am	Kathleen McMahon RIP ( <i>Followed by Exposition &amp; Confessions</i> )
	6.00 pm	Mass in Italian
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	9.15 am	Margaret and Gerard Maher RIP
	11.15 am	Parishioners
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30 am	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30 am	<b>LITURGY OF THE WORD</b>
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	7.00 pm	Holy Souls
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	9.30 am	Shane Kenny RIP
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	9.30 am	Paddy Smith RIP
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30 am	The Church in Need <i>followed by Confessions and Exposition</i>
	6.00 pm	Mass in Italian
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	9.15 am	Parishioners
	11.15 am	Wellbeing of our Catholic Schools

**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, Bernadette Barnbrook, Anna Sartori, Maureen Lloyd, , Sheila Day, Nicoletta Lanzisera, Patrick Duggan, Rose Collins, Carmen Galanty, Patrick Russell, Ann Griffin, Ann Lane, Dina Yates, Rose Collins, Manuel and Jackie Faraldo, Andres Gomez, Christian Misuraca, Christopher Clifford and Catherine Browle.*

**Fr Bill writes:** At the time of I anticipate that there will be a poignancy about the funeral of the Duke of Edinburgh on Saturday in which an anticipated guest list of 800 will have had to be cut to 30 and the picture of the Queen on her own and masked will have an impact on the nation. It is however no more than the choices having to be made by thousands of ordinary people during these challenging times. At this time we need to remember the Royal Family in our prayers but also all the other bereaved families who have had to cope with similar situations. There is something prophetic, I think, in seeing the Rich and the Powerful having to observe the same rules as ordinary mortals. It is also the more scandalous when such people are seen to flout them! This is why the example of the Queen is so powerful.

Please note that I have to attend a family funeral on Monday in the Wirral. I will be staying overnight and returning on the Tuesday. There will be no Mass in the Parish on Monday and a Liturgy of the Word on Tuesday. Note therefore that there will be Mass on Thursday at 9.30 am.

In the post Easter period there will be Exposition and Confessions after the 9.30 am Mass on Saturdays. This will start on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April.

*Any notices for this newsletter to be sent to Fr Bill at [mail@sterconwalds.org.uk](mailto:mail@sterconwalds.org.uk)*

## **OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

There has been a hiatus in the counting of the offertory collection posted through the letterbox or put in the plate at the end of Mass. I am now aiming to finish any outstanding counts by the middle of next week.

7<sup>th</sup> March Offertory Collection: **£160**; Crib Collection 2020: **£56.17**  
14<sup>th</sup> March Offertory collection: **£229**. Amount banked:**£491.60**  
21<sup>st</sup> March Offertory Collection **£160.60**. Amount banked **£499.60**

For those who are able you can either put your 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. If it is an Easter offering then mention Easter Offering in the message section.

**Alternatively make a bank transfer.**

Parish sort code 40 05 20

Account No 01126393

Payable to A&B Diocesan Trust St Erconwalds

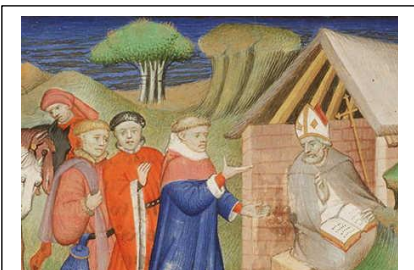
## **Announcements**

**The Walton & Hersham Food Bank are now again receiving donations of dry foods and toiletries, following the recent suspension due to Covid 19.**

**All donations of dry foods and toiletries to assist local people in need, are gratefully received.**

**Red storage containers are placed in the Church Porch for your donations.**

**Thank you for your continued support**



Arundel and Brighton charity No 25287

St. Alphege became a monk at Deerhurst, Gloucestershire, about 970, and eventually Abbot of Bath. In 984 he became Bishop of Winchester where he was known for his personal austerity and almsgiving. The king sent him to parley with the Danish raider Anlaf, and this he did with such success that Anlaf never raided England again.

In 1005 Alphege became Archbishop of Canterbury. The Danes were raiding once more and in 1011 they besieged Canterbury and captured it. Alphege was imprisoned and an enormous ransom was asked for his release, which he forbade to be paid. On 19 April 1012, at Greenwich, his captors, drunk with wine, and enraged at ransom being refused, pelted him with bones of oxen and stones, till one of them, called Thurm, dispatched him with an axe. He was buried in St. Paul's and by his death he became a national hero.

As an act of reconciliation Canute in 1023 translated the body to Canterbury where it was buried near the high altar. Later Lanfranc confirmed the cult, and had a Life and Office written in his honour, and Thomas Becket just before his death commended his cause to God and Alphege.

## 21<sup>st</sup> April St Anselm of Canterbury (1033-1109)



Anselm was born in Aosta, in northern Italy, and became a monk of Bec in Normandy, where he taught theology and devoted himself to the spiritual life. After some years as abbot, he succeeded his master Lanfranc as archbishop of Canterbury. His bitter disputes with the kings of England over the independence of the Church resulted in his twice being exiled. He died at Canterbury on 21 April 1109. He is remembered for his theological learning and writings, and for organising and reforming church life in England.

## 23<sup>rd</sup> April St George ( - 303)



He was martyred at Lydda (now in Israel) in about 303, during the persecution of Diocletian. Like so many saints of that period, the only fact that we can be certain of is his martyrdom. His cult spread quickly through both the East and the West, and the legend of St George and the Dragon only appeared some time afterwards.

During the crusades, George was seen to personify the ideals of Christian chivalry, and he was adopted as the patron saint of several city states and countries, including England and Catalonia. King Richard I of England placed his crusading army under the protection of St George, and in 1222 his feast was proclaimed a holiday.

## **Smile Lines**

### **Family pride**

It was a posh parish. Over drinks in the church hall, the church warden informed the visiting archdeacon: 'My family can trace its ancestry back to William the Conqueror.'

'Well,' ventured the archdeacon with a smile, 'my ancestors were in the Ark with Noah.'

'Well, mine weren't,' came the quick reply. 'My people had a boat of their own.'

### **Phonecall**

In the days before WW 2, phonecalls cost two pence. 'Can you lend me tuppence to ring a friend?' a widely disliked MP once asked Winston Churchill. The great man scoured his pockets. 'Here's four pence,' he said. 'Ring them all.'

### **Some hymns for people over 50**

Give Me the Old Timers' Religion  
Precious Lord, Take My Hand, And Help Me Up  
Just a Slower Walk with Thee  
Go Tell It on the Mountain, But Speak Up  
Nobody Knows the Trouble I Have Seeing  
Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah, I've Forgotten Where I've Parked the Car  
Count Your Many Birthdays, Count Them One By One  
Blessed Insurance  
It Is Well With My Soul, But My Knees Hurt  
Leave us, Heavenly Father, leave us