

# ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

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1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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## Parish News

### **Announcing Saint Vincent De Paul at St Erconwald's**

St Vincent de Paul Society is an international Christian voluntary organisation dedicated to tackling poverty and disadvantage by providing direct practical assistance to anyone in need.

Part of our parish mission is to reach out to the lonely, the lost, disabled people, those with mental health conditions and the disadvantaged. Whilst prayers and good wishes are always well received, practical and pragmatic help for those who are in need around the parish and surrounding community is essential.



### **We need your help**

We are looking to start out small and build out a team extend what fantastic volunteers, building on what individuals have been doing already. We need people who can:

- Visit elderly people in their homes or care homes
- Provide Mass lifts for those not able to make their own way
- Assist with shopping trips with or for people who find this difficult
- Source furniture for those without the means to buy their own
- Organise Christmas parcels to people who may not receive anything at Christmas
  - Organise regular social events

Register by scanning the QR Code Below:



Visit:

[tinyurl.com/supportsvp](http://tinyurl.com/supportsvp)

Email:

[svp@simpkin.net](mailto:svp@simpkin.net)

### **OUR GIFT TO UKRAINIAN CHILDREN**

As the cold is coming, we are starting to bring out thick coats, gloves and scarves, maybe even turning the heating on! Now, imagine children not having any of these items and no electricity or heating and in temperatures even lower than the ones we have in the UK.... Hard to think, isn't it? Well, we can do something about it! Here at St Erconwald's we would like to encourage you and your child to donate children's new gloves, scarves, hats and warm socks to go to Ukraine this winter or to sponsor these items by donating (cash or bank transfer). We are sponsoring a lorry to go to Ukraine as soon as possible and sending these items would be really helpful. Just paying for the lorry to go to Ukraine costs us £2500 so any help towards this as well would be greatly appreciated. If you wish to contribute, please bring any items to the Parish Office (only new items please) or if you would like to be a sponsor please add as ref "Ukraine gift". The deadline is 12<sup>th</sup> of December. We are extremely grateful for your generosity and help in this matter. Thank you (St Erconwald's Parish Office)

### **Web Site Update**

Dear all, we are delighted to say that we have started a programme of improvements to our parish web site. Our ambition is to make the site much easier to navigate, meaning you can find the information you need quickly and easily. We'll also be keeping the site up-to-date with more recent and relevant information. It's a work-in-progress at the moment, so some of the email addresses but over the coming weeks you'll start to see more improvements.

We're always interested in hearing your feedback. Please let us know if there is anything you would like to see on the site, or what we could improve on.

### **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> of December after 6pm mass, we will be having mince pies and mulled wine in the hall!!!! We are hoping to also have a raffle. If you would like to donate bottles (wine, beer, soft drinks), boxes of chocolates, biscuits, etc, please bring them to the office during the week (29 Nov-01 Dec). All the money collected during the raffle will go towards our Christmas Trees (any money left will be used for Church Maintenance). Please come and join us for the start of our Christmas celebrations!

### **ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE**

We will be having an advent Penitential service on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> of December at 7.30pm. All welcome.

### **PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 2023**

We hope to be able to run a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land next year. The Pilgrimage will be led by Fr Ruslan and is organised by Della Shenton of 5th Gospel Retreats Ltd. [5th Gospel Retreats \(5gr.org\)](http://5th Gospel Retreats (5gr.org)) Our local co-ordinator is Ann Meehan [ann-meehan@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ann-meehan@hotmail.co.uk)

The travel dates we are working on are 31st Aug-9th September 2023. But depending on how many people are interested, there may be a possibility of extending our trip by 4 days to visit Jordan. This could be either side of the Holy Land visit. There will be a separate communication on this at a later date.

Payment details are on the booking form. Please let Ann Meehan know when you have completed and sent in the booking form. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit the land where Jesus lived, ministered and died. The Parish as far as we know has never organised its own pilgrimage like this let alone travelled with our own priest. If you have ever wanted to visit the Holy Land this is the time to do it. The guidance notes explain the food arrangements, accommodation standards etc. Travel Insurance is NOT included and you will need this in place before travelling. For more information please follow the link [PRACTICAL NOTES A5 2022.pdf](#) (there should be a link to these notes on our website as well). We hope to run talks on the various places we will visit between now and July.

If any of this is not clear, then please contact Ann.

**It is with great sadness that we have to announce the passing of Pia Nelson. Pia was one of our welcomers at the 9.15 mass on Sundays and a long-term parishioner here at St Erconwald's. Please keep her and her family in your prayers. May Pia's soul rest in Peace.**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December, Fr Ruslan will be celebrating 1 Baptism in the parish at the 11.15 mass. Please welcome this child and his family into our community.**

### **GIFT AID**

**If you donate weekly to the parish, please consider signing up to make your donation gift aided. Kevin Kilburn, our Gift Aid representative, is giving a brief chat after mass this weekend (26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> of Nov)**

### **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 13.11.22: £309.66**

**Standing Orders contributions for October: £3685.97**

**Contributions via DONA for October: £248**

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 Erconwalds 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**

<b>Baptism</b>	<b>First Communion</b>	<b>Reconciliation</b>
Next Baptismal Preparation session will be <b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> of December at 7pm</b> 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. <b>The sacrament of Reconciliation is regularly available in church on Saturdays after 9.30 Mass or on request.</b>

### **Catholic Education**

<b>Parish Primary School</b>	<b>Parish Secondary School</b>
Cardinal Newman School Arch Road Hersham Surrey KT12 4QT TEL : 01932 222536 Email: <b><u><a href="mailto:office@cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk">office@cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk</a></u></b>	Salesian School Guildford Road Chertsey Surrey KT16 9LU TEL : 01932 582520 Email: <b><u><a href="mailto:info@salesian.surrey.sch.uk">info@salesian.surrey.sch.uk</a></u></b>

### Mass Intentions and Mass Times: Week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> November

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Saturday 26 November	9.30am	Book of Remembrance
	4.45pm	Italian Mass
	6.00pm	Book of Remembrance
Sunday 27 November	9.15am	Book of Remembrance
	11.15am	Book of Remembrance
	1.00pm	Polish Mass
Monday 28 November	9.30am	Book of Remembrance
Tuesday 29 November	9.30am	Book of Remembrance
Wednesday 30 November	9.30am Rosary	Book of Remembrance
Thursday 01 December	NO MASS	NO MASS
Friday 02 December	9.30am	Betty Cosgrave RIP
Saturday 03 December	9.30am	Virginia Barwell RIP
	4.45pm	Italian Mass
	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sunday 04 December	9.15am	Betty Braganza RIP
	11.15am	Intentions of Sr Faith and Sr Maria
	1.00pm	Polish Mass

#### Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

*Margaret (Maggie) Hawkes, Anna Sartori, Nicoletta Lanzisera, Rose Collins, Carmen Galanty, Patrick Russell, Deborah Russell Ann Griffin, Ann Lane, Dina Yates, Manuel and Jackie Faraldo, Andres Gomez, Christian Misuraca, Christopher Clifford and Catherine Browle. Jerry Riordan, June Ellis, Shirley Rhodes, John Lydon, James De Leons-Hopkins, Sheila Tickner, Paul Bahoshy. Teresa Azouz, Yasmine Hodkinson, Simonne Ellis, Maureen and Bill Dodds, Roger Blishen, Michael Spears, Sarah Mitchell, Margaret McGloin, Fr Alex Hill, Katherine Cawley*

Dear Parishioners,

as you know we keep a section of our Newsletter specifically 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. If you have not been able to get to church because you are too poorly or a vulnerable person, please reach out to either Susana in the office, Fr Ruslan himself in confidence or Ann Meehan. Susana and Ann will work with Fr Ruslan to try to schedule visits. Feel free to contact us. God Bless