

ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER 6TH JUNE 2021

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Mass Intentions and Mass Times: Week starting 6th June

Saturday 5 th June	9.30 am	Parishioners
	6.00 pm	Mass in Italian
Sunday 6 th June	9.15 am	Jim May RIP
	11.15 am	Armin Altarac RIP
Monday 7 th June	9.30 am	
Tuesday 8 th June	9.30 am	Annette Watling RIP
Wednesday 9 th June	7.00 pm	
Thursday 10 th June	9.30 am	Liturgy of the Word
Friday 11 th June	9.30 am	
Saturday 12 th June	9.30 am	
	6.00 pm	Mass in Italian
Sunday 13 th June	9.15 am	Parishioners
	11.15 am	Good Health of Carolyn Cochrane

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, Andres Gomez, Christian Misuraca, Christopher Clifford and Catherine Browle.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maureen Lloyd who has died recently. Her funeral service will be on 22nd June.

Fr Bill writes: Fr Ruslan and I have met to co-ordinate the handover. My last public Mass in the parish will be on Tuesday 31st August and Fr Ruslan will officially take over on Wednesday 1st September. Please be aware that it is Fr Ruslan's intention to organise a farewell Mass in due course for me after his official installation by the Bishop as Parish Priest. Therefore there is no need for people to get together before his arrival to plan anything for me. I still have three months in Walton and there is much to do.

John and Ola will be departing during the weekend of 17/18th 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 10/11th July. The Parish is grateful for all that they have done during their time here.

Advance Warning: The First Communion Masses will be taking place at 2.00 pm on the first four Saturday afternoons during the first four weeks of July. On those Saturdays there will be no morning Masses though the opportunity for Confessions will continue.

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.**

First Communion and First Reconciliation: I will be meeting groups of parents and children on the Sacramental Preparation Course face-to-face to introduce them to the Church and to what will happen when they Make their First Communion in July. These meetings will take start at 5.30 pm on Wednesdays and 3.30 pm on Saturdays and last no more than an hour.

Offertory Collection

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

Climate Change Petition: We all know about the climate change. Because of the Climate Change emergency Pope Francis has called on us all to take action. CAFOD and other development charities are also at the forefront of campaigning, because climate change is already hitting the some of the poorest countries hard.

Please will you click on the link below and sign the petition to the UK government to take a strong lead on this issue. Why now? Because the UK is hosting two major conferences of world leaders this year- the G7 in June and the UN "COP26" climate talks in November.

The eyes of the world will be on Britain and with a massive campaign showing popular support, our government will be more likely to push for stronger measures to combat climate change.

Please sign at cafod.org.uk/reclaim and encourage friends and family to do the same.

Thank you!

Parish Jam and Plant Sale returns on Sunday June 6th.

Diocese of Arundel and Brighton charity No 25287

Homemade jams, and home-grown plants (tomatoes, courgettes etc.) will be available in the Church Car Park, between the 9.15 and 11.15 Masses, with proceeds in aid of CAFOD.

Donations and buyers very welcome! (To maintain COVID safety, exact cash would be appreciated).

Thank you for your support.

Sufficiency – Living With Limitation: On **Thursday, 17 June at 8pm**, Fr. Rob Esdaile, Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes, Thames Ditton, will give a talk on Zoom on the tensions inherent in our consumer society and how the Gospel might affect our hopes and choices. To register (and receive the link to watch and join in with discussion) e: office@olchurch.org.uk

London Students for Life was established last year to advocate for and support the prolife message. You can see more about them here: <https://www.facebook.com/londonstudentsforlife/about/> This is their second sponsored walk: the first raised funds to help pregnant students. This walk is to support the great work of Good Counsel Network which offers practical and emotional support to women who might otherwise feel forced to abort. See: <https://goodcounselnet.co.uk/about-the-good-counsel>

This is a wonderful and courageous initiative by London students and it would be great to see them offered encouragement through promotion of their work and donations to this cause. And the A & B Diocese has a special connection with this group as one of the co-founders, Mollie, is the daughter of Tessa and Fr Graham Ricketts. Tessa is our Diocesan Social Action Adviser.

Forthcoming Feasts

9th June St Columba (521? - 597)



Columba (Gaelic Colm Cille) He was born in Gartan, in County Donegal, and was of royal lineage. He studied under Finnian of Moville and Finnian of Clonard. He founded monasteries at Derry, Durrow, and possibly Kells, before leaving Ireland as a missionary, “an exile for Christ.” His greatest foundation was Iona, from where he converted much of western Scotland, and his followers took the Gospel as far as northern England. He died at Iona in 597. He was renowned as a poet and scribe as well as a spiritual guide. In Gaelic literature he appears as Ireland’s most popular saint, noted for his great personal love of all creatures, both human and animal.