

ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER 2ND MAY 2021

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Mass Intentions and Mass Times: Week starting 2nd May

Saturday 1 st May	9.30 am	The Unemployed (<i>Followed by Exposition & Confessions</i>)
	6.00 pm	Mass in Italian
Sunday 2 nd May	9.15 am	Parishioners
	11.15 am	Those on First Communion and Confirmation Programmes
Monday 3 rd May	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Tuesday 4 th May	9.30 am	Bernard Adderley RIP
Wednesday 5 th May	11.00 am	Funeral of Bernard Adderley
Thursday 6 th May	9.30 am	LITURGY OF THE WORD
Friday 7 th May	9.30 am	Alan RIP
Saturday 8 th May	9.30 am	Christine Cassey (Birthday)
	6.00 pm	Mass in Italian
Sunday 9 th May	9.15 am	Dorothy Cartledge RIP (anniversary)
	11.15 am	Those Suffering in India from the Pandemic

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.

May is the month of Mary. Please join us for the Rosary on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays 9.00-9.15 am in the church, starting Monday 3rd May.

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: Please note the change of Mass times on Wednesday because of the Funeral of Bernard Adderley. It will be live streamed but attendance is by invitation only because of the legal limits on numbers allowed to attend funerals. The Funeral Mass will commence at 11.00 am.

First Communion and First Reconciliation: Starting on Wednesday and Saturday of the coming week 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 during First Confession. These meetings will take start at 5.30 pm on Wednesdays and 3.30 pm on Saturdays and last no more than an hour.

Rosary in May: You are invited to gather and say the rosary on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays from 9.00 am to 9.15 am prior to the Morning Mass will commences at 9.30 am.

In the post Easter period there will be Exposition and Confessions after the 9.30 am Mass on Saturdays.

Any notices for this newsletter to be sent to Fr Bill at mail@sterconwalds.org.uk

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Offertory 28th March £130.30

Easter Offertory Collection for 4th April: £1142.58 **Thank you for your generosity. Total banked £1665.18**

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

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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

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.

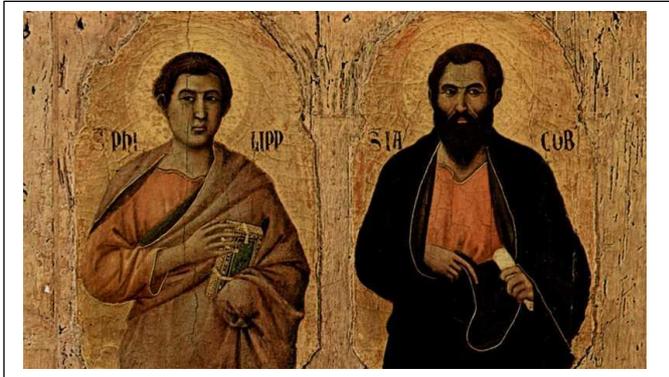
Thank you!

CAFOD Opportunities: Step into the Gap with CAFOD's gap year programme. Applications are open until 31 May 2021. It's an opportunity for 18-30 year olds: learn more about yourself and global justice whilst gaining skills and work experience. Accommodation, travel expenses and stipend included. More info at: www.cafod.org.uk/gapyear

Forthcoming Feasts

Diocese of Arundel and Brighton charity No 25287

3rd May Saints Philip and James, Apostles



Philip was born at Bethsaida and started as a disciple of John the Baptist. After the Baptist's death he followed Christ.

James the son of Alphaeus is called "James the Less", to distinguish him from James the son of Zebedee. James "the brother of the Lord" ruled the Church at Jerusalem; wrote an epistle; led an austere life; and converted many Jews to the Faith. He was crowned with martyrdom in the year 62.

Jerome held these two Jameses to be the same person, and this was certainly the prevailing opinion when the feast of Philip and James was instituted in 560. Nowadays scholars prefer to divide them, in which case we might think of today as being the feast of Philip and James and James.

4th May The English Martyrs

On 4 May 1535, at Tyburn in London, there died three Carthusian monks, the first of many martyrs of the English Reformation. Of these martyrs, forty-two have been canonized, and a further 242 have been declared Blessed; but the true number of those who died on the scaffold, perished in prison, or were tortured or persecuted for their faith cannot now be reckoned. The persecution lasted a hundred and fifty years and left a permanent mark on English culture: to this day Catholics continue to suffer certain minor disabilities under English law.

The martyrs celebrated today came from every walk of life. There were rich and poor; married and single; men and women. They are remembered for the example they gave of constancy in their faith and courage in the face of persecution.

From 2001, there are also celebrated on this day the forty martyrs of England and Wales who were canonized on 25 October 1970 and formerly celebrated on that day. They include Saints Cuthbert Mayne, John Houghton, Edmund Campion, and Richard Gwynn, as well as Saints John Roberts and Ambrose

Barlow from the Benedictine monastery of St Gregory at Douay (now at Downside Abbey in Somerset),

Smile Lines

At a towing company: "We don't charge an arm and a leg. We want your tows instead."

On a maternity room door: "Push. Push. Push."

At an optometrist's office: "If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."

In a podiatrist's office: "Time wounds all heels."

On a house's fence: "Salespeople welcome! Dog food is expensive."

At a car dealership: "The best way to get back on your feet - miss a car payment."