

# ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

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23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## Parish News

### Screens in our church

As Fr Ruslan mentioned before the summer break, our ultimate aim is to go paperless during our masses. We need volunteers to operate the display screens during mass - it could be as little as one mass a month or less, much like our current readers/eucharistic minister rotas. It'll be very straightforward, training given!! Perhaps some of our younger parishioners might like to help with this! We also need someone to organise the rota on a monthly basis- this shouldn't take more than an hour a week or less. **Please contact the office** - we can't use these wonderful screens without your help!

### St Erconwald's Parish Autumn Concert - Save the Date!

We're very excited to announce that the Weybridge Male Voice Choir led by their musical director, Jonathan Kilhams, will be performing a concert at St Erconwald's at **7:30pm on Saturday 11 November!**

We will publish more details in the weeks ahead but do please put this date in your diary now and save the date! It will be an evening of the best choral music, not to be missed and an opportunity for us to get together social as a parish. We will shortly be looking for a small team of volunteers to help plan and run this concert.

Please note that as a result of the concert, there will be NO VIGIL MASS at St Erconwald's on Saturday 11 November.

### Folk Group

The 9.15 music group (2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays!) would like to welcome **new members** - to sing, play an instrument or help in any other way! Starting in September, we shall be practising for 15 minutes prior to mass, so if you'd like to learn the songs we play as we celebrate Mass, do join us then. We shall also be hosting **two music workshops** in the autumn. The first will be on **Monday 11th September**, 7.30-9pm in the hall. All are welcome, there'll be tea and coffee (and cake!). We'd love for as many people as possible to join us. Any questions, do come and see us after mass in September, or contact Francis Bealin-Kelly on 07949-087 349.

Thanks.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Utility Collection

There will be a second collection the weekend of 23/24<sup>th</sup> of September. This will be one of our quarterly Utility Collection. With Winter coming, we really need to be prepared for the high gas and electricity bills. We need to have a welcoming and warm Church during the winter and the costs of heating the Church has gone through the roof in the last year. Any little helps and we are always extremely grateful for your generosity. Thank you.

### Red Box Holders

It is time for the second collection of the year of the contents of your Red boxes. Please would donors take an envelope from the porch, put your details on it and empty the contents of your box into the envelope and return it to the sacristy after Mass **by Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> October at the latest.**

If you prefer to return your box, please ensure that your name is on the label and place it in the sacristy and take an empty box from the porch. If you would like to start collecting for overseas missions, please contact Dominic Ennis on 02 082246114. Thank you.

## **Alpha Course**

The Alpha course has been postponed till next year. Please keep an eye on our newsletter for new dates. Thank you.

## **School Forms**

If you would like Fr Ruslan to sign your Primary or Secondary School forms, please make sure you are registered within our Parish first. If you need a Registration Form, please contact the Parish Office or collect one from the back of the Church. Once you have registered, Fr Ruslan will be signing the School forms. These will be ready to be collected from the Sacristy at the end of Mass. Thank you.

## **Confirmation Programme 2024**

If your child is 14 years old by September 2023 or going into Yr10 and wishes to be Confirmed, please download the Confirmation Programme 2024 registration pack from the parish website. Please contact the Parish Office if you need any more information. Thank you.

## **The Parish Pastoral Council**

The PPC will be meeting this week (on Wednesday) to look at plans for the upcoming year, and how we can continue to enhance our parish life and grow as a faith community. Many suggestions were made as part of the survey, and we thank you for that - but we also need your support to implement them! Whether you have an hour a week, a month, or can give time on an adhoc basis, do contact Susana in the office or Lucy Jardine, PPC Chair ([ppc.walton@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:ppc.walton@abdiocese.org.uk)) so that we can look together how we can match your availability, enthusiasm, energy and skills with the needs and hopes expressed. We shall be putting up a list of volunteer roles with suggested time commitments and people to contact on the website in the next few weeks, but some areas include: our welcoming team, our communications team, youth ministry, revamping our porch so that it is more welcoming - do get in touch!!!

We are also keen to support the development of **youth ministry in our parish**. So if you are keen on helping out, the diocese is offering a two-day training course, first day is on Saturday 16th September. Please contact the office asap if you are interested in attending. Please see below for more information:

[https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/9c6vj3oh?fbclid=IwAR15TeDEh\\_Qh-3gz9UZ1-qd7v\\_10Mnq7yEmM7zcyj5ojENIV-aJSBOF6jd-8](https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/9c6vj3oh?fbclid=IwAR15TeDEh_Qh-3gz9UZ1-qd7v_10Mnq7yEmM7zcyj5ojENIV-aJSBOF6jd-8)

## **StEPS**

St Erconwald's Parish Support (StEPS) will be meeting on Tuesday 12th September at 7.30pm in the hall. On the Agenda will be arranging a Parish Social, Christmas lunch and building links with Weybridge St Vincent de Paul. Please join us and see how you can get involved – as little or as much as you can!

It's been a pretty busy summer for StEPS and the Parish. At the end of July fourteen parishioners, went on the Arundel and Brighton pilgrimage to Lourdes. Three members of staff from Cardinal Newman School volunteered in the Accueil (hospital) in Lourdes that cares for pilgrims with specific medical needs. It was a very special week and a lovely way to get to know more people in the Parish and wider Diocese.

A few members of the group have attended Safeguarding Training at the Diocese. In addition, some are now insured to offer lifts to parishioners and will help where we can. There is a local volunteer transport service who may be able to help.

We have been working together with members of Walton community, Weybridge Prince of Peace and local charity Rent Start to support people sleeping rough in the area. If you are concerned about anyone in the Parish, please drop the Parish Office an email.

## **Diocesan run events**

To find out about and book events hosted by the Diocese please visit our website events calendar

W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

## 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 03.09.23: £248.87**

**Standing Orders contributions for August: £4016**

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 Erconwald's 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

Baptism	First Communion	Reconciliation
Next Baptismal Preparation session will <b>on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 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

Parish Primary School	Parish Secondary School
<b>Cardinal Newman School</b> 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>	<b>Salesian School</b> 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>

### Cardinal Newman School

Our partner school, Cardinal Newman in Hersham, will be having open days in September. If you would like to attend one of the sessions, please email the school office with your telephone number to book it.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September from 10am-12pm.

Wednesday 04<sup>th</sup> October, Open evening 6pm-8pm, you don't need to book this session, just turn up.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 1.15pm.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November, 10am.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024, 10am.

## Mass Intentions and Mass Times: Week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> September

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Saturd 09 September	9.30am	Judith's Intentions
	4.45pm	Italian Mass
	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sunday 10 September	9.15am	<b><u>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</u></b> All children that have started school this week
	11.15am	Betty Braganza RIP
Monday 11 September	9.30am	Edwin Jones RIP
Tuesday 12 September	9.30am	Oscar Prince RIP
Wedn 13 September	9.30am <b>Rosary</b>	<b><u>St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor (Memorial)</u></b> Drane Family
Thursd 14 September	NO MASS	<b><u>Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast)</u></b> NO MASS
Friday 15 September	9.30am <b>Divine Mercy</b>	<b><u>Our Lady of Sorrows (Memorial)</u></b> Arnaldo Fernandes RIP
Saturd 16 September	9.30am	<b><u>Ss Cornelius and Cyprian, Martyrs (Memorial)</u></b>
	4.45pm	Italian Mass
	6.00pm	Paola & Spiro Mallia RIP
Sunday 17 September	9.15am	<b><u>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</u></b> Parishioners
	11.15am	

***Please pray for those who have asked for your prayers:***

*Margaret (Maggie) Hawkes, Anna Sartori, Rose Collins, Carmen Galanty, Patrick Russell, 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, Ty Mathiaus-Glasgow, Arlo Nolan, the Hansford family, Beryl Jones, Sebastian Vanzyl.*

Dear Parishioners,

This section of our Newsletter is 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. 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.