

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

BAPTISM PREPARATION
These sessions take place regularly throughout the year. Please contact the office for details and to book. The next Baptism session will be in **May (date tbc)at 8pm on Zoom.**

RECONCILIATION
In the Sacrament of Reconciliation we encounter God’s love for us through the gift of forgiveness, pardon and peace. This sacrament is regularly available in church on Saturdays after the 9.30 Mass or on request.

Children are introduced to **Reconciliation** during the year in which they make their first Holy Communion and are then invited to celebrate this sacrament of God's healing.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025
Our First Holy Communion children will be receiving this Sacrament soon! Please pray for all them, their catechists and their families.

CONFIRMATION
Our Confirmation programme is now also underway. Please pray for our Confirmation candidates as they prepare for this Sacrament, which they will receive in May at Arundel Cathedral.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Thu 17 April	20.00	Maundy Thursday, Mass of the Lord’s Supper MASS Joe & Sarah Hegarty RIP
Fri 18 April	15.00	Good Friday, Solemn Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion
Sat 19 April	11.00 13.00	Blessing of Easter Food Blessing of Easter Food
	20.00	The Solemn Vigil of Easter MASS Special Intentions & Blessings for Francis & Venita Goes
Sun 20 April	9.15	Easter Sunday MASS Recovery and Health of Jan Freeman MASS Intentions of John Lydon on his 90 th Birthday ITALIAN MASS POLISH MASS
	11.15	
	12.30	
	13.00	
Mon 21 April	9.30	MASS Intentions of Rose Belbin
Tue 22 April	NO MASS	NO MASS AND NO ADORATION
Wed 23 April	9.30	MASS Wellbeing of Deborah Russell
Thu 24 April	NO MASS	NO MASS
Fri 25 April	9.30	MASS For the defeat of the Assisted Suicide & Abortion Discrimination Bill
Sat 26 April	9.30 10.00	MASS Adoration and Reconciliation
	16.45 18.00	
Sun 27 April	9.15	Second, ‘Low’, Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) MASS Parishioners MASS Ray Matton RIP
	11.15	



ST ERCONWALD’S NEWSLETTER

20 APRIL 2025

He is risen indeed!



Happy Easter! We celebrate the Solemnity of the Resurrection of our Lord, who has triumphed over death and opened the gates of Heaven for all who accept the gift of salvation. Today’s Gospel reminds us that “they did not yet understand the Scripture that He had to rise from the dead,” as seen in the reactions of Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter, and the Apostle John. The Resurrection of Christ is a vital point that transforms our lives. By rising from the dead, Jesus marks a new beginning, instilling in us the hope that through His suffering and death, we too can share in His Resurrection. We have a new life always laid out before us, and this life is in Our Risen Lord. Happy Easter to all of you, dear parishioners of St. Erconwald Catholic Church.

With prayers from Ruslan and the PPC

EASTER COLLECTIONS AND OFFERINGS
Maundy Thursday’s collection will be for maintenance, and on **Good Friday** the collection will be for the Holy Places of Palestine. A gentle reminder that parish priests are not paid a salary; they are remunerated from mass stipends and from Easter and Christmas offerings. **Easter** (Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday) **offerings** will go to Fr Ruslan as your personal gift. If you plan to donate via bank transfer/ DONA, please use the reference ‘Easter Offering’. Thank you.

BUCKET COLLECTIONS AND PETITIONS HCPT Group 24
HCPT Group 24 is travelling to Lourdes this week for our annual Easter Pilgrimage. We are taking a number of children from the parish and will be holding our traditional **bucket collection at the end of all Easter masses**. Any donations will be greatly received and will help pay for treats and other group activities. We will also be collecting petitions for anyone who would like to leave a prayer with Our Lady at the Grotto. Thank you for all your support and prayers.

SECOND COLLECTIONS
Next weekend 26/27th April the second collection is for our quarterly utilities bill.

MISSIO COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU!
St Erconwald’s Parish raised £1694.52 in 2024 for Missio for overseas missionary work through Red Box collections or direct debit. A big thank you from Fr Anthony Chantry, Missio’s National Director. If anyone would like to collect for this important work, please contact Dominic Ennis your local secretary on 0208 2246114.

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WALTON ON THAMES.

You can also donate in church using the DONA device or the QR codes in the pews. Please use Gift Aid if you can. Thank you for all your help and financial contributions!

DEAR PARISHIONERS

This section of our newsletter is for those in need of our prayers, whether 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, please let the office know. If you are submitting on behalf of someone else, please seek their permission first. If you are sick or unwell and would like Fr Ruslan to know but not have your name in the newsletter, just let us know.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS

Aman Allos, Teresa Azouz, Baby Elm, Roger Blishen, Christopher Clifford and Catherine Browle, Katherine Cawley, Trish Claxton, Rose Collins, Jimmy Connaughtoin, Thérésè Crumpler, James De Leons-Hopkins, Maureen and Bill Dodds, Julia Donaldson, Mary Edenborough, Manuel and Jackie Faraldo, Michael and Cathy Flynn, Carole Frost, Carmen Galanty, Sophie Giannini, Franky Goes, Gloria Gowen, Ann Griffin, the Hansford family, Yvonne and Michael Johnson, Karen Lane, John Lydon, Rita McGloin, Oscar Menezes, Christian Misuraca, Sarah Mitchell, Maureen Moriarty, Eileen Mulqueen, Colleen Murphy, Louise Nettleton, Arlo Nolan, Ben Piltsher, Shirley Rhodes, Deborah Russell, Evie Sagun, Anna Sartori, Michael Spears, Michelle Thomas, Eileen White, Angela Widdup, Dina Yates.

HOME VISITS

Fr Ruslan would like to meet parishioners who are too poorly to come to church at different times throughout the year in their homes. Do reach out to Susana in the office, Ann Meehan or Fr Ruslan so we can schedule visits.

CARLO ACUTIS - FIRST MILLENNIAL SAINT

On 27 April Blessed Carlo Acutis will be canonised by Pope Francis - the first millennial saint of the Catholic Church. He was known for his exceptional faith in Christ and his devotion to the Eucharist and the rosary. In 2022 he decided he wanted to put together an exhibit of miracles of the Eucharist from around the world and developed his own website categorising them all. Carlo died in October 2006 from leukaemia at the age of 15.

To mark his canonisation in our parish, we are displaying a selection of the exhibit he put together in the church, around the sanctuary, until 29 April. We will also be marking next **Sunday 27 April (Divine Mercy Sunday)**, with Eucharistic Adoration from 12-9pm in the church. Come and pray, or just have quite time before Jesus. We encourage you to come along - we will be praying as a parish during this time and especially for the young people of our parish.

WORK IN THE CHURCH

Thank you so much for all your generous donations for the work to renovate the sanctuary so far. We have now raised over £19,000 but need help to reach our target of £28,000 to complete the works. We're getting there! We were excited to find some unusual brick and woodwork underneath the fabric and are looking at how we can best preserve and update this.

If you would like to contribute please do so via any of the usual methods (Dona machines, cash, cheque, bank transfer or on our Just Giving page) clearly labelled as Church Maintenance.

If you have a fundraising idea that you would like to lead on either as a group or an individual then please contact the office walton@abdiocese.org.uk. Ideas might include a film night, a sponsored walk, a pot luck supper, a cake sale or something more unusual!

If you work for a large (or maybe not so large) company that runs a Matching Gift scheme, your employer might match either what you give or what you raise £ for £. From Accenture at the top of the alphabet to Warner Music at the bottom, if you work for a company that offers this scheme please do let us know!

YOUTH-LED MASS, SOCIAL AND CONFIRMATION MASS OF ELECTION

We'll be celebrating our Confirmation Candidates during the next youth-led Mass next **Saturday 26 April at 6pm**. At this Mass of Election, the Confirmation Candidates, the 'elect' put themselves forward, called by name by God to a new life in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please join in welcoming them and praying for them. This combined Mass will be followed by a **young people's social evening** until 8pm in the hall, with pizza and games.

JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Our parish Jubilee pilgrimage to the National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady at Walsingham led by Fr Ruslan will take place on **Thursday 10-Friday 11 July 2025**. Please do sign up here: <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/qolblgvx> or contact the parish office for further info. **Deadline: end of April.**

TODDLER PRAISE AND PLAY

Toddler's praise and play starts again on Friday from 10-11.30 in the hall - it's a great opportunity to meet other parents/grandparents, play, sing and read stories together. There's often a craft activity too! Do come along with your toddler!

ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT

Back by popular demand, our parish quiz night will take place on **Saturday 10 May** (7-10pm) Pit your wits against other teams - you can come along by yourself or as a team (max. 6 people). Cost: £7 per person, which will include supper and soft drinks - BYOB! Sign up online here: <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/eqz9mxdc> or on the sheet at the back of church.

ANNUAL PLANT AND JAM SALE

We'll be selling home-made jam, marmalade and plants for your (vegetable) garden on **Sunday 11 May**. Do bring along any surplus plants you may have to add to what our current growers have for sale, or, if you haven't managed to get your seeds into compost, come and buy what you need!

WEYBRIDGE PARISH

A couple of weeks ago representatives from all 10 parishes in the Weybridge Deanery met to share with each other and the Steering Group and to look at priorities as we move towards a single parish. It was a first meeting with rich discussions and full of desire to move forward together. The Steering Group next meets in May to discern next steps in the process.

MONTH OF MARY

In May we focus on Our Lady, blessed mother of Christ. On **Saturday afternoon 17 May** we shall be joining with our Italian parishioners for a time of special devotion, with a joint Mass and social afterwards. Further details to follow.

DIOCESAN/OTHER NEWS

RETREAT

Divine Mercy and St Michael the Archangel, 3-4 May, Church of the Holy Name, Esher. Fr Matthew Szerszeń CSMA will lead this retreat, beginning at 4pm on 3 May. After all Masses: veneration of 1st class relic of St Faustina; anointing with St Michael oil; investiture with the scapular of St Michael. For details, please contact the Esher parish office.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:

Closing date for applications is soon, visit the diocesan website for details.

FESTIVAL OF HOPE/DIOCESAN 60th ANNIVERSARY

Save the date! A big celebration will take place on 20 September to which all are invited. Coaches will be going from our deanery. Many more details to follow in due course.

COMMUNICATIONS

Please send any newsletter/website/porch/social media items or any amendments to: comms.sterconwalds@gmail.com by Thursdays at 2pm for inclusion/ uploading as appropriate. All feedback is welcome.

SAFEGUARDING

If you wish to work with children or vulnerable adults in our parish please contact Tina O'Kelly, our Safeguarding Rep for volunteers: tina@okellynet.com. See our website for further details.

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers are such a huge part of our parish and we would love to welcome anyone who wishes to get involved as we grow together as a faith community and reach out to those around us. See here for details: <https://www.sterconwalds.org.uk/get-involved.html>

YOUR OFFERINGS PLATE COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL: TBC

STANDING ORDERS FOR MARCH: £4840.67

THANK YOU!

SAVE THE DATES!

26 APR: YOUTH-LED MASS AND SOCIAL
10 MAY: QUIZ NIGHT
17 MAY: YOUTH-LED MASS
27 JUN: YOUTH-LED MASS
10-11 JUL: PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM
AUG: PILGRIM'S WAY WALK
20 SEP: FESTIVAL OF HOPE