

ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Parish Office hours Tuesday-Friday 10am-1.30pm

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.

2nd Collection: Utility Collection

There will be a second collection this weekend 23/24th 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 1st of 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.

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 Program 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.

First Holy Communion Program 2024

St Erconwald's First Holy Communion Program is now ready!!!! Please follow the link [Sacraments - St Erconwalds](#) and download the registration pack and application form (any problems, please let the Parish office know as we can always give you a hard copy). The application forms should be returned no later than Sunday 21st October. Any forms received after that date will NOT be considered. However, without Catechists the program cannot be run and at the moment, we do not have enough Catechists. Last year we had a fantastic group of parents that step up to deliver it. The more Catechists we have the better as that means you will not have to lead every week. So please get in touch with the Parish office phone (01932 22 1101 or 07494 749833) or email (walton@abdiocese.org.uk) if you are interested in helping. We will be extremely grateful. Thank you.

AND PLEASE REMEMBER TO REGISTER WITH THE PARISH BEFORE YOU APPLIED FOR A PLACE IN THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM.

Divine Mercy

All welcome to join us every Friday after 9.30am mass to recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet which is about the timeless message of God's Merciful Love and Trust in His Divine Mercy. Jesus said to St. Faustina: "Those who honour My Mercy will receive boundless graces not only through their entire life but especially at the hour of death when I come not as a just Judge but as the Merciful Saviour."

Notice from one of our Parishioners

I am Anita, a Children's Occupational Therapist, Certified Infant Massage Instructor and Parishioner. For the past 20 years, I have worked with babies and young children who have had an eventful start in life and who need support to experience and participate in their new world. Research shows the benefits of using Baby Massage to create lasting baby/parent bonds, establish communication and support a baby's physical, emotional and social development. I am now running 5-week courses to teach parents these skills and would love to share this with new parents in the parish. All classes include a bottle of organic massage oil, handouts, plenty of time for learning and practice of strokes as well as refreshments afterwards.

Please get in touch via email - anitamreals@gmail.com - or take a look at the Roots & Blossoms Facebook page for more information.

Next Week

- Fr Ruslan will be celebrating the funeral for Patrick Russell in our Church on Wednesday 27th of September at 3pm. All welcome.
- Next Saturday, Fr Ruslan will be celebrating a Baptism in our Church. Please welcome her and her family into our wonderful community.
- October is the month of the Holy Rosary. The Rosary will be recited after Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Mass. Please stay and take part in this important time of prayer. An aid to pray the Rosary can be found in the porch. Please take one.

The Parish Pastoral Council

At the PPC meeting, we spent time looking at what a missionary disciple is (as Bishop Richard encourages us all to be), and what that means and could mean for us and our parish. We also looked at the **importance of welcoming** - how that extends far beyond a welcoming face as you come into church but involves each and every one of us members of our parish community. Fr Ruslan will share much more about this in the weeks and months to come. In the meantime, Fr Ruslan invites anyone who'd like to join those who greet you as you come into church at all masses to a **reflection/training evening on Wednesday 11 October at 7.30pm**. If you're coming to mass anyway, why not consider this? Families are particularly welcome to join the team!

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 17.09.23: £288.05

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 on Tuesday 3rd October at 7pm 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. The sacrament of Reconciliation is regularly available in church on Saturdays after 9.30 Mass or on request.

Catholic Education

Cardinal Newman School Open Days

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 29th September from 10am-12pm.
- Wednesday 04th October, Open evening 6pm-8pm, you don't need to book this session, just turn up.
- Tuesday 10th October, 1.15pm.
- Friday 10th, 17th and 24th November, 10am.
- Friday 12th January 2024, 10am.

Parish Primary School	Parish Secondary School
Cardinal Newman School Arch Road Hersham Surrey KT12 4QT TEL : 01932 222536 Email : office@cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk	Salesian School Guildford Road Chertsey Surrey KT16 9LU TEL : 01932 582520 Email : info@salesian.surrey.sch.uk

Mass Intentions and Mass Times: Week commencing 25th September

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Saturd 23 September	9.30am	<u>St Pius of Pietrelcina 'Padre Pio' (Memorial)</u> Judith's Intentions
	4.45pm	Italian Mass
	6.00pm	Costa Sammut RIP
Sunday 24 September	9.15am	<u>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> Clive Gardner RIP
	11.15am	Rudolph Fisk RIP
Monday 25 September	9.30am	Judith's Intentions
Tuesday 26 September	9.30am	Judith's Intentions
Wedn 27 September	9.30am	<u>St Vincent de Paul, Priest (Memorial)</u> Wellbeing of Orlando
	Rosary 3.00pm	Patrick Russell's Funeral
Thursd 28 September	NO MASS	<u>St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist (Feast)</u> NO MASS
Friday 29 September	9.30am	<u>Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels (Feast)</u> Fr Ruslan's Intentions
	Divine Mercy	
Saturd 30 September	9.30am	<u>St Gerome, Priest, Doctor (Memorial)</u> Tom & Christopher McGrath RIP
	4.45pm	Italian Mass
	6.00pm	Lorcan O'Rourke RIP
Sunday 01 October	9.15am	<u>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> Parishioners
	11.15am	Vini's Intentions (Birthday)
	1.00pm Polish Mass	Piotr Sikorski RIP (Anniversary) Czeslawa Drechnowicz RIP Max Weston's Intentions

Please pray for those who have asked for your prayers:

Margaret (Maggie) Hawkes, Anna Sartori, Rose Collins, Carmen Galanty, 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, Arlo Nolan, the Hansford family, Beryl Jones.

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.