

ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Parish News

Church improvements update

Improvements to our Church are making good progress!

- The wires draped along the walls have been removed or put in trunking and they are now ready for new screens.
- The old speakers have been removed from the Church walls
- The live stream camera has been mounted on the wall in front of the gallery
- Uplight niche lights in the Church have been replaced with new LED lights
- Car park lights have been fixed and external security lighting around the Church, hall and house has been installed

Very soon we will be able to give you a more detailed update on the TV screen's project!

2 companies have now been to the Church to assess the damp and we are waiting for their report so works can start. The damp is a big problem in our Church that has been left unattended for far too long. We want our Church to be here for all the new generations in our Parish and if we don't maintain our building, this will not be possible. So, thank you for all your help and generosity in the last few months. Please keep an eye on our newsletter for more updates!

Eucharistic Ministers and Readers

Thank you very much for showing an interest in the training sessions. Fr Ruslan is planning to hold his first meeting for Eucharistic Ministers on Wednesday 7th of June at 7.30pm in the Church and Hall. And for Readers it will be on Wednesday 14th of June at 7.30pm also in the Church and Hall. Please contact the office if you have any queries. Thank you.

2nd Collection

Dear Brothers and Sisters, due to an increase in utilities bills (gas, electricity, etc) as a Parish we need to generate funds to cover winter expenses which doubled in comparison with previous years. Therefore, it was decided by the Parish Finance Committee that we are going to have 2nd Collection quarterly for utilities. "Spring Utility Collection" will take place on Sunday 21st of May. If you pay online or by DONA, please chose the "Maintenance Option". We are very grateful for your contributions.

Confirmation Group

Also, on Sunday 21st of May at 9.15am, Fr Ruslan will be celebrating a Parish Welcoming Mass for the newly Confirmed young people of our community. The youngsters will be receiving their certificates during this Mass. Please join us and congratulate them on taking such an important step in their Catholic life.

Parish Registration form

Please remember to register with the Parish if you have not done so yet. This will help us knowing our parishioners a bit better. Please download the form from the Parish website or contact the office for a paper copy. Thank you very much!

Twitter Relaunch

We're delighted to announce the relaunch of our Twitter account so you can stay up-to-date real-time with all that is happening around the parish. Follow us at **@StErconwalds**

Survey for young Catholics

Do you work with young Catholics in a school, parish, diocese, youth group or other organisation? If so Dr Karen Towey Senior Lecturer and Programme Lead for the Foundation Degree in Youth Ministry at St Mary's University, would love to hear from you. Dr Towey is conducting a pastoral research project, exploring the successful transmission and formation in the faith of Catholic young people in England - looking at what works or doesn't work, in the wake of the Covid pandemic.

See the survey here: <https://stmarys.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/catholic-young-people-successful-transmissionformation-2>

This week

Please be aware that there will be NO 9.30am Mass on Monday, Tuesday or Friday. We have Vigil Mass on Wednesday 17th at 7.30pm and Mass at 9.30am on Thursday 18th of May (Ascension of the Lord).

Next Tuesday 16th of May at 1pm, Fr Ruslan will be celebrating George Brown's Funeral here at St Erconwald's Church. Please keep George and his family in your prayers. RIP

Saturday 20th of May, Fr Ruslan will be celebrating 2 Baptisms in our Church. Please welcome these children and their families into our wonderful community. Thank you.

Next Baptismal Preparation Session will be on Tuesday 23rd of May at 7pm in the Church Hall. Please contact the Parish Office to book your space. Thank you.

Saint Vincent de Paul news

Next SVP meeting will take place on Tuesday 23rd of May at 7.30pm in the Hall.

Homelessness - How to Help

When we see someone living on the street it can be hard to know what to do, give money? give food? walk on by? Have you seen someone sleeping rough, but are unsure how you can help? There are many reasons why someone might end up homeless. StreetLink is a UK charity that helps assist those who are homeless and are sleeping rough. It is not an outreach service or an accommodation provider, nor is it an emergency service. It is the link between someone sleeping rough and the independent local services available. Find out more at <https://www.sterconwalds.org.uk/streetlink.html>.

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 07.05.23: £355.59

Standing Orders contributions for April: £3841

Contributions via DONA for April: £126

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 Erconwalds 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 be Tuesday 23rd of May 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

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 15th May

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Saturday 13 May	9.30am	<u>St Erconwald, Bishop</u> For Good Friends
	4.45pm	Italian Mass
	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sunday 14 May	9.15am	<u>6th Sunday of Easter</u> In memory of the Mondello-Sammut families
	11.15am	Daniel O'Sullivan RIP
Monday 15 May	NO MASS	NO MASS
Tuesday 16 May	1.00pm	George Brown's Funeral
Wednesday 17 May	9.30am Rosary	Barbara Dara RIP
	7.30pm	Helena's Intentions
Thursday 18 May	9.30am	<u>The Ascension of the Lord (Solemnity)</u> Kevin and Lynne Andrews RIP
Friday 19 May	NO MASS	NO MASS
Saturday 20 May	9.30am	Well-being of Jim and Mary Murphy
	4.45pm	Italian Mass
	6.00pm	Martin O'Shea RIP
Sunday 21 May	9.15am	<u>7th Sunday of Easter</u> Ken and Marjorie Robertson RIP
	11.15am	Parishioners

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, Ann Lane, 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, Sheila Tickner, 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

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.