

ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

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31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Parish News

As we are now entering the month of November. The month when we remember our friends and family members that are not with us anymore. May their souls rest in peace. As in previous years, during the month of November we will not have individual Mass Intentions. At the back of the Church, you can find the Remembrance Book. Please write the name of your loved ones on your preferred date. The Book will be brought to the Altar every day and they will be remembered during Mass.

This weekend 4/5th of November we are having a second collection for Retired Priests.

Fr Ruslan needs someone with a van to move a few pieces of furniture. If you have a van or know of someone, please have a chat with Fr Ruslan. Thank you.

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!** Befitting the date, the programme will include some music for Remembrance and will also look forward to the coming season of Advent. **Tickets are £10 and they will go on sale this weekend.** They will be available after Saturday and Sunday Masses and from the Parish office during normal office hours (Tue-Fri 10-13:30). 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.

9.15 Folk Music Group

Dear Parishioners on Monday 13th November we will be running the 9.15 Folk Group's second workshop in the hall starting at 7.30pm. At the last one we welcomed new members with tea and cake and then practiced some old songs and worked on a new one... "My Lighthouse". We have played this new hymn in 2 masses since then and the feedback from the congregation is that they really enjoy singing it.

We really want to increase our numbers of singers and musicians and would love to welcome more new members. Our next meeting is a great way for you to come and hear what we do and to see if you would like to be a part of our special worship. So please take the leap of faith, come along and who knows where it may take you. The music group sings and plays every second Sunday and members come along when they can, so there is no hard and fast commitment. Any questions please find one of us in Mass or contact Francis Bealin-Kelly. 07949087349

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. The deadline to return your completed registration forms is Sunday 12 November. Please contact the Parish Office if you need any more information. Thank you.

Good as New Sale

Please keep Saturday 25th of November 10.30-13.30 free!!!! There will be a "Good as New Sale" in the Church Hall. Declutter your house and bring along donations but ONLY GOOD AS NEW. Have fun selling your items and take back anything that is not sold (please do not leave unsold items in the Church Hall). All the money collected from the sale will be for our Maintenance Fund. Thank you!

Children Liturgy

This Sunday, 5th November, will be trialling a special family mass at 9.15, and the children will stay in church. We will invite all the children to come and sit at the front. Please bring along a cushion so you can make yourselves nice and comfortable. Children's Liturgy will resume on Sunday 11th November.

Parish database

Thank you to all who have registered and indicated a willingness to volunteer. We hope to be in touch with you soon. If you have not yet registered, please take a form to complete and return to the parish office.

Next Week

- Tuesday 7th November: Baptismal Preparation session in the Hall at 7pm. Contact the office to book your space.
- Saturday 11th November there will be NO Vigil MASS.
- Saturday 11th November at 7.30pm Weybridge Male Choir Concert in the Church.
- Sunday 12th November, please welcome Fr Bill as he will be saying Mass at 11.15.

The Parish Pastoral Council

Porch update. Plans are in progress in the external and internal porches - it's amazing what a coat of paint can do! We'll be adding new noticeboards and moving furniture around to create a less cluttered, more inviting space – do let us know what you think!

Advent. It may seem too early to think about Christmas, but Advent is nearly upon us! Do join our 'Invited' sessions in the parish hall to help you prepare for Christmas on 30/11, and 7, 14 and 21 December at 7.30. More information on the website and in the porch. All are welcome.

Communications. We have a small communications team who are taking on the online and printed newsletters and, in due course, our social media accounts. Huge thanks to Andy Robertson and Susana who have worked on these for many years! Do bear with us as we get to grips with the systems! From **13 November**, please send any newsletter items to comms.sterconwalds@gmail.com by **Thursdays at 2pm** for inclusion in the weekend newsletter. If anyone would like to help on a rota basis, please get in touch with the parish office.

On 2nd December we'll have an **Advent wreath making workshop**, learning about the symbolism of the wreath and how we can pray on the four Sundays of Advent. Families welcome! **Registration by 20 November essential** as spaces are limited and we need to buy supplies! Please sign up in the porch or via the parish office – **Cost £10** with all supplies provided.

StEPS - St Erconwald's Parish Support

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14th of November at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

SAVE THE DATE - Christmas Lunch!

Christmas lunch 10th December. Please could you sign the form at the back of the church or let the Parish Office know if you would like to attend, please.

You may remember that a few years back, before Covid, the Care Group arranged Christmas lunches in the hall for our elderly parishioners. The StEPS group are delighted to announce that there will be a Parish Christmas Lunch on **Sunday 10th December** in the Church Hall after the 11.15am Mass. There will be Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings, some festive cheer and maybe even a special visitor! If you would like to come, or know someone who would enjoy it, please sign up at the back of the Church or drop the office an email so we can start planning.

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 29.10.23: 596.67

Offertory Collection 22.10.23: £242.37

2nd Collection for World Missions: 194.95

Standing Orders contributions for September: £4061.32

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 Tuesday 7th November 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 06th November

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Saturday 04 November	9.30am	<u>St Charles Borromeo, Bishop (Memorial)</u> Book of Remembrance
	4.45pm	Italian Mass
	6.00pm	Book of Remembrance
Sunday 05 November	9.15am	<u>31st Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> Book of Remembrance
	11.15am	Book of Remembrance
	1.00pm	Polish Mass
Monday 06 November	9.30am	Book of Remembrance
Tuesday 07 November	9.30am	Book of Remembrance
Wedn 08 November	9.30am	Book of Remembrance
	Rosary	
Thursd 09 November	NO MASS	NO MASS
Friday 10 November	9.30am	<u>St Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor (Memorial)</u> Book of Remembrance
	Divine Mercy	
Saturday 11 November	9.30am	<u>St Martin of Tours, Bishop (Memorial)</u> Book of Remembrance
	4.45pm	Italian Mass
	6.00pm	NO MASS
Sunday 12 November	9.15am	<u>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> Book of Remembrance
	11.15am	Book of Remembrance

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 Rhodhes, 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, Oscar Menezes, Carole Frost, Gloria Gowen, Michael and Cathy Flynn.

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.