

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 on **Tuesday 3 June at 8pm via 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 are receiving this Sacrament over the next few weeks! Please pray for all them, their catechists and their families.

CONFIRMATION

Please pray for our Confirmation candidates as they prepare for this Sacrament, which they will receive this month at Arundel Cathedral.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 31 May	9.30 10.00 14.30 16.45 18.00	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast) NO MASS NO Adoration and NO Reconciliation Confirmation Mass in Arundel ITALIAN MASS MASS Parishioners
Sun 01 June	9.15 11.15 13.00	Seventh Sunday of Easter MASS Graham Merritt RIP MASS In Thanksgiving for the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Remedea & Sebastian Rodrigues POLISH MASS
Mon 02 June	9.30	MASS Good health of John Lydon
Tue 03 June	18.30 19.30	St Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs (Memorial) Adoration and Reconciliation MASS Speedy recovery of Bernadette Quille
Wed 04 June	9.30 10.00	MASS Pat Motha RIP ROSARY
Thu 05 June	NO MASS	St Boniface, Bishop, Martyr (Memorial) NO MASS
Fri 06 June	9.30 10.00	MASS Jim May RIP (anniversary) Divine Mercy
Sat 07 June	9.30 10.00 12.00 16.45 18.00	NO MASS NO Adoration and NO Reconciliation First Holy Communion Mass Vigil Mass of Pentecost ITALIAN MASS MASS Amelia Law RIP
Sun 08 June	9.15 11.15	Pentecost MASS Parishioners MASS Peter McGloin RIP

ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

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DONATIONS PAYABLE TO:

RCD A&B ST ERCONWALD'S
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!

CELEBRATIONS!
As we draw closer to the Feast of Pentecost on **Sunday 8 June** we pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to descend on us and live amongst us.

Communion and Confirmation candidates receiving these sacraments.

Prayer intention for the month of June - That the world might grow in compassion. Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

YOUTH LED MASS!

Please do join mass led by the young people of our Parish on **Saturday 28 June at 6pm**. If you've any suggestions or want to join in - for music, or reading or in any other way, please contact Lucy Jardine on 07740 461 785. Please pass on this message to any young people who might not receive the newsletter!

PARISH FINANCES

This week the Parish Finance Committee is publishing the Parish's accounts for 2024 having reviewed them at our last meeting. As accounts can be a little hard to follow, we're publishing a short slide set summarising some key points which we hope will be helpful. We're also publishing a parish gift aid report for 2024, which shows how your gift-aided donations enabled us to recover a further £15700 from HMRC. And finally, we're publishing the minutes of our most recent meeting in May. The good news is that thanks to your continuing generosity, the parish's finances are considerably improved compared to this time last year. We are now breaking even rather than operating in deficit as we had been in previous years. But if we are to continue our work of renewal - spiritual, physical and community - that we have begun we'll need to continue to work hard together. At next weekend's Masses, our parish gift aid coordinator, Kevin Kilburn, will say a few words about our finances, how they have developed and what we need to do in the future. In the meantime please go to the Parish website (finance tab) for more details.

DEACON GARY CARTER'S ORDINATION and FIRST MASS

On Saturday 5 July parishioner Gary Carter will be ordained a priest at Arundel Cathedral. We'll be taking a coach from St Erconwald's - anyone who'd like to go along to support Gary please contact the office by 31 May. Gary will celebrate his first Mass at 10am on Sunday 6 July with us followed by a reception in the hall. Details of how you can help to follow!

The toddlers play and praise group continues on Fridays from 10-11.30 in the hall. This month we have been looking at Jesus' mother Mary - have a look at the side altar in church to see what we've been making! Children and their parent(s)/grandparent(s) are very welcome.

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 Allou, Tom Asbury, Teresa Azouz, Baby Elm, Roger Blishen, Christopher Clifford and Catherine Browle, Katherine Cawley, Irish Claxton, Rose Collins, Jimmy Connaughton, Therese Crumpler, James DeLeons-Hopkins, Maureen and Bill Dadds, 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, Colleen Murphy, Louise Nettleton, Arlo Nolan, Ben Piltsher, Shirley Rhoddes, Deborah Russell, Eive 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.

THE NEXT 100 CLUB DRAW

The next 100 Club Draw is **this Sunday 1 June** in the hall after **9:15am** Mass. Good luck!

PARISH SURVEY

A couple of weeks ago the Parish Pastoral Council conducted a **parish survey during all Masses**, to help shape our priorities and focus for the next 18 months-2 years. **We really do want to hear from you:** additional forms are available in the back of church - please return them to the box there, or ideally complete the survey online here (link live **until the end of May**): <https://forms.office.com/r/y9eq4vFqqt>. Thanks to all who have completed it so far.

CHILDREN'S SECOND-HAND BOOK SALE

Please come along to a second-hand children's book sale on **Sunday 8 June** after the 9.15 Mass. This is a lovely way for the children to get involved in the church community and raise money to restore the church! Please drop off any books you are happy to donate in the porch by Thursday 5 June, and come along on the 8th to buy others!

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - ANNUAL PARISH HOG ROAST/BBQ!

Please join us for the annual Parish BBQ **Sunday 7 September** this is always a fun way to come together as a parish, more details to follow.

WORK IN THE CHURCH

Thank you once again to all who helped with work in the church over the past few weeks, in order to get it ready for the First Holy Communion masses. The works on the church are of course not finished as we will continue as and when we raise the funds. We are spending modestly considering the size of the building and that it is 35 years since such significant works have been undertaken. The next stage will be to replace the flooring on the bottom step of the altar and then we can then move on to redecorate the transept (the section making the cross with the two side altars) and the corresponding section at the front of the nave (main body of the church). Then onto replacing the carpet!

FUNDRAISING

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 watson@abdiocese.org.uk. If you work for a large (or not so large) company that runs a Matching Gift scheme, your employer might match either what you give/raise. If you work for a company that offers this scheme please do let us know! We always, we welcome your feedback.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION

Please do visit a selection of Carlo Acutis' exhibition **detailed some of the Eucharistic miracles**, displayed around the sanctuary. **It will be there throughout May.**

DIOCESAN / OTHER NEWS

RADIO MARIA ENGLAND

Radio Maria England - our Catholic radio station - have recently introduced a new facility called "Listen again" which allows listeners to hear broadcasts that have gone out recently which they would like to hear again or which they missed the first time round. Just click on the "Listen again" tab on the home page of the website which can be found beneath the "Listen live" tab. Programmes are broadcast 365 days a year 24 hours a day.

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR DIOCESAN MUSICIANS

Saturday 21 June 9:30am - 4pm St Dunstan's Church, Woking. Musicians are invited to come along to a day led by Mgr Kevin McGinnell, a time to reflect on the liturgy and the role of music within it. Sign up using this link: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/kzkkjy1e>

BOSCO CATHOLIC EDUCATION TRUST

Our growing Trust would like anyone interested in becoming a Foundation Governor at one of our wonderful schools across Sussex to contact Alice Mackay, Office Manager, by email E: info@boscoecet.org.uk or telephone T: 01444 221 770 or by providing your details through our website <https://www.boscoecet.org.uk/become-a-governor/>

UK PRAYS - INVITATION TO PRAY FOR THE UK

UK Prays will be saying a public rosary to place the UK under the protection of Our Lady, on **Saturday June 7** at 12.00pm at the Lion Gate, Hampton Court Palace, Hampton Court Road, KT8 9DD. Website UKPrays.org.

CORPUS CHRISTI CARPET OF FLOWERS AND PROCESSION

For over 140 years, Arundel Cathedral has celebrated the feast of Corpus Christi with a magnificent festival of flowers, featuring a world famous Carpet Of Flowers in the central aisle. The Cathedral will be open to view the carpet on **Wednesday 18 June and Thursday 19 June.**

CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS!

Did you know that our Diocese has a newsletter and opportunities for grandparents to meet, recognising the importance of your role in helping to build continuity for families between the sacraments. There's a grandparent's **pilgrimage to Worth Abbey on 11 June 10-3:30pm**, and the annual formation day in September. For further details see <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

FESTIVAL OF HOPE/DIOCESAN 60th ANNIVERSARY

A big celebration will take place on 20 September at Queen's Jubilee Hall, Ardingley. There are limited tickets available for each deanery/parish; we'll travel by coach together. **Please contact the office** as soon as possible if you're interested.

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 24.05.25: £255.20

2ND COLLECTION 24.05.25: £183.41

STANDING ORDERS FOR APRIL: £4835.67

THANK YOU!

SAVE THE DATES!

28 JUN YOUTH-LED MASS
10-11 JUL PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM
AUG PILGRIM'S WAY WALK
7 SEP PARISH HOG ROAST/BBQ
20 SEP FESTIVAL OF HOPE