

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Our Confirmation and First Holy Communion programmes are now underway! Please pray for all those participating, their catechists and their families. The next Baptism session is on Tuesday at 7.00 in the hall.

### FIRST COMMUNION

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.

### RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is regularly available in church on Saturdays after 9.30 Mass on request.

## COLLECTIONS OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

**26.11.23:** £317.85 AND  
MAINTENANCE £367.32

### STANDING ORDERS

**NOVEMBER:** £4150.67

### PARISH BANK DETAILS

**SORT CODE** 40-05-20  
**ACCOUNT NO** 01126393

### 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 do use Gift Aid if you can. Thank you!

## ALPHA COURSE

The Alpha course will start in Advent with a *Try Alpha* session on **13th December at 8pm**. Join us for mince pies and an introduction with session one. The course continues on Monday 15th January at 7.30pm and run for 9 weeks. Sign up here: [steccalpa@outlook.com](mailto:steccalpa@outlook.com)

## CELEBRATION OF CAROLS AND READINGS

Please join us on **Sunday 17th December at 3pm** in church followed by seasonal refreshments, supported by our wonderful youth, music groups and choir. All are welcome to attend this communal celebration of joy during Advent. If you would like to help out, please contact John Joyce via the parish office.

## DIOCESAN-RUN EVENTS

The diocese is hosting workshops for those interested in working in youth ministry, and for catechists, after Christmas. To find out about and book other events hosted by the diocese please visit the events calendar: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

## CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL: ADMISSIONS/ VACANCY

The consultation on proposed admission arrangements for 2025-2026 academic year ends at midnight noon 10/12/2023. Please visit: [www.cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk](http://www.cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk). And there is a **vacancy** for a **Midday Supervisor** starting January 2024, hours 11.30am-1.00pm, term time only. For more information and to apply, please visit: [www.cardinal-newman.surrey.sch.uk/our-school/vacancies](http://www.cardinal-newman.surrey.sch.uk/our-school/vacancies)

## OTHER NEWS

### NATIONAL BOARD OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (NBCW)

**Thursday 7th December 7.30-9.00pm**. To help us prepare for Christmas, retired teacher of Theology Jacintha Bowe will give a short talk followed by an Ignatian style mediation on Mary and her gifts. For details on this and other events see the NBCW website [www.nbcw.co.uk/events](http://www.nbcw.co.uk/events)

**CELEBRATE** have produced an **Advent online family activity pack** and Advent Matchbox Manger to support families this Advent. Download these for free at: [www.celebratetrust.org/onlinefamilyactivitypacks](http://www.celebratetrust.org/onlinefamilyactivitypacks)



# ST ERCONWALDS NEWSLETTER

3RD DECEMBER 2023 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>SAT 2 DEC</b>	<b>09:30</b>	AINE MURPHY DUNMORE DURROW RIP
	<b>16:45</b>	ITALIAN MASS
	<b>18:00</b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> MARY O'RIORDAN RIP
<b>SUN 3 DEC</b>	<b>09:15</b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> JIM, BRIAN AND RAY RIP
	<b>11:15</b>	BETTY BRAGANZA RIP
	<b>13.00</b>	POLISH MASS
<b>MON 4 DEC</b>	<b>09:30</b>	MICHAEL MCDAID RIP
<b>TUE 5 DEC</b>	<b>09:30</b>	THE HOWELL FAMILY
<b>WED 6 DEC</b>	<b>09:30</b> <b>ROSARY</b> <b>18.00</b>	IN THANKSGIVING FOR FRIENDSHIP ADORATION
<b>THU 7 DEC</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>ST AMBROSE, BISHOP, DOCTOR</b> <b>(MEMORIA)</b> <b>NO MASS</b>
<b>FRI 8 DEC</b>	<b>9.30</b> <b>DIVINE</b> <b>MERCY</b> <b>19.30</b>	THE CUMMINGS FAMILY <b>THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF</b> <b>THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b> <b>(SOLEMNITY)</b> THE GOOD HEALTH OF BENEDITA FERNANDES
<b>SAT 9 DEC</b>	<b>09:30</b>	SARAH & JOE HEAGERTY RIP
	<b>16:45</b>	ITALIAN MASS
	<b>18:00</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> THE RANFT FAMILY
<b>SUN 10 DEC</b>	<b>09:15</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> JOHN RYAN RIP
	<b>11:15</b>	PARISHIONERS

## PARISH DETAILS

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## CATHOLIC EDUCATION

### PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

### CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL

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## 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 get 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

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

## PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS

Dear brothers and sisters.

For most Christians, Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation for Christmas. This greatest solemnity of the birth of Our Lord is the destination after 24 days of expectation and hope. We look forward to singing "Silent Night" by candle lights. We look for the incarnation of Christ in humble circumstances. Advent leads up to Christmas, a day of high festal celebration. Advent is a time of quiet reflection and prayer when we contemplate the example of Our Lady and St Joseph and follow their Son in our daily lives. Therefore, I warmly invite you, dear parishioners, to walk together on the path of advent and reflect on four topics: HOPE - JOY - LOVE - PEACE.

With all the blessings, Fr Ruslan

### MISSALETTES

We are trying to reduce our carbon footprint, as well as costs, by only purchasing the number of missalettes needed. To help gauge how many this is, please only take one if you struggle to read the screen or need to take one home with you. Thank you!

### PLEASE COME AND HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS, INCLUDING THE TREES!

We'll be doing this on Saturday 9th December from 10.30-12.30. Do come along!

### DONATIONS UNDER OUR CHRISTMAS TREE

If any children would like to make and write a **Christmas card** for the housebound or those in hospital over Christmas, please leave under the tree. Similarly to Cardinal Newman school, we are also supporting **Stripey Stork**, who provides essential items to vulnerable children and their parents/carers throughout the year. Specifically, the charity has requested donations of only brand-new toiletry gift sets or lego sets. If you wish to donate these gifts, please label your presents and place under the tree by 20/12.

## THIS COMING WEEK

### TUESDAY 5th DECEMBER

**Baptism preparation course** at 7.00pm in the hall. Please contact the office to book your place if you haven't done so already.

### WEDNESDAY 6th DECEMBER

**Adoration and prayer** starting this Wednesday from 6-7pm in church. Feeling fatigued, low, stressed, worried or just wanting some time to yourself? Adoration is a time to connect with Our Lord, relax in his presence and draw you into intimacy with him. As we get closer to Jesus, he gives us wisdom, guidance and strength for our life journey. Come and be restored!

### THURSDAY 7th DECEMBER

#### Invited - God is with us Advent programme

We started last week and reflected on what Jesus means to us. Do come and join Session 2 at 7.30pm. Don't worry if you missed the first - you can catch up here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hil3nDiqezE> and here: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited>

### SATURDAY 9th DECEMBER

Fr Ruslan will celebrate a **baptism** in our church. Please welcome this family into our parish.

**Tree and church decorating** from 10.30-12.30.

### SUNDAY 10th DECEMBER

**Mass of Enrolment** for Confirmation candidates at the 9.15 mass.

**Parishioners' Christmas lunch** after the 12.15 mass. All who have registered, please go to the hall at 12.30 for drinks and nibbles, followed by lunch and a special visitor! The lunch will finish at 14.30. If anyone would like to contribute towards the lunch please select StEPS on Dona or contact the office.

## UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

### PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Our parish penitential service will be on **Wednesday 13th December at 7pm** in the church. Please come along as part of your Advent preparations - and why not come along to the Try Alpha session afterwards in the hall! All are welcome.

## HOME VISITS

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 our parish. 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.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Please send any newsletter/website items to [comms.sterconwalds@gmail.com](mailto:comms.sterconwalds@gmail.com) by Thursdays at 2pm for inclusion/uploading as appropriate.