

# ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

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13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## Parish News

### First Holy Communions

**Many congratulations to all the children that had their First Holy Communion this year!!! We had 53 children in total!!!! As you can imagine, we had 3 very busy weeks. We had an amazing team of Catechists this year again and the musicians did an excellent job, as always! And we cannot forget our amazing Altar Servers! Thank you very much for your prayers for the children and their families as they take this very important step in their Catholic Faith.**

### The Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral council (PPC) met in person in the presbytery on 28<sup>th</sup> June, and next meets on 18 July.

This meeting focused on finalising the **parish survey**, which will take place at all masses **on the weekend of July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>**. The survey will be based on 5 short questions, focussing on:

- Your opinion on how welcoming you find our parish/the mass
- Your reflection on our parish mission statement
- What areas of parish life you would like the PPC to prioritise.

To include as many of our community as possible, all parishioners will be encouraged to complete the questionnaire during mass. If you won't be at mass that week, you will be able to complete the questionnaire in your own time (it can be downloaded from the website and copies will be in the back of church), or online. Further details will be provided in next week's newsletter.

Lucy Jardine, the PPC Chair, will share more details about the survey and the Parish Pastoral Council in person at all masses this weekend.

The meeting also discussed a number of other pastoral matters, including the PPC guidelines and Parish mission statement. These documents are now complete and will be available online and in the back of church. All feedback is welcome.

It was also confirmed that the secondary glazing for the hall will be installed over the summer break and that a new Alpha course will be starting in September. More information will be forthcoming on the Alpha course soon.

As the PPC we look forward to serving the parish. Any questions or suggestions, please do contact Lucy or John via the parish office.

### Audio system update

A big thank you to Peter Rose, the professional sound engineer from Epsom who came and helped set to our new audio mixer and microphones. The new fully digital system replaced many analogue units collected over 25 years. We think the sound has improved considerably. We are now in live testing mode and would welcome comments.

Thank you to the donations received which have helped in buying the kit for phase 1. **We still need to raise another £1k to fully pay for the systems. Donations very welcome! Thank you**

### **This week**

Saturday 08<sup>th</sup> of July, Fr Ruslan will be celebrating 1 Baptism in our Church. Please welcome this child and his family into our wonderful community. Thank you.

### **Saint Vincent de Paul News**

Please write down our next meeting dates in the diary, at 7.30pm in the hall:

**Tuesday 25th July**

**No meeting in August**

**Tuesday 12th September**

Following on from feedback from our previous meetings, there have been discussions regarding how we can combine SVP with the work needed in the Parish of St Erconwald's. More details to be announced at the next meeting.

As always, please drop us an email to [svp@simpkin.net](mailto:svp@simpkin.net) if you have any queries, ideas or know of anyone who would benefit from a visit.

The SVP Team

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

St Erconwald's Knit and Natter, Stitch and Chatter next meeting is on 12<sup>th</sup> of July at 2pm in the Church Hall . Come and join s for tea and homemade cake and bring your latest knitting or crochet project. We are also making 15cm/6in squares to be sewn together for lap blankets or shawls. Yarn, needles can be provided. St Erconwald's Knit and Natter is part of our Prayer Shawl Ministry where we knit for others in need of prayer and comfort. Thank you!

### **Diocesan run events**

#### **Celebrating the Feast of St Joachim and St Anne – Saturday 22 July 2.30pm at Arundel Cathedral**

Pope Francis has offered his thoughts on the Feast of St Joachim and Anne. He says "I would invite you to make a concrete gesture that would include grandparents and the elderly. Let us not abandon them. Their presence in families and communities is a precious one, for it reminds us that we share the same heritage and are part of a people committed to preserving its roots. From the elderly we received the gift of belonging to God's holy people. The Church, as well as society, needs them, for they entrust to the present the past that is needed to build the future. Let us honour them, neither depriving ourselves of their company nor depriving them of ours. cast aside! The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is meant to be a small but precious sign of hope for them and for the whole Church."

As a Diocese we will celebrate this day with Mass followed by refreshments afterwards in the cathedral centre. Please come with the older generation to celebrate the gift of their presence in your family and in your parish. More information can be found here [Messaggio GMNA 23-ENG.pdf \(laityfamilylife.va\)](#) The booking link is also attached here [Celebrating the Feast of St Joachim and St Anne \(22-Jul-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) A poster is also attached for display in your parish.

### **Externally run events/items**

**Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group** supports asylum seekers and other migrants who are held in immigration detention at Gatwick. Some of those held arrive with only the clothes they are wearing. The charity gives out good quality second-hand men's clothes and would be extremely grateful for laundered donations.

The clothes they need are: Tracksuit bottoms: M, L, XL, XXL. T-shirts: S, M. Jeans: 32", 34", 36". Trousers: 32". Trainers: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 (40-45). They do not give out second-hand underwear. No women's clothes please. To arrange delivery or collection of much-needed supplies please contact Nasima E: [nasima@gdwg.org.uk](mailto:nasima@gdwg.org.uk)

The charity's staff only speak a few of the languages of those detained. They buy in interpreter skills, but these are expensive. If you speak any of the following languages, could you offer just a few hours per week to speak to a detained person on the phone and find out how we can help them : Albanian, Romanian, Portuguese Brazilian, Polish, Lithuanian, Arabic, Kurdish Sorani. Please contact Karris if you can help E: [karris@gdwg.org.uk](mailto:karris@gdwg.org.uk)

### 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 25.06.23: £277.37**

**Standing Orders contributions for May: £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 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 <b>on 11<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm</b> in the Hall. If you would like to attend, please contact the office to book a space.  There will be no preparation in August.	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.  <b>The sacrament of Reconciliation is regularly available in church on Saturdays after 9.30 Mass or on request.</b>

### Catholic Education

Parish Primary School	Parish Secondary School
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### Mass Intentions and Mass Times: Week commencing 03<sup>rd</sup> July

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Saturday 01 July	9.30am	<b><u>Consecration of Arundel Cathedral (Feast)</u></b> NO MASS
	4.45pm	Italian Mass
	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sunday 02 July	9.15am	Joe Hegarty RIP
	11.15am	Good health of June Ellis
	1.00pm	Marek Studzinski (Polish Mass)
Monday 03 July	9.30am	<b><u>St Thomas, Apostle (Feast)</u></b> Maggie Guilfoyle RIP
Tuesday 04 July	9.30am	Andrew Denninson RIP
Wednesday 05 July	9.30am Rosary	John Ryan RIP
Thursday 06 July	NO MASS	NO MASS
Friday 07 July	9.30am	Patrick Cantwell RIP
Saturday 08 July	9.30am	Ron Hammer RIP
	4.45pm	Italian Mass
	6.00pm	Anne Richardson RIP
Sunday 09 July	9.15am	Parishioners
	11.15am	Lynda Ellis RIP

***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, 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, Ty Mathiaus-Glasgow, Arlo Nolan, Pauline Moore, the Hansford family.*

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.