

# ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023

3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

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## Parish News

### **Red Box Holders**

It is time for the first collection of the year of the contents of your Red boxes. Please would donors take an envelope from the porch, empty the contents of your box into the envelope and return it to the sacristy after Mass **by Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> March at the latest**.

If you prefer to return your box, please ensure that your name is on the label, place it in the sacristy and take a new box from the porch.

If you would like to start collecting for overseas missions, please contact Dominic Ennis on 0208 2246114. Thank you.

### **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land February 2024**

There will be a meeting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00 pm for all those already signed up for our Pilgrimage to the Holy Land next February. The meeting will be here in St Erconwald's Church. Della Shenton, back from a recent visit to the Holy Land, will be able to give you up to date information. Della will be there to answer any queries you may have and to meet our fellow travellers. If there is anyone else out there still dreaming of coming with us, then do come along. This is our final calling and deposits need to be in by the 20<sup>th</sup> of March. We have a lovely group travelling together from St Erconwald's and neighbouring parishes. Thank you to all that have signed up for this historic and Spiritual adventure. Any questions please contact Ann Meehan [ann-meehan@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ann-meehan@hotmail.co.uk)

### **Lourdes Pilgrimage**

The Annual Arundel and Brighton Dioceses Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 28<sup>th</sup> of July to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August 2023. If anyone is interested in joining the Pilgrimage and/or needs assistance with it, please advise the Parish Office. The closing date is the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2023. Thank you.

### **Parish Council**

A few weeks ago, Father Ruslan invited a number of parishioners to come together and form a parish pastoral council. As part of this process, the group spent time celebrating the richness of our parish life and mapped it in the table below (please see noticeboard). This mapping will help the pastoral council support these activities to enrich our life as a parish community. We're pretty sure the table is not complete though! If you think that something is missing, please email the parish office, or add your thoughts onto a Post-It note and post them on the table hanging in the porch at the back of church - and feel free to add in your wishes too! We next meet as a group on 13 March, so please do share your comments by Sunday 12 March. Thank you.

## **Baptisms**

Next Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> of March at 1pm Fr Ruslan will be celebrating 1 Baptism in our Church. Please welcome this child and his family into our wonderful community. Thank you.

## **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!

## **St Erc's Big Dig**

When you come to Mass at the weekend you will see a skip in the car park. Here's why. A few of us got together this week and started tidying up the long border by the fence on the right-hand side of the car park as seen from the street. Gradually we will turn this into a bright and cheerful feature of the church grounds and something that as a community we all look after. We have removed an old plastic membrane that covered the length of the bed for years and weeded and dug it over. We managed to fill half a skip in the process! Our next job will be to dig in some good topsoil and compost and then later in the spring we will start to plant it up. While our work is under way, please avoid walking or parking on the bed and also, please, no planting just yet - we have a plan for that!! If you'd like to join our merry little band, you'd be very welcome. Please ask Susana and she will put you in touch with us. Many hands make light work, so please don't be shy!

## **Saint Vincent De Paul Updates**

The next Saint Vincent De Paul next meeting is scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> March in the church hall. If you would like more information, please visit our website at [www.sterconwalds.org.uk/svp](http://www.sterconwalds.org.uk/svp) or email us at [svp@simpkin.net](mailto:svp@simpkin.net)

## **SVP Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Our St Vincent de Paul group would love to bring the American tradition of knitting prayer shawls for loved ones or those in need to our parish. There are three parts to this: (1) production of knitted/crochet items at home, (2) assembly of blankets from knitted/crochet squares, this will involve getting together for a couple of hours once a month to work together and chat and pray over tea and cake, and (3) Distribution to those in need of prayer, companionship or just keeping warm, remembering that this winter many people were very cold and next winter may not be much different.

If you can knit or crochet, please make 6in (15cm) squares which will be assembled into lap blankets or shawls. Alternatively, other small items can be produced such as hats, scarves, gloves or fingerless mittens. Don't know how to knit/crochet, but want to? No problem - tuition can be provided!

If you are interested in getting involved, **please contact Margaret Hawkes** ([margothawkes@gmail.com](mailto:margothawkes@gmail.com)) know. And donations of yarn (preferably moth free) and needles would be appreciated. Are you interested in getting involved? Click here for more information. More information is available on the web site at [www.sterconwalds.org.uk/prayer-shawl-ministry](http://www.sterconwalds.org.uk/prayer-shawl-ministry).

## 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 19.02.23: £423.85**

**Standing Orders contributions for February: £3816**

**Contributions via DONA for February: £127**

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   |
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| Next Baptismal Preparation session will be in <b>April at 7pm</b> 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.<br><br><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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| <b>Cardinal Newman School</b><br>Arch Road<br>Hersham<br>Surrey<br>KT12 4QT<br>TEL : 01932 222536<br>Email:<br><a href="mailto:office@cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk">office@cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk</a> | <b>Salesian School</b><br>Guildford Road<br>Chertsey<br>Surrey<br>KT16 9LU<br>TEL : 01932 582520<br>Email:<br><a href="mailto:info@salesian.surrey.sch.uk">info@salesian.surrey.sch.uk</a> |

### Mass Intentions and Mass Times: Week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> March

| Date               | Time             | Mass Intention  |
|--------------------|------------------|---|
| Saturday 11 March  | 9.30am           | In Thanksgiving   |
|                    | 4.45pm           | Italian Mass  |
|                    | 6.00pm           | Parishioners  |
| Sunday 12 March    | 9.15am           | <b><u>Third Sunday in Lent</u></b><br>Betty Braganza RIP  |
|                    | 11.15am          | Arnaldo Fernandes RIP   |
| Monday 13 March    | 9.30am           | Bill Tomlins RIP  |
| Tuesday 14 March   | 9.30am<br>Rosary | Health of Mrs Margaret Cox  |
| Wednesday 15 March | 7.30pm           | Penitential Service   |
| Thursday 16 March  | NO MASS          | NO MASS   |
| Friday 17 March    | 11.30am          | <b><u>St Patrick, Bishop, Missionary (Feast)</u></b><br>Stations of the Cross   |
|                    | 12.00pm          | 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Rita & Jerry Riordan  |
| Saturday 18 March  | 9.30am           | Marcia & Quentin Douet RIP  |
|                    | 4.45pm           | Italian Mass  |
|                    | 6.00pm           | Parishioners  |
| Sunday 19 March    | 9.15am           | <b><u>Fourth Sunday in Lent</u></b><br>In Thanksgiving to Fr Ruslan & all parishioners from Jerry Riordan (he has been given an all clear!) |
|                    | 11.15am          | Jack White RIP  |

#### ***Please pray for those who have asked for your prayers:***

*Margaret (Maggie) Hawkes, Anna Sartori, Nicoletta Lanzisera, 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, Jerry Riordan, June Ellis, Shirley Rhodes, John Lydon, James De Leons-Hopkins, Sheila Tickner, Paul Bahoshy, Teresa Azouz, Yasmine Hodgkinson, 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*

Dear Parishioners,

as you know we keep a section of our Newsletter specifically 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. If you have not been able to get to church because you are too poorly or a vulnerable person, please reach out to either Susana in the office, Fr Ruslan himself in confidence or Ann Meehan. Susana and Ann will work with Fr Ruslan to try to schedule visits. Feel free to contact us. God Bless