

ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER
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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Parish News

Prayer and Life Workshops. A New Evangelization

There is going to be a Prayer and Life workshop on Tuesday evenings for over 15 weeks. It will be in the church hall (All Saints church, Hersham), starting on Tuesday 31st January from 7.00pm till 9.00pm. The Prayer and Life workshops are a new evangelization based on the Bible and 15 methods of prayer. They offer a more vibrant and active presentation of Jesus and for many, have provided an answer to today's world.....The Prayer and Life workshops are based on LOVE and what this is capable of doing, not on fear nor on punishment. For more information please contact Nora 07951 048968 or just come to one of our taster sessions. You are very welcomed and there is no need to book. Thank you.

2nd Collection.

As you are all aware, the cost of living has increased tremendously. We are not exempt from this and as everyone else, our church has had a massive bill for the winter period. So, on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th of February, we will be having a 2nd collection to help with running costs of our Church. Hopefully this will not become a regular thing and we will be able to offset costs when the weather improves. As always, we are very thankful for your generosity. God Bless

Parish Ploughman's lunch

This year's confirmation candidates would like to invite all members of the parish to a **Ploughman's lunch on Sunday 26th February at 12.30** in the church hall. The young people will be organising, preparing and serving the lunch. If you would like to attend, please add your name to the list in the porch at the back of the church.

This event has proved very popular in past years (pre Covid) and we hope it will continue to do so this year. Please support our youngsters as they continue their confirmation journey by giving of their service, in the spirit of Christ.

Safeguarding for Volunteers

Thank you to all our volunteers, for your hard work and the support you provide to our church and community. We couldn't do what we do without you and we are always looking for new volunteers. We always ensure we are working in safe environment therefore please reach out to Tina O'Kelly on sg1.walton@abdiocese.org.uk, who will help with your DBS application.

Alpha Course

The Alpha Course: A chance to explore life and the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. You still can join us! For more info contact Caroline at steccalpha@outlook.com

Funeral

The funeral for Antonina (known as Nina) Vaccaro will take place on Thursday 2nd of February at 10.30am here at St Erconwald's. Nina was one of our long-term parishioners and very involved in the Italian Community. She will be missed. RIP

Baptisms

Saturday 4th of February, Fr Ruslan will be celebrating 2 Baptisms here at St Erconwald's. Please welcome these children and their family into our community.

Diocesan run events

Diocesan Youth Work Training Course. Do you want to help young people to grow in faith? Why not sign up for our Youth Ministry Training Days? Taking Place on 25 February and 25 March 2023, you will learn how to effectively engage with teenagers to help them know the love of God. For Confirmation Catechists, Youth Group Leaders or anyone interested in setting up a youth group. Contact E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.

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>

Are you a priest or active parishioner who wants to see your parish come alive?

East Brighton Parish and Divine Renovation invite you and your parish to their upcoming DR Open House on **Saturday 18 March 2023**, at the new Fitzherbert Community Hub in Brighton. Save the date for a day where you will connect with parishes that have come alive by pursuing mission, hear inspiring stories of what they've learned on their journey, and be encouraged by seeing hope for what is possible in your own parish. Find out more at

W: www.divinerenovation.org/openhouse or contact E: Jon.Harman@abdiocese.org.uk for more information

Externally run events

Join us and take on The Big Lent Walk challenge and walk 200km over Lent. You can walk where, when and how you want, alone or with friends and family. You could break the walk into bitesize chunks and cover 5km a day! Every pound you raise will help CAFOD be there for people globally facing poverty. Sign up now! W: walk.cafod.org.uk W: Catholic international development charity | CAFOD

Saint John of God Hospitaller Services in partnership with Caritas Social Action Network are offering a matching, training and support programme for hosts and displaced individuals under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme.

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 22.01.23: £414.51

Standing Orders contributions for December: £3834

Contributions via DONA for December: £300

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 In February, date to be confirmed 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 30th January

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Saturday 28 January	NO MASS	NO MASS
	4.45pm	Italian Mass
	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sunday 29 January	9.15am	Gareth Fox RIP (Birthday)
	11.15am	Tony Fisk, John Ellis & Jan Pieter De Lijster RIP
Monday 30 January	9.30am	June Mitchell RIP
Tuesday 31 January	9.30am	Good health of Frances Ryan
Wednesday 01 Feb	9.30am Rosary	Mary Perry RIP
Thursday 02 February	10.30 am	Nina Vaccaro's Funeral
Friday 03 February	9.30am	
Saturday 04 February	9.30am	
	4.45pm	Italian Mass
	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sunday 05 February	9.15am	Sandra Jane Colon RIP
	11.15am	Arnaldo Fernandes RIP
	1.00pm	Polish Mass

Rosary

We will be praying the Rosary every Wednesday after mass. Please join us after 9.30 mass

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, Simonne Ellis, Maureen and Bill Dodds, Roger Blishen, Michael Spears, Sarah Mitchell, Rita McGloin, Fr Alex Hill, Katherine Cawley, Karen Lane, Dee Wilson, Michelle Thomas, Georgina Castiglione, Aman Allos

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