

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 in **Tuesday 11th March at 8pm on 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 programme for 2024-25 is underway and our FHC candidates have now received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please pray for all them, their catechists and their families.

CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation programme is now also underway. Please pray for our Confirmation candidates as they prepare for this Sacrament, which they will receive next year at Arundel Cathedral.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 8 March	9.30	MASS The Orlando family Adoration and Reconciliation
	10.00	
	16.45	ITALIAN MASS
	18.00	MASS Parishioners
Sun 9 March	9.15	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b> MASS Antonia Blencowe RIP
	11.15	MASS Peter, Bridget and Thomas McGloin RIP
Mon 10 March	9.30	NO MASS
Tue 11 March	19.30	NO MASS
Wed 12 March	9.30	NO MASS
Thu 13 March	NO MASS	NO MASS
Fri 14 March	11.30 12.00	Stations of the Cross Maureen Smith RIP
Sat 15 Mar	9.30	NO MASS NO Adoration and NO Reconciliation
	16.45	ITALIAN MASS
	18.00	MASS Parishioners
Sun 16 Mar	9.15	<b>Second 'Transfiguration' Sunday of Lent</b> MASS The deceased members of the Ryan family
	11.15	MASS Adrian, Eileen and Ted Hoar RIP

TODDLER PRAISE AND PLAY

Please note there is no session on 14 March.



ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER



8/9 MARCH 2025

WORK IN THE CHURCH

We are progressing well with phase one of the sanctuary renovation, which is to clean, skim and paint the walls and ceiling. Phase 2 will be redecorating the back of the sanctuary and to see how we can upgrade it. The final phase will be to replace the carpet - we might have carpet and oak flooring. We are progressing rapidly thanks to the large team working with us. They are working long hours - most days they have worked from 8am to 10pm to do as much work as possible. This is the biggest improvement since the late early 90s.

This is our church - we are investing in it to give it a new lease of life and enhance our worship.

There will be no weekday Masses next week (10th, 11th and 12th), apart from Friday, to maximise the work. The following week we will only have Mass on Wednesday (19th) (Feast of St Joseph) and Friday (21st).

This is our parish project and we need your help to finance it. All the donations needed to make sure the works are finished are eligible for gift aid donation. You can donate by contacting the parish office, or here, using the maintenance button: <https://donate.mydona.com/st-erconwalds-walton>, or here: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/sterconwalds>

Many thanks and God bless,  
The church project team

DAILY ROSARY DECADE

Join others in the parish by saying a decade a day for each of the 40 days of Lent. This is great for anyone starting out with Rosary or those wanting to get back into prayer, praying for ourselves and for others. It's never too late to start! Message Caroline on 07717764755 to join on WhatsApp or email to receive the daily reflection.

SILENT AUCTIONS

**Thank you** to all who bid on a week's stay in Italy - the winner has been notified! There's a second silent auction - but the **deadline is this Sunday at 12.30pm - two club enclosure tickets on 12 March** for Chelmsford.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

The parish penitential service will be on **Tuesday 25 March** at 7.30pm. Please join us for this opportunity to reflect and receive God's forgiveness. All are welcome.

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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 use Gift Aid if you can. Thank you for all your help and financial contributions!

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 Allos, Teresa Azouz, Baby Elm, Roger Blishen, Christopher Clifford and Catherine Browle, Katherine Cawley, Trish Claxton, Rose Collins, Jimmy Connaughtoin, Thérésè Crumpler, James De Leons-Hopkins, Maureen and Bill Dodds, 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, Eileen Mulqueen, Colleen Murphy, Louise Nettleton, Arlo Nolan, Ben Piltsher, Shirley Rhodes, Deborah Russell, Evie 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.

VOLUNTEERING AND SAFEGUARDING

Please see this important message from Tina O’Kelly, our parish safeguarding representative.

If you are currently volunteering or intend to volunteer in our parish while supporting children or adults, it is very important that you have a **valid DBS for this parish**. I am more than happy to take you through that process. I can be contacted at [tina@okellynet.com](mailto:tina@okellynet.com)

PARENTS: If your children are currently part of our children’s liturgy, communion and confirmation programmes, you **must complete a parental consent form** for each child. These forms can be obtained from each group’s session leaders. We would really appreciate you completing these.

**Thank you** to all who volunteer at our parish and help to make it a great and safe community.

**FAMILY FAST DAY on 14 March** follows the theme of Pilgrims of Hope and making Jubilee 2025 a year of hope for Lokho and her community in Kenya. This weekend Alison Foreman will speak at all Masses about the work that your donations support, and a **second collection for CAFOD will be held next weekend 15/16 March**. <https://cafod.org.uk/give/appeals/lent-appeal>. <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/lent-calendar>

LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS

We’ll be running a 5-week series using the **‘We Dare To Hope’** resource for small group faith-sharing and for individual meditation. Each session will reflect on a different aspect of Hope. The sessions will take place on Thursday mornings from 9.45-11am starting on **13 March**. All are welcome. Please sign up in the porch or here: <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/pqq1e500>

If you’d like some individual, daily reflection material, do pick up a copy of the Lenten ‘Walk with me’ booklet from the porch. Donations welcome!

Our friends at the Methodist Church are also running a **bible study this Lent** on Tuesdays from 2.30-3.30pm at their church. All are welcome.

FIVE-WEEK ALPHA PARENTING COURSE

Do you have young children 2-10 years old? Would you like to like to learn and share practical and valuable tips and strategies to help build and strengthen your family relationships? Join us for this course based on Christian principles but designed for everyone. It starts this Monday evening **10 March at 7.30pm** in the hall. Please sign up in the porch or online: <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/hhb14qdn>

RED MISSIO BOX HOLDERS

Please return the contents of your box to the sacristy by this **Sunday 9 March and** take an empty box from the porch. If you would like to start collecting for overseas missions please contact Dominic Ennis on 0208 2246114. Thank you.

100 Club

We are launching St Erconwald’s 100 Club. Members are entered in a monthly lottery; 40% of the income goes to cash prizes and the remaining 60% goes to the church. The first draw will be in April! If you would like more information please contact the office or visit the website: <https://www.sterconwalds.org.uk/100-club.html>

JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMS OF HOPE

The parish Jubilee pilgrimage to the National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady at Walsingham will take place on Thursday 10 & Friday 11 July 2025. We shall leave by coach at 9am to arrive in Walsingham in time for lunch and the afternoon reflections. On the Friday, the coach will depart Walsingham at 4:15pm to return us to St. Erconwald’s. The cost will be £200 per person. Payment can either be made in full or over four instalments of £50 due in April, May, June & July. Sign up here: <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/qolblgvx> or do contact the parish office. Deadline: mid May

DIOCESAN/OTHER NEWS

**15 March —11:00 am - 12:30 pm** The Eucharist as Sacrifice. Fresh from leading retreats on the Eucharist in Glasgow and Derbyshire, the NBCW is honoured to invite theologian, teacher and retreat leader Mary Robinson to speak and lead a discussion on the Eucharist, the Mass, as Sacrifice. The talk is open and accessible to all and should particularly interest those who are Eucharistic Ministers. To register please email [nbcwsecretary1@gmail.com](mailto:nbcwsecretary1@gmail.com)

HARD CASES DON’T MAKE GOOD LAW

Many of you wrote to your MPs about the Terminally Ill Adults Bill. This webinar on **Thursday 3 April** at 18.30, chaired by Baroness Hollins, President of the Catholic Union, offers the chance to unpick the Bill, guided by three experts: Dr Matthew Doré; Dr Philip Howard and Professor Julian Hughes. Contact: [info@catholicunion.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicunion.org.uk)

CHILDREN’S LITURGY LEADER TRAINING

How do we share the Word of God with our young children? Come and join us on **Saturday 26 April** from 10.30-1pm in Crawley to explore ways of delivering Children’s Liturgy with Lucy Hall, share ideas with fellow catechists and build your network of support and friendships across the Diocese. For more information please contact our Marriage and Family Life adviser Simon South - [simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk) or 07415 306222.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 6–8 June 2025

Can’t make our parish pilgrimage? Why not join Bishop Richard on our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham. For further info: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/ocoptzuo>

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** closing date for applications is soon, visit the diocesan website for details.

FESTIVAL OF HOPE/DIOCESAN 60th ANNIVERSARY

**Save the date!** A big celebration will take place on 20 September to which all are invited. Coaches will be going from our deanery; many more details to follow in due course.

COMMUNICATIONS

Please send any newsletter/website/porch/ social media items or any amendments to: [comms.sterconwalds@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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  
02.03.25: £315.11

STANDING ORDERS  
FOR FEBRUARY: £4540.67

THANK YOU!

SAVE THE DATES!

- 10 MAR: PARENTING COURSE STARTS
- 13 MAR: LENTEN REFLECTIONS
- 15 MAR: FLAME CONGRESS
- 22 MAR: YOUTH-LED MASS
- 25 MAR: PENITENTIAL SERVICE
- 2 APR: COFFEE MORNING
- 26 APR: YOUTH-LED MASS QUIZ NIGHT
- 10-11 JUL: PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM
- AUG: PILGRIM’S WAY WALK
- 20 SEP: FESTIVAL OF HOPE