

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 **April (date tbc) 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 15 March	9.30 10.00	NO MASS NO Adoration and NO Reconciliation
	16.45 18.00	ITALIAN MASS MASS Parishioners
Sun 16 March	9.15	Second 'Transfiguration' Sunday of Lent MASS The deceased members of the Ryan family MASS Adrian, Eileen and Ted Hoar RIP
	11.15	
Mon 17 March	9.30	St Patrick, Bishop, Missionary (Feast) NO MASS
Tue 18 March	19.30	NO MASS
Wed 19 March	9.30	St Joseph, Spouse of the B. Virgin Mary (Solemnity) Vallie Godson RIP
Thu 20 March	NO MASS	NO MASS
Fri 21 March	11.30 12.00	Stations of the Cross Anne Moultry RIP
Sat 22 Mar	9.30 10.00	For the good health of the Corkery, Hight and Lear families Adoration and Reconciliation
	16.45 18.00	ITALIAN MASS MASS Paul Junior and Paul Arthur King RIP
Sun 23 Mar	9.15	Third Sunday of Lent MASS Parishioners
	11.15	MASS Betty Braganza RIP

TODDLER PRAISE AND PLAY

Have you been in the hall recently? Our toddlers have been marking their **Lenten journey towards Easter** - do take a look! The toddler group resumes this Friday from 10-11.30am. Please sign up here:

<https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/hkjh4yyr>



ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

15/16 MARCH 2025



WORK IN THE CHURCH

Work continues on the sanctuary - we're excited to see the progress! Do consider making a donation if you'd like to support the work - we need to raise £28,000 to complete this stage. You can donate via DONA, to the office or via our justgiving page: www.justgiving/page/stserconwalds.

Please see Mass times as there are changes to the Masses this week due to the works. Apologies for the inconvenience. There will be Mass on Wednesday morning as it is the festivity of St Joseph. Please welcome Fr Simon Hall. Some of our parishioners have been participating in a national novena in preparation for **St Joseph's feast day**. Many of our Italian and Spanish parishioners will also celebrate Father's Day then; we honour all fathers on this special day.

TRANSITION FROM WEYBRIDGE DEANERY TO WEYBRIDGE PARISH: DEVELOPMENT NEWS

The next stage of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan "The Word is Life" launched by Bishop Richard in 2023, is taking place on **5 April** when the first meeting of representatives from across the Weybridge deanery will take place in Christ the Prince of Peace parish hall from 10am to 12 noon. The purpose of the meeting is to share information about each parish community in the deanery, and above all to listen to and learn from each other. Each parish is providing two representatives, and there will be other members of the clergy and laity who are involved in the process. Fr Chris Spain, who is leading this process, will be present for part of the meeting to introduce himself and his role. Please pray for the meeting, specifically for the positive relationships and knowledge about each other, which we hope will build from this encounter.

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.

100 Club

We are launching St Erconwald's 100 Club; **the deadline for sign ups is 25 March** - not long to go! If you would like more information please contact the office or visit our website: <https://www.sterconwalds.org.uk/100-club.html>

SECOND COLLECTIONS

FAMILY FAST DAY took place on **Friday 14 March**. A second collection for CAFOD will be held this weekend **15/16 March**. Please support as generously as you can. Envelopes are at the back of church. Next week (**22/23 March**), the second collection will be for the National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham.

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

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.

FRIDAY LENTEN LUNCHES

On Fridays throughout Lent we’ll share a soup lunch at 12.30. All are welcome - sign up in the porch or just come along. Donations will go to a selected charity each week.

LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS

Our 5-week series using the ‘**W Dare To Hope**’ resource for small group faith-sharing and for individual meditation started last week. We had a rich discussion on patience, trust, and Christ-given hope. we continue on Thursday mornings from 9.45-11am in the hall - you’re very welcome even if you’ve missed the first one. Do come along.

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!

FIVE-WEEK ALPHA PARENTING COURSE

Our five week course started last Monday evening with an introductory session and some lively conversation - **it’s not too late to join the group!** The next three Monday evening sessions will be online. Please sign up in the porch or online, or contact the office for more info <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/hhb14qdn>

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**. The cost will be £200 per person. Payment can either be made in full or in four instalments. Sign up here: <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/qolblgvx> or do contact the parish office. Deadline: mid May.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

We celebrate Mothering Sunday on the 4th Sunday of Lent - **Sunday 30 March**. Traditionally it is when we honour our ‘mother churches’ - the church where we were baptised! It is now also a feast for mothers of families. Please join us the day before, on **Saturday 29 March**, in the hall from 10.15-11.15am. We shall will be making **flower posies** and enjoying refreshments. The posies are gifts to give out during all Mothering Sunday Masses. Sign up: <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/1szzrvfl>

ALTAR SERVERS

Our Altar Servers will meet this **Friday 21 March** at 6pm for their training session and get together in the hall. If you are part of the team but have not replied to the WhatsApp message, please come and join us.

FLAME CONGRESS

Please pray for all young people attending this Saturday 15 march, that they may be renewed in faith and encouraged by the testimonies they hear.

DIOCESAN/OTHER NEWS

Health & Safety Officer (P/T) based at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley. Join the diocesan Central Office Team as our new Health & Safety Officer. The successful applicant will focus primarily on monitoring and supporting H&S compliance. To find out more and apply: www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers

P/T Clergy Welfare Officer (Registered Nurse) based at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley. The post holder will collaborate with the Ministry to Priests Director and other colleagues to deliver an effective welfare support service for all the clergy of the Diocese. To apply, visit www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers

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

YOUNG ADULT DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

Join our pilgrimage for young adults aged 18-30 to celebrate the special Jubilee year. Celebrate and join with thousands of other like-minded people, as we travel to the beautiful city of Rome and reflect on the theme ‘Pilgrims of Hope’. **CLOSING DATE 31 MARCH**. Email lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for information.

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. For more information please contact Simon South - 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/ocoptzuu>

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 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. 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
09.03.25: £332.95

STANDING ORDERS
FOR FEBRUARY: £4540.67

THANK YOU!

SAVE THE DATES!

- 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