

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 on **Tuesday 4 March at 8pm** via 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 22 Feb	9.30	The Chair of St Peter the Apostle (Feast) MASS Anatolini Kurdiumov RIP (Anniversary) Adoration and Reconciliation
	10.00	
	16.45 18.00	ITALIAN MASS MASS Parishioners
Sun 23 Feb	9.15	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time MASS The Lynch Family
	11.15	MASS Ferraro, Nola and Galiano families
Mon 24 Feb	9.30	MASS Brian Sowerby RIP
Tue 25 Feb	18.30	Adoration and Reconciliation
	19.30	MASS Anna Goes RIP
Wed 26 Feb	9.30	MASS Noreen and Brian Ayton RIP
	10.00	Rosary
Thu 27 Feb	NO MASS	NO MASS
Fri 28 Feb	9.30	MASS
Sat 1 Mar	9.30	St David (Feast) MASS Adoration and Reconciliation
	10.00	
	16.45 18.00	ITALIAN MASS MASS Parishioners
Sun 2 Mar	9.15	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time MASS Private Intention
	11.15	MASS Anna Celliers and Vladimir Hofman RIP
	13.00	POLISH MASS

TODDLER PRAISE AND PLAY

Toddler praise and play resumes this Friday 28 February (please note there is no session on 14 March). Please sign up here: <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/hkj4y9r>



ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

22-23 FEBRUARY 2025

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This Sunday's Gospel brings us wonderful and practical advice for everyone on their journey of faith. Let's think about this: treat others the way you want to be treated! This means loving even those who may not love us back, doing good to those who may oppose us, and sharing generously without expecting anything in return. It's easy to notice when love or peace seems absent in our lives; we might instinctively react negatively instead of choosing kindness & understanding. Jesus encourages us to pause and think: take a deep breath and instead of shouting back, respond with calm and grace.

Not reacting to unfairness can be a real challenge, but with God's help and our commitment to following Christ, we can make it happen! Remember, Christian love is lively and creative; it brings new life and joy into everything we do. Love is shown through our actions, not just our words. What we do speaks volumes about our dedication to Jesus and our identity as beloved children of God, rooted in our baptismal promises, which we joyfully renew each Easter Vigil. Let's inspire each other to live this love every day!

With prayers,
Fr Ruslan and the PPC

RITE OF WELCOME

Next **Sunday 2 March** we'll welcome three young children into the parish during the 9.15 Mass as part of their preparation for Baptism. Please do say hello in the hall afterwards, where there will be tea and coffee as usual.

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE ROSARY

Do you have a rosary tucked away in a drawer? Ever wondered why, and how, to pray with it? Join us on **Monday 3 March at 8pm** in the hall for an introduction to this powerful Christian prayer that has changed lives, and hear some testimonials from our own parishioners. **Sign up** in the porch or online: <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/caxgnykq>

JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMS OF HOPE

The parish Jubilee pilgrimage to 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. For more details about the shrine see Catholic National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady, Walsingham. The cost will be £200 per person which includes most meals, accommodation and return coach fare. Payment can either be made in full or over four instalments of £50 due in April, May, June & July. Full details will be in the porch and on the website or chat to Susana in the office.



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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 Rhodhes, 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.

SILENT AUCTION - APARTMENT IN ITALY

Want to visit Italy/Rome during the Jubilee year?! One of our parishioners has generously offered a week's use of their apartment north of Rome as a silent auction prize. Full details on the website or from the office. Please note, closing date for bids is **Tuesday 4 March**. <https://www.sterconwalds.org.uk/silent-auction.html>.

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>

Our friends at the Methodist Church are also running a **bible study during 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 family parenting course. It's based on Christian principles but is designed for everyone. The course will run on Monday evenings starting on **10 March at 7.30pm** in the hall. Please sign up in the porch or online: <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/hhb14qdn> or

RED MISSIO BOX HOLDERS

The first collection of the year is now due: please empty your box into an envelope (available in the porch), add your details and return to the sacristy by **Sunday 9 March**. If returning the box, please put your name on the label, return it to the sacristy and take an empty box from the porch. If you would like to start collecting for overseas missions please contact Dominic Ennis (local parish secretary for Missio) on 0208 2246114. Thank you.

STEPS - PARISH SUPPORT GROUP

Our next meeting will be this **Weds 26 February** at 7.30pm in the church hall. In addition to our regular home visits, we are looking for volunteers for upcoming events such as the Pancake Party on Tuesday 4 March, Lenten lunches, Mother's Day posy making on Saturday 29 March and the 'Pot Luck' Supper and Quiz night on Sat 26 April. Like to volunteer? Please come along to the meeting or send an email to emma@simpkin.net.

PARISH PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH

This year's confirmation candidates invite the parish to a Ploughman's lunch this **Sunday 23 February** at 12.30 in the hall. The young people will prepare and serve the lunch. If you would like to attend, please sign up in the porch! Please support our youngsters as they continue their confirmation journey.

PANCAKE PARTY

On **Shrove Tuesday 4 March** we'll have our annual pancake party from 3.45-5pm. £3 per person; please sign up here: <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/wbg7gy3c>

DROP IN WELCOME COFFEE MORNING!

Do join us anytime from 10-11.30am on **Wednesday 5 March** (Ash Wednesday) in the hall for a cuppa and a chat - the first of our monthly coffee mornings! We'd warmly like to invite all parishioners, with or without babies/toddlers, young or not so young. Come and say hello!

ST MARY's also have a drop in coffee morning on the **second Saturday of each month** in their church hall from 12-1.30pm with coffee and cake followed by soup and a roll. -It's a lovely opportunity to meet people from our neighbouring churches in Walton.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - FRIDAY 7 MARCH

This year the ecumenical Service will be held by our friends at the Methodist church in terrace Road, Walton at 10am. All will be very welcome. We shall have a special **Stations of the Cross** in our parish that Friday too at 11.30 am.

DIVINE MERCY REFLECTION AFTERNOON

On **Saturday 8 March from 1.30-4.30pm** we'll be led by Marian Fathers in an afternoon reflection, including Mass, Benediction and a talk on Divine Mercy and hope during this Jubilee year. We'll have refreshments in the hall afterwards. See the poster in the porch. It's an ideal opportunity to come along and see and a prayerful way to start your Lenten journey. See the website/porch for the full programme. <https://www.sterconwalds.org.uk/parish-retreats.html>

HELP NEEDED!

We'd like to have a deep clean of the kitchen and need a couple of people to help - no offers so far! Please do think if you can spare an hour or two - during the week or at the weekend, and contact Lucy Jardine on 07740 461 785.

100 Club

We are launching St Erconwald's 100 Club, similar to many parishes and clubs up and down the country. 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 about joining the club please contact the office or visit the website: <https://www.sterconwalds.org.uk/100-club.html>

DIOCESAN/OTHER NEWS

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 or 07415 306222

Pilgrimage to Walsingham, 6-8 June 2025

Join Bishop Richard on our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, as part of our celebration of the Year of Jubilee announced by Pope Francis. For further information/to sign up <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/ocoptzuo>

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 16.02.25: £314.73

2ND COLLECTION, DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: £254.48

STANDING ORDERS FOR JANUARY: £4560.67

THANK YOU! SAVE THE DATES!

4 MAR: PANCAKE PARTY
5 MAR: ASH WEDNESDAY AND COFFEE MORNING
7 MAR: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
8 MAR: DIVINE MERCY REFLECTION/RETREAT
10 MAR: PARENTING COURSE STARTS
13 MAR: LENTEN REFLECTIONS
15 MAR: FLAME CONGRESS
22 MAR: YOUTH-LED MASS
26 APR: QUIZ NIGHT
10-11 JUL: PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM
AUG: PILGRIM'S WAY WALK
20 SEP: FESTIVAL OF HOPE