

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Please pray for all those participating in our catechetical programmes, their catechists and their families, especially for the newly confirmed and those about to receive their First Holy Communion.

The next **Baptism** session will be on **4 June at 7pm**. To book, please contact the office.

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.

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 9.30 Mass** or on request.

COLLECTIONS

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS FOR 19/05/24: £XXX

STANDING ORDERS APRIL: £4632.67

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!

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SAT 25 MAY	09:30	ST BEDE THE VENERABLE, PRIEST, DOCTOR (MEMORIAL) MASS
	10:00	ADORATION & RECONCILIATION
	16:45	ITALIAN MASS
	18:00	PARISHIONERS
SUN 26 MAY	09:15	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY CHRISTINE CASSEY'S INTENTIONS
	11:15	MARTIN O'SHEA RIP (ANNIVERSARY)
MON 27 MAY	09:30	ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP (FEAST) MASS
TUE 28 MAY	09:30	MASS
WED 29 MAY	09:30	MASS
	10:00	ADORATION
	18:30	ADORATION
THU 30 MAY	NO MASS	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST (FEAST) NO MASS
FRI 31 MAY	9.30	THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (FEAST) MASS
	10:00	DIVINE MERCY
SAT 1 JUNE	09:30	ST JUSTIN, MARTYR (MEMORIAL) MAUREEN HAYMAN RIP & HAYMAN FAMILY
	10:00	ADORATION AND RECONCILIATION
	16:45	ITALIAN MASS
	18:00	GRAHAM MERRITT RIP
SUN 2 JUNE	09:15	THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (SOLEMNITY) PARISHIONERS
	11:15	GOOD HEALTH OF FRANCIS O'BRIEN
	13:00	POLISH MASS



ST ERCONWALDS NEWSLETTER

25/26 MAY 2024

On the Sunday after Pentecost, the Church celebrates the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. We believe in the concept of God as One and yet Three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, all equal in majesty and glory. They are One in Three and Three in One. This concept is so wonderful and sublime that the human mind cannot fully comprehend it, but it is the cause of our joy and hope as followers of Jesus Christ.

Saint Augustine of Hippo, a prominent figure in the Church, struggled with the mystery of the Holy Trinity. In his quest for understanding, Augustine found himself walking along the seashore. There, he encountered a child playing in the sand near the water's edge. The child was scooping water from the vast ocean and pouring it into a small hole in the sand. Curious about the child's task, Augustine asked what he was trying to achieve. The child innocently replied that he was attempting to empty the entire ocean into the hole he had dug. Augustine, struck by the futility of the task, pointed out the obvious: the ocean was infinitely larger than the hole. At that moment, a profound truth dawned on Augustine: as the child's task was impossible, so was that of fully comprehending the immensity of the Holy Trinity.

As Saint Augustine realised, the human mind is too limited to fully grasp the greatness of the Trinity. He also admitted that only God can fill and satisfy the human heart. Augustine wisely expressed it as, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in you, O Lord." In other words, there are many things about God that we cannot fully understand with the mind, but we can with the heart. Let us celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity with hearts full of joy.

With prayers, Fr Ruslan and the PPC

This weekend we celebrate the **very first World Children's Day that Pope Francis announced last year**. We are so grateful for all of the children in our parish - we welcome you and encourage you to be involved! **And thank you parents** for encouraging your children to come to mass and be involved. We need your support to continue our ministry to children - whether through the children's liturgy (most of the current team are stepping down) or arranging one-off activities - for example during half-term. Please do get in touch via the office and share your creativity and enthusiasm!

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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 get 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, Roger Blishen, Christopher Clifford and Catherine Browle, Katherine Cawley, Trish Claxton, Rose Collins, David Cox, James De Leons-Hopkins, Maureen and Bill Dodds, Julia Donaldson, Mary Edenborough, June Ellis, Manuel and Jackie Faraldo, Michael and Cathy Flynn, Carole Frost, Carmen Galanty, Sophie Giannini, Frankie Goes, Gloria Gowen, Ann Griffin, the Hansford family, Yvonne and Michael Johnson, Beryl Jones, Karen Lane, John Lydon, Rita McGloin, Frankie Menezes, Oscar Menezes, Christian Misuraca, Sarah Mitchell, Louise Nettleton, Arlo Nolan, Shirley Rhodhes, Deborah Russell, Anna Sartori, Michael Spears, Michelle Thomas, Eileen White, Dee Wilson, Dina Yates.

THIS WEEK

The parish office will be closed this coming week for half term. Emails will be checked sporadically. Please contact Fr Ruslan directly with any urgent queries (funerals, weddings, etc). Any newsletter items submitted this week will next go in the newsletter of 8/9 June.

CONGRATULATIONS to Fr Ruslan, who celebrates the anniversary of his ordination to the diaconate and also to the priesthood this week. We are so blessed for you to be living your vocation with us and we pray for your ministry.

Saturday 25 May: Fr Ruslan will celebrate a Baptism- please welcome this child and her family into our parish.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND is for our Diocese's missionary endeavour, supporting our sister Diocese of Chulucanas, Peru for 50 years: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/50th-chulucanas>

PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS

Free on a Friday afternoon? **StEPS, our parish support group**, is looking to expand its team that does odd jobs and takes shopping to parishioners. If you can help, please contact emma@simpkin.net. **StEPS' next meeting will be on Tuesday 11 June at 19:30** in the hall. Do pop along for a coffee and a chat.

FATHER'S DAY RECHARGE. We know that Father's Day isn't the same for everyone. Whether you need some space to reflect, hope or remember, or are a frazzled parent/carer who just needs an excuse to sit quietly with no distractions - our church will be open from 19:00 - 20:00 on Sunday 16 June, lit with candles. Please join us.

Sunday 16 June is a very special day - not only because it is Father's Day, but also Gary Carter will be celebrating his first Masses at 9.15 and 11.15 following his ordination as a Deacon. Please join us in the hall between the masses for coffee and pastries to celebrate with him.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your amazing support for the parish plant/jam sale last weekend which has raised over £340 for the church maintenance fund and Lourdes pilgrimage. Special thanks to our team of growers (including some fantastic donations on the day), and all our buyers and sellers! **Thank you too** for your generosity for the **CAFOD Sudan appeal**. You raised **xxxx** that will go to providing emergency supplies during this terrible war.

Thank you to our team of gardeners - the borders in the car park are looking wonderful! If you're interested in the occasional dig, weed or planting session, please contact Louise Speed on 07913 647573.

CHURCH BUILDING UPDATE

As most of you would have noticed, lots of work has been carried out in the last few months. To mention just some: a new bike rack installed, all gutters, downpipes and lower brickwork cleaned, waterproofed old confessional roofs, dehumidifiers in confessional and understairs cupboard (both had major mould issues), tidied cables in media room, identified water penetration issues in hall, inspected ceiling insulation ... the list goes on. All of this work and much more is needed! A huge thank you to the team that has worked so hard on these issues for the last few months to improve our church. God bless you..

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION. Thank you to all who have expressed an interest in being involved in this important ministry and attended the workshop on Friday. Further information will follow as plans become more concrete.

The Parish of Our Lady Queen of Peace in Shoreham by Sea will be having a **one-day retreat on 15 June** as part of its 3-day parish mission on Divine Mercy and St Micheal the Archangel, **led by Fr Peter Prusakiewicz CSMA, Poland.** Contact the Parish Office on: 01273 452654 or Email: adurvalley@abdiocese.org.uk

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) next meets on Monday 3 June in the presbytery, and the **Fabric and Finance Committee (FFC)** on Monday 10 June. Please contact the office if there is anything you wish to raise.

REVISED LECTIONARY APPEAL. The Lectionary is changing and the new versions will be introduced in Advent. We need to purchase the 4 book set - each book is £175. If you'd like to sponsor these and have your name included, please donate via Dona. Thank you to those who have sponsored so far!

PARISH REGISTRATION

Please complete a parish registration form (online or in the back of church) if you haven't done so in the past year - this helps with planning and to know what your hopes are for the parish.

GENERAL ELECTION

Now that the election has been called, you may be trying to discern how to vote, if you are able to. **CAFOD** provides information on using our Catholic voices in the election: <https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/uk-general-election-2024-a-guide-for-catholic-voters>

HOME VISITS

Fr Ruslan is very aware that there is 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 our parish. Please reach out to either Susana in the office, Ann Meehan or Fr Ruslan himself in confidence. We will work with Fr Ruslan to try to schedule visits. God bless.

COMMUNICATIONS

Please send any newsletter/website/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

Are you a volunteer or thinking about volunteering here at St Erconwald's? Please contact Tina O'Kelly, our Safeguarding Rep on sg1.walton@abdiocese.org.uk for information about training or to confirm that you have a DBS with us or if it needs processing. DBS checks are needed to work with children and vulnerable adults even if you have already one with another company or school.