



26/27 OCTOBER 2024

SAT 1 NOV	9:30	ALL SOULS BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE
	10.00	ADORATION & RECONCILIATION
	16.45	ITALIAN MASS
SUN 2 NOV	18:00	BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE
	9:15	31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE
	11:15	BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE
MON 3 NOV	13:00	POLISH MASS
	9:30	ST CHARLES BORROMEO, BISHOP (MEMORIAL) BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE
TUE 4 NOV	18:30	ADORATION AND RECONCILIATION
	19:30	BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE
WED 5 NOV	9:30	BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE
	10:00	ROSARY
THU 6 NOV	NO MASS	NO MASS
FRI 7 NOV	9:30	BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE
	10:00	DIVINE MERCY
SAT 8 NOV	9:30	CONSECRATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA (FEAST) BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE
	10:00	ADORATION & RECONCILIATION
	16.45	ITALIAN MASS
SUN 9 NOV	18:00	BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE
	9:15	32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE
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WEEKLY EVENTS

TODDLERS GROUP - Play and Praise continues on Fridays during term-time from 10-11.30. Sign up in advance and check dates here:
<https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/dnp0lyul>.



Pope Francis has declared that 2025 will be a Jubilee and a Holy Year, with 'Pilgrims of Hope' as its motto. The logo for the Jubilee shows figures from the four corners of the earth, embracing each other in solidarity and fraternity, qualities which should unite us all. One figure holds a cross as a sign of our Christian faith. The cross then becomes an anchor, providing stability in the storms we all face throughout our lives.

The past few years have been very difficult, with the Covid 19 pandemic, wars in Ukraine and the Holy Land, to name just some, and it is understood the impact these traumas and difficulties are having on people. The Jubilee Year is a special year of grace for us, and it will begin just before Christmas and end on Epiphany (2026).

As we approach the time for **St Erconwald's parish retreat**, we can look at this as a time to spiritually prepare ourselves as Pilgrims of Hope, for Advent, the start of the Holy Year and Christmas.

The programme for the parish retreat (**22-24 November**) is online and in the porch. During the retreat there'll be the opportunity to spend some time in Adoration, listen to people's testimonies about their faith journey, reflect, pray, be prayed for and with, and sing God's praises. To help us with catering, please **SIGN UP in the porch/online**
<https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/sthwi3ap>.

Fr Gladson, the retreat leader, will be coming to speak to us about the retreat at all masses **next weekend 9/10 November**.

We know that parents with young children may find it challenging to attend - perhaps you could do some babysitting for each other so that between you you can attend some of the sessions. And finally, we are still looking for people to support with **hospitality** (teas/coffees/meal prep) and also **overnight accommodation** for one of the team members. If you can help in any way please contact Lucy on 07740 461785.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This weekend (2/3 November) is Prisoner's Sunday, and we'll be collecting for PACT (Prison Advice and Care Trust). Bishop Richard is the Liaison Bishop for Prisons (PACT) and invites parishes across England and Wales to bring people in prison, and their children and families, before the Lord in prayer. PACT's work is varied, and includes care for children whose parents have been sent to prison, as well as offering practical assistance to people leaving prison.

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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!

PARISH NEWS/EVENTS

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, Roger Blishen, Christopher Clifford and Catherine Browle, Katherine Cawley, Trish Claxton, Rose Collins, David Cox, Theresè Crumpler, 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, 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, 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.

PARISH READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Fr Ruslan will be holding **training sessions** in the church for all current readers (Ministers of the Word) and Eucharistic ministers and anyone interested in joining these ministries: **Wednesday 20 November** at 7.30 pm: Parish readers **Wednesday 27 November** at 7.30pm: Eucharistic ministers All parish readers will be specially commissioned at all masses during the weekend of **30/11-1/12**, Eucharistic ministers will be formally commissioned in the new year.

CONFIRMATION

If you attended the information evening in October and your son/daughter is happy to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, don't forget to send the **completed registration forms to the nominated person by 9 November**. We are looking forward to seeing you at the Parish retreat vigil mass on **Saturday 23 November** at 6.00pm followed by a light meal in the hall. This will be a great opportunity to engage in the process of becoming the person God has created us to be.

NOVEMBER PRAYERS

ASSISTED DYING BILL/NOVENA

In his pastoral letter Cardinal Vincent Nichols encourages us to write to our MPs, discuss this issue with each other, and pray. As parishioners/prayer groups you are invited to offer a novena of prayer from 1-9 November for those debating the bill. The **National Board of Catholic Women** is hosting a zoom webinar on **16 November** by the BioScience and Ethics Committee to understand the bill and have a conversation around the issues raised: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82655820469?pwd=Cyv97lkaBDV6LX0T1vBuDfPLYznqEU.1> Passcode 861303.

ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS

In **November** we remember our beloved departed and, during this month, you can write the name of the person you would like to remember in prayer in the Remembrance book in the porch. It will be brought to the altar during each Mass, and Fr Ruslan will pray for them on that specific day. **During Adoration on Tuesdays** this month (6.30-7.30pm) there will be the opportunity to light a candle in memory of your loved ones. The **memorial garden** will be open as follows: Mon-Fri 9.30-14.00; Saturdays all day; Sundays 9.30-14.00.

On **Tuesday 19 November** Fr Ruslan will celebrate a Mass of Remembrance (7.30pm) to remember our departed loved ones and those who don't have anyone to remember them.

ADVENT

ADVENT WREATH-MAKING WORKSHOP

Back by popular demand on **Saturday 30 November**. Create a beautiful wreath as a centrepiece for your table, learn about its symbolism and how you can use it to pray during advent. Spaces are limited and we need to purchase supplies so please **book your place by Monday 25 November in the porch or online** (<https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/ljuhuzpi>) - families/individuals welcome. Cost: £11 per family/wreath.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Our Advent penitential service will take place on **Wednesday 18 December at 7.30pm** to help us prepare for the coming of our Lord and Saviour. Details to follow.

CELEBRATION OF CAROLS AND READINGS

Join us on **Sunday 22 December** at 3pm for a celebration followed by refreshments. Further details to follow. If you'd like to help, please contact John Joyce via the parish office.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - PRIZES NEEDED!

To raise much needed funds for the parish we are planning a Christmas raffle - but to make it a success we need some prizes! If you can donate a prize yourself or source one from someone you know please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

DIOCESAN/OTHER EVENTS

LAST CALL for the Grandparent's formation day on **6 November on Grandparenting for Faith** in Crawley. Sign up here: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/fl3nva0p>. If you're struggling to access the information online, please phone the diocesan centre on 01293 651144.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS SEMINAR

Those who work with adults/young people in parishes or in general know that there are growing numbers of people who are experiencing mental health challenges. The diocese is working with Mental Health First Aid (England) to provide a Mental Health Awareness course focused on being able to identify early symptoms and warning signs in those around you. We will also explore the resources and networks available to signpost people to appropriate support. If you're interested in attending on **Saturday 16 November in Crawley**, do sign up; <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/i15ze32jk>

LOOKING AHEAD: YOUNG ADULT JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE

We would like to support parishioners aged 18-30 from our parish to join the diocesan pilgrimage from **28 July-4 August 2025** to celebrate this special year of forgiveness and reconciliation. There will be opportunities to hear from, and pray with, Pope Francis on the theme of Hope. Please contact the parish office for further info on how we can support. Details here: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/yaahprxo>.

Please see <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events> for a full listing of events.

ELMBRIDGE COMMUNITY ECO-HUB

The Eco-Hub (located behind the Montessori school) are accepting donations of clean coats, hats, scarves and gloves in good condition to be distributed to those in need in the area. Please donate between Monday, Thursday and Friday 9-4 and Saturday 9-12. If you are in need of a coat, please visit the Ecohub and speak to a volunteer, no questions asked.

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. For details: <https://www.sterconwalds.org.uk/get-involved.html>

PLATE

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS FOR 27-10-24: £367.10
2ND COLLECTION MISSIO: £217.50

STANDING ORDERS FOR OCTOBER: £4784.91

THANK YOU!

SAVE THE DATES:

20 NOV: READERS MEETING
22-24 NOV: PARISH RETREAT
27 NOV: EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING
30 NOV: WREATH MAKING
15 DEC: CHRISTMAS LUNCH
18 DEC: PENITENTIAL SERVICE
22 DEC: CAROL CELEBRATION
15 MAR: FLAME CONGRESS