

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS



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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 take place in February, details TBC.

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 now underway. Please pray for all our First Holy Communion children, 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.

SAT 11 JAN	9:30	PATRICK & KATHLEEN RIP
	10:00	ADORATION & RECONCILIATION
	16.45	ITALIAN MASS
	18:00	VIGIL MASS OF THE EPIPHANY PARISHIONERS
SUN 12 JAN	9:15	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (FEAST) FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN
	11:15	BETTY BRAGANZA RIP
MON 13 JAN	9:30	MASS
TUE 14 JAN	18.30	ADORATION AND RECONCILIATION
	19.30	MASS
WED 15 JAN	9:30	STEPHEN PACE RIP
	10:00	ROSARY
THU 16 JAN	NO MASS	NO MASS
FRI 17 JAN	9.30	ST ANTHONY, ABBOT (MEMORIAL) NO MASS
	10:00	DIVINE MERCY
		MASS
SAT 18 JAN	9:30	ADORATION AND RECONCILIATION
	10:00	ITALIAN MASS
	16.45	
	18:00	MASS
SUN 19 JAN	9:15	2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME PARISHIONERS
	11:15	TONY CHUTTER RIP (ANNIVERSARY)

TODDLER PRAISE AND PLAY

The toddler group meets on Fridays during term-time for toddlers and their parent(s)/grandparent(s) etc. **Please sign up** online <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/iggy3pov>

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This weekend we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord in the river Jordan. Our own baptisms are like a new birthday, because with it we were born into the life of grace. **Let us thank the Lord for Baptism.** Let us also thank him for the parents who brought us to the font, for those who administered the Sacrament, for our godfathers and godmothers, for the godmother, for the community in which we received him. We can ask ourselves: am I aware of the immense gift I carry within me through Baptism? **Do I acknowledge, in my life, the light of the presence of God, who sees me as his beloved son, his beloved daughter?** In memory of our own baptisms, let us welcome the presence of God within us. He loves us and wants to be with us.

REFLECTION SESSIONS ON WEDNESDAYS

Even if we can't travel far, the Jubilee Year will still be a journey for all of us - a journey of hope. Starting this **Weds 15 January (am)** and **22 January (pm)**, we shall be holding two **4-session series of reflections** on how this year calls us to reset, renew our faith and commit to building a fairer world where all people may flourish. You can either come on **Wednesday mornings** from 10.15-11.30am (sign up here: <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/zafvh8e3>), or in the **evening** from 7.45-9.00pm ((sign up here: <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/sqa2ui1f>) in the parish hall. There's also a sign up sheet in the porch.

JUBILEE YEAR PRAYER CARD

Next weekend we shall be handing out a prayer card to help us pray as a hopeful people of faith. Do pick up a copy.

SYCAMORE PRAYER COURSE - THE POWER OF PRAYER

Join us for a cuppa and time to talk about all things prayer; its power, in the mass, with the Bible, how to start. Join one session or all 5. Please sign up in advance here: <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/he7saf1o> or on the sheet in the porch. All are very welcome! Starts **Sunday 19th January** at 8pm in the hall.

ONLINE WORKSHOP

Next **Saturday 18 January** CAFOD will host a workshop from 10.30-12: A Year of Hope. It's an exciting introduction to the Jubilee year, looking at what Jubilee means for us individually and the Church. It's an opportunity to **celebrate Jubilee with prayers, reflections and music** from Ooberfuse and explore how to be a tangible sign of hope throughout this holy year. Register here: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/a-year-of-hope-an-introduction-to-the-jubilee-year>

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, 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, Maureen Moriarty, 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.

PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP RICHARD

This weekend a pastoral letter will be read out at the 6pm and 11.15 Masses, in which Bishop Richard reminds us of our call to mission, our steps towards a new model of parish, and the diocesan anniversary. Please do have a read <https://www.sterconwalds.org.uk/news-and-newsletters.html>

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

The pilgrimage to Lourdes is one of the most significant pastoral events in the annual diocesan calendar, with hundreds of members of our community of faith visiting the Grotto together each year. Online applications are now open.

PARISH NEWS/EVENTS

We are sad to announce the death of **Tony Lanzisera**, a long-standing member of our parish. Please pray for him and his family - Teresa, Angela, Martin, Alexia and Dominic - in their grief. His funeral Mass will be on Thursday 30 January in the church. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We welcome all the First Holy Communion children and their families at their Mass of Enrolment at the 9.15 Mass this weekend. Please pray for them and their families.

THANK YOU!

Fr Bill wishes to thank the kind family who sent him a Christmas hamper. He hopes to finish it by Lent (with the help of others!).

OUR YEAR IN FIGURES - LIVING OUT OUR PARISH MISSION

Our parish mission is for us to grow in faith, love and community. As we start 2025, it's a great time for all of us to reflect on how we measure up against that mission, so we have been doing some digging to remind ourselves! Emma, our Parish Treasurer, has collated lots of facts and figures from the various groups in our parish and you can pick up a copy this weekend. Thank you to everyone for your contributions; only as a community acting together could we have achieved all this. We have much to do in 2025, but we're building on a strong foundation!

A little note of caution: you'll note that we are still not seeing any growth in regular giving, meaning that we are operating at a deficit of around £300 per week. Perhaps you could take a moment at the start of this new year and reflect: If we could all manage just £1 per person per month more on average, that would make a huge difference to our parish finances and to what we can achieve together in the future.

PARISH RAFFLES

Every weekend in January we shall be holding raffles at the various masses so don't miss your chance to win whilst helping raise money for our church!

- Sun 12th - 9.15am
- Sat 18th - 6pm
- Sun 26th - 9.15am

HELP PLEASE!

We'd like to start a **drop in coffee morning** once a month in the New Year during the week and need a few people to get this going.

We're also looking for a couple of people to join the **comms team**: helping with the newsletter/content for the screens/website/social media/porch - as often or as little as you've time for - we can provide full training! Please contact Lucy Jardine on ppc.walton@abdiocese.org.uk or **the parish office**.

AND MORE HELP NEEDED

Two of our parishioners are needing help with light cleaning in their apartment which is near the church. Hours and payment to be arranged. Please contact Frances Ryan on 07903326880 for further details.

Are you a parent of a young child?

The Parish Pastoral Council would like to launch a Faith Parenting course to help parents nurture their child's spiritual growth. If you'd be interested in this, keep an eye out for more details soon—we'd love to hear from you!

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The PPC next meets this **Monday 13 January at 7.45pm**. We'll mainly be planning for the coming year and also looking at how we can contribute to the **vision of the new Weybridge parish**, looking at our own strengths and weaknesses and exploring opportunities to grow together in Christ. We'll be sharing more with the parish in the weeks to come. Please pray for us.

YOUTH MASSES

Youth masses will start again in February; please keep an eye out for announcements and speak to Fr Ruslan if you'd like to be involved.

DIOCESAN/OTHER NEWS/EVENTS

DAY OF REFLECTION - MINISTERS OF THE WORD

On Saturday **25 January** the diocese will be holding a day of reflection, led by Bishop Richard, for Ministers of the Word from 11am-4pm at St Wilfrid's parish centre in Burgess Hill. Sign up here: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

FLAME (<https://cymfed.org.uk/flame>) is an inspiring biannual youth congress next held on **15 March 2025** for 10,000 young people at Wembley Arena, full of music, powerful speakers and a chance to meet other young Catholics from around the country. We'd love to take young people from our parish to go with the diocesan group. If you're interested in going, Please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

JUBILEE FOR YOUTH - PILGRIMS OF HOPE - ROME 2025

Young adults from all over the world aged 18-30 will be gathering in Rome from 28 July-4 August to celebrate the special Jubilee year of forgiveness and reconciliation. Join other like-minded people as part of the Diocesan group as we travel to Rome, with opportunities to hear from, and pray with, Pope Francis on the theme of hope. Full details are on the diocesan website.

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>

YOUR OFFERINGS PLATE COLLECTIONS FOR CHRISTMAS TBC

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS UKRAINE TBC

STANDING ORDERS FOR DECEMBER: TBC

THANK YOU!

SAVE THE DATES

- 15 MAR:** FLAME CONGRESS
- 5 JULY:** DAY RETREAT
- 20 SEP:** FESTIVAL OF HOPE