

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

BAPTISM PREPARATION

These sessions take place throughout the year. The next preparation session will next **Tuesday 13th of January at 8.15pm via zoom**. Please contact the office for details and to book.

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 AND CONFIRMATION

Applications are now closed for the 2025-26 programmes.

The **Confirmation programme** continues and the **First Holy Communion programme** starts this month. **FHC Mass of Enrolment** will be this **Sunday 11 January 2026 at 9.15am**.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 10 Jan	9.30	MASS Intentions of Deborah Russell
	10.00	ADORATION & RECONCILIATION
	16.45 18.00	ITALIAN MASS MASS Patrick Ford RIP (3 rd Anniversary)
Sun 11 Jan	9.15	The Baptism of the Lord
	11.15	MASS John Reid RIP MASS Parishioners
Mon 12 Jan	9.30	NO MASS
	11.00	Funeral Mass for Mary Edenborough
Tues 13 Jan	18.30	Adoration
	19.30	MASS Andrew Edgeworth RIP
Wed 14 Jan	9.30	MASS
	10.00	Intentions of Christine Casey ROSARY
Thurs 15 Jan	11.00	Funeral Mass for Salvatore Nigrelli
Frid 16 Jan	9.30	NO MASS
	10.00	NO DIVINE MERCY
	11.00	Funeral Mass for Nathan Smith
Sat 17 Jan	9.30	St Antony, Abbot (Memorial)
	10.00	MASS Patrick & Katherine O'Driscoll RIP ADORATION & RECONCILIATION
	16.45 18.00	ITALIAN MASS MASS Intentions of Deborah Russell
Sun 18 Jan	9.15	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
	11.15	MASS Intentions of the O'Loughlin family MASS Parishioners



ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

10-11 JANUARY 2026



THIS SUNDAY - BAPTISM OF JESUS

The baptism of Jesus marks the beginning of His public mission and reveals the heart of the Gospel. Though sinless, Jesus enters the waters of the Jordan in obedience to the Father and in solidarity with humanity. In that moment, the heavens are opened, the Spirit descends, and the Father's voice is heard: "This is my Son, the Beloved." God makes Himself known. This feast reminds us that baptism is not symbolic or optional; it is foundational. Through baptism, we are united with Christ, filled with the Holy Spirit, and claimed as children of God. Our Christian identity does not begin with what we do, but with who we belong to. To remember our baptism is to live with purpose and confidence, knowing that we are sent, as Christ was sent, to bear God's love into the world.

With prayers Fr. Ruslan and the PPC

Our nativity crib will be taken down after this weekend.

POPE LEO'S JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION

This month, Pope Leo invites us to pray with the word of God - which we receive through the Holy Bible:

"Let us pray that praying with the word of God
be nourishment for our lives
and a source of hope in our communities,
helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church."

PLEASE PRAY

It is with sadness we announce that Yvonne Johnson passed away last weekend. Yvonne was a long-standing parishioner of St. Erconwald's, in addition to working with Mother Theresa. We offer our condolences and prayers to her two sons Trevor and Michael. Her funeral details will be advised as and when available.

FUNERAL MASS FOR MARY EDENBOROUGH

This will take place here at St Erconwalds this **Monday 12 January at 11am**. Let perpetual light shine upon Mary and Yvonne, and may they rest in peace.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS OF ENROLMENT

The FHC Mass of Enrolment is this Sunday 11 January at the 9.15 Mass. Please pray for all our young parishioners as they prepare for this Sacrament as part of their faith journey.

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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 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, Tom Asbury, Teresa Azouz, Baby Elm, Roger Blishen, Christopher Clifford and Catherine Browle, Katherine Cawley, Trish Claxton, Rose Collins, Jimmy Connaughtoin, Pat Couchman, Thérèse Crumpler, James De Leons-Hopkins, Maureen and Bill Dodds, Julia Donaldson, 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, Fr Sebastian Paul, 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.

TODDLER PRAISE AND PLAY GROUP

The toddler group next meets **Friday 16 January** from 10-11.30 in the church hall. (Grand)parents are very welcome with their little ones; come along for some crafts, singing, stories and a chance to chat with others.

YOUTH MASSES

Our next youth-led Mass is **Saturday 7 February** at 6pm. All are welcome to come along and participate.

PARISH OF WEYBRIDGE

The Weybridge Parish Representative Group next meets on **19 January** (not 17 January as previously shared). Our parish representatives are Emma Simpkin, Vini Menezes and our Parish Pastoral Council Chair. Our website has reports and other information on our new parish here: <https://www.sterconwalds.org.uk/weybridge-parish-news>

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Our St Erconwald's Parish Pastoral Council next meets **this Monday 12 January** at 8pm. We'll be planning for the new liturgical year, and especially Lent and Easter. If there's anything you'd like to raise, or would like to help prepare for Lent, please contact Lucy Jardine, PPC Chair at ppc.walton@abdiocese.org.uk. The PPC will be sharing updates at all Masses on **31 January and 1 February**.

CARE MASS

We will be holding a Care Mass for the sick, elderly and housebound on **Wednesday 11 February** time TBC. If you would like to come to this special Mass and Service, please advise the office (Susana). Again, if anyone requires transport we will try to organise this. There will be refreshments afterwards affording the opportunity to chat with each other. Please spread the word!

LENTEN SMALL FAITH-SHARING GROUPS

We will be hosting small faith-sharing groups again this year using the 'We Dare to Ask' booklets. The five sessions each include scripture, prayers and a reflection with questions on the theme of our baptismal vocation. Please consider joining with others this Lent as we prepare to renew our baptismal promises at Easter. Full details and sign up to follow.

THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND AWARENESS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING – 8 February

The theme for the 12th edition in 2026, "Peace Begins with Dignity: A Global Call to End Human Trafficking," draws inspiration from Pope Leo XIV's powerful reminder that true peace is gentle and humble, born of love, and sustained where human dignity is upheld. The exploitation and objectification of people through trafficking fundamentally destroy the foundations of peace and justice, making its eradication essential to building a just world.

DIGITAL/EMAIL NEWSLETTER

Thank you to all who have signed up for the newsletter online when registering. We are working to add you to the distribution list. If you are still reading this newsletter in paper format and can receive it via email, why not sign up here: <https://www.sterconwalds.org.uk/parish-news-and-events.html>

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM - HELP NEEDED

We are a small team, working on our newsletter, website and social media. If anyone is interested helping out, please contact Lucy Jardine on 07740 461 785. Full training provided!

OTHER/DIOCESAN NEWS/EVENTS

POPE LEO XIV APPOINTS BISHOP RICHARD MOTH AS THE NEW ARCHBISHOP OF WESTMINSTER

Addressing members of our Diocese, Bishop Richard said: "It has been a real privilege for me to serve you all during these last ten years and I shall be sad to leave the Diocese. May I thank you for all the support, patience and understanding you have shown to me over these years as we have journeyed together. I know I can rely on your prayers as I prepare for new responsibilities and I assure you of my prayers for all that you do in the service of the Church in the Mission that the Lord has entrusted to us all."

Archbishop-elect Richard Moth will become the 12th Archbishop of Westminster, succeeding Cardinal Vincent Nichols. He will be installed at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 14 February.

The **diocesan website explains the process** until his successor is appointed here: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/sede-vacante-next-steps>. We are all invited to pray for Bishop Richard's successor.

RESOURCES FOR CATECHISTS/PARENTS/TEACHERS

Radical Belonging: Guide to Sacramental Preparation with Autistic Young People, written by Deacon Mark Paine for the Archdiocese of Birmingham. This free Guide offers a pastoral, practical pathway for catechesis with Autistic young people, including those who are non-speaking. It reflects a theology of dignity, belonging and mission. There are helpful definitions, acronyms, glossary terms and further recommendations at the end of this resource.

Download Radical Belonging: www.godwhospeaks.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Radical-Belonging.pdf

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Dates have now been announced. Please visit the diocesan website for details.

DIOCESAN TRAINING DAYS

There are various diocesan training days in the new year, including mental health training, days for Ministers of the Word, and Lourdes preparation days. Visit the diocesan website for details: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/ibgv7xjz>

COMMUNICATIONS

Please send any newsletter/website/porch/social media items or any amendments to: **comms.sterconwalds@gmail.com** by Thursday 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 DECEMBER: £1113.24

STANDING ORDERS FOR DECEMBER: £4900.67

THANK YOU!

SAVE THE DATES!

7 FEB: YOUTH-LED MASS