

# ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

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## Parish News

### **A Big Thank you**

The Joyful Chorus Gospel Choir was with us last Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> of July. The concert was a great success!!!! We raised a whopping **£1553.91** after expenses for the parish Maintenance Fund. Thank you to everyone that attended the concert and to all our volunteers. Hopefully, we will be able to do more fundraising events in the near future. And a massive thank you to Frances Ryan for all her hard work organising it. Thank you!

### **Donation**

There are 2 dresses in the hall (size 6 and 9) in perfect condition. These are ideal dresses for First Holy Communion or Bridesmaids. It would be great if they could go to a nice new home for a donation. Thank you

### **Message from The Help Uganda Trust**

The Help Uganda Trust's mission has been to help orphaned children in Uganda. Whilst our children grow older, our mission continues today. As the Parish has been our main sponsor, we wanted to share a wonderful message from just one of our young people, showing the impact you have had on their lives. Sandra is now 24 and has just graduated. She wrote. "I want to thank you for everything that you have done in my life, thank you for sponsoring me throughout my whole life, you have educated and looked after me in all aspects of life. Without your contribution, the journey to my education would not have been a success, A big thank you to Help Uganda Trust. Thank you for the support you have provided me throughout my entire life until now that I have received my degree in culinary art and hotel management at Makerere university. Working in the hospitality industry has always been my dream in life. The financial help you have provided has made it much easier for me to spend more time on my studies, and it has put me on a path to greatness. Thank you for helping me attain one of my greatest dreams, you have inspired me in many ways, one of which is to give back to the community when I am able to in the future. May the almighty God bless and reward you all"

The HUT still has 14 young people in our programme many who will complete their studies over the next two years. The pandemic has been very tough over in Uganda as education simply stopped for many (unlike here in Europe i.e. held people back two years). It has been challenging for the HUT too as our income has been much less and we have not been able to make fundraising appeals and graduations will take longer.

The HUT promises to provide the parish a full update report in September.

## **Modern Slavery**

Thank you all for listening to me last week raising awareness about Modern Slavery on our streets today. Some people have asked me about the video clips I mentioned in the talk.

The first was:

Did you see that coming a Surrey police video on u tube:

[Did you see that coming? - YouTube](#)

Slightly longer video about the voluntary work on the Greek Island of Chios:

[Laugh 4 Change | Mini-doc - YouTube](#)

Together we can all make a difference. Reminder of Modern Slavery help line:

0700 0121 700

Thanks again and God bless you all. Ann

## **Alpha Course**

Would you like to take part in an Alpha Course??? Join them for their free, no obligation Alpha Tester Session with a free meal on 21<sup>st</sup> of September at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall at Christ Prince of Peace in Weybridge. Please RSVP to book your place

[cppalpha2017@gmail.com](mailto:cppalpha2017@gmail.com)

## **Angela Collins**

Sadly Angela passed away last week. She used to be very involved in our church and was part of the 11.15 Sunday choir. Her funeral will be on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> of July at 11.00am.

Please have her family in your thoughts and prayers.

## **Sheila Day**

A mass will be said on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> of July for the repose of soul of Sheila Day. She was a long-term parishioner that sadly passed away a few weeks ago. You are more than welcome to attend this mass.

## **Note from the Office:**

**Any queries or mass intentions for August and early September, please send them to the office before 21<sup>st</sup> of July.**

## **Diocesan run events**

### **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 24 July 2022**

The second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is on Sunday 24 July 2022 with the theme: "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15) Pope Francis has requested that we use this day to honour those who have further steps on their life journey and particularly Grandparents.

He says "Along with old age and white hairs, God continues to give us the gift of life and to keep us from being overcome by evil. If we trust in him, we will find the strength to praise him still (cf. vv. 14-20). We will come to see that growing old is more than the natural decline of the body or the inevitable passage of time, but the gift of a long life. Aging is not a condemnation, but a blessing!" you can read his inspiring message here:

[Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, 2022 \[24 July 2022\] - Activities of the Holy Father Pope Francis | Vatican.va](#)

### Mass Intentions and Mass Times: Week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> July

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Sat 09 July	9.30am	Terence Coughlan RIP (Anniversary)
	4.45pm	Italian Mass
	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun 10 July	9.15am	Kevin Andrews RIP
	11.15am	Lynda Ellis RIP
Mond 11 July	9.30am	In thanksgiving to Parishioners & Fr Ruslan for their healthy prayers
Tues 12 July	9.30am	Sheila Day RIP
Wed 13 July	9.30am Rosary	Alice Bartley RIP
Thurs 14 July	No mass	
Fri 15 July	9.30am	Betty Braganza RIP
Sat 16 July	9.30am	Kevin Andrews RIP
	4.45pm	Italian Mass
	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun 17 July	9.15am	Betty Braganza RIP
	11.15am	Angela Collins RIP

#### Rosary

We will be praying the Rosary every Wednesday after mass. Please join us after 9.30 mass.

#### Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

*Margaret (Maggie) Hawkes, Anna Sartori, Nicoletta Lanzisera, Rose Collins, Carmen Galanty, Patrick Russell, Ann Griffin, Ann Lane, Dina Yates, Manuel and Jackie Faraldo, Andres Gomez, Christian Misuraca, Christopher Clifford and Catherine Browle. Jerry Riordan, Pia Nelson, June Ellis, Shirley Rhodes, John Lydon, James De Leons-Hopkins, Sheila Tickner, Anne Richardson, Paul Bahoshy, Angela Collins*

Dear Parishioners,

as you know we keep a section of our Newsletter specifically for those in need of our prayers, whether they are 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, then 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 only Fr Ruslan to know but not have your name in the newsletter just let us know and this can be accommodated.

Fr Ruslan is very aware that we have 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 this Church. If you have not been able to get to church because you are too poorly or a vulnerable person, please reach out to either Susana in the office, Fr Ruslan himself in confidence or Ann Mehan. Susana and Ann will work with Fr Ruslan to try to schedule visits. Feel free to contact us. God Bless.

### Collection

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ thank you very much for your generosity and support to the parish. I greatly appreciate all your help and financial contribution. May God bless you all!!!

**Offertory Collection 03.07.22: 361.07 £**

**Standing Orders contributions for June: £ 3708**

**Contributions via DONA for June: £731**

If you would like to donate online, please see the parish bank details. Parish Account: Sort code 40 05 20 Account No 01126393, payable to RCD A&B St Erconwalds Walton on Thames. You can also donate in the Church using our DONA device.

And please remember to make your donation Gift Aided if you can. Thank you

### Sacramental Life

Baptism	First Communion	Reconciliation
Next Baptismal Preparation session will be <b>September</b> in the Hall. If you would like to attend, please contact the office to book a space.	Following the teachings of the Church, 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.	In the sacrament of Reconciliation, we encounter God's love for us through the gift of forgiveness, pardon and peace.  <b>The sacrament of Reconciliation is regularly available in church on Saturdays after 9.30 Mass or on request.</b>

### Catholic Education

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