

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptism preparation sessions take place regularly throughout the year. Please contact the office for details and to book. The next Baptism session will be in November. Date 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
If your child is in Year 3 or above you can now apply for the FHC Programme 2025. Forms are available from the back of the church or on our website and need returning to the parish office no **later than Sunday 20 October**. Any families wishing to register their children for this programme need also to be registered with our parish. Parish registration forms are in the back of church/online.

We do need **additional catechists** and especially ask parents of those who children will participate in the programme to help out. You don't need to commit to each week! Do get in touch with the parish office by phone or email.

The first **CONFIRMATION** session was held last week and continues on 23/11. If you're still interested in joining the programme, please contact the parish office.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SAT 12 OCT	9:30	ST WILFRID, BISHOP (MEMORIAL) NO MASS
	10.00	NO ADORATION OR RECONCILIATION
	16.45	ITALIAN MASS
	18:00	MARY & JERRY O'SHEA RIP (ANNIVERSARY)
SUN 13 OCT	9:15	28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JIM MAY, BRIAN O'NEILL & RAY PALMER RIP (ANNIVERSARY)
	11:15	PARISHIONERS
MON 14 OCT	9:30	TERENCE & ANNE COUGHLAN RIP
TUE 15 OCT	18:30	ST TERESA OF JESUS, VIRGIN, DOCTOR (MEMORIAL) ADORATION AND RECONCILIATION
	19:30	FOR THE YOUNG LADY WHO SADLY PASSED AWAY AT KINGSTON HOSP LEAVING BEHIND A 5YO RIP
WED 16 OCT	9:30	ANTOINETTE MONTEIRO RIP (1ST ANNIVERSARY)
	10:00	ROSARY
THU 17 OCT	NO MASS	ST IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP, MARTYR (MEMORIAL) NO MASS
FRI 18 OCT	9:30	ST LUKE, EVANGELIST (FEAST) ANTI SLAVERY DAY
	10:00	DIVINE MERCY
SAT 19 OCT	9:30	ST PHILIP HOWARD, MARTYR, PATRON OF THE DIOCESE (SOLEMNITY) INTENTIONS OF DERMOT O'KEEFE
	10:00	ADORATION AND RECONCILIATION
	16.45	ITALIAN MASS
	18:00	PARISHIONERS
SUN 20 OCT	9:15	29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CLIVE GARDNER RIP (ANNIVERSARY)
	11:15	MASS

WEEKLY EVENTS

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



ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

12/13 OCTOBER 2024

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

In this Sunday's Gospel passage, an unnamed man meets Jesus and asks what he must do to possess everlasting life. Jesus emphasises the true meaning of "treasures," not worldly goods but belonging entirely to God and God's Kingdom. Hearing the words of Jesus, though, the man goes away sad, preferring to hold on to his possessions and not leave them behind. We can hope that he eventually took to heart Jesus' teaching and became a follower of the Lord, who alone can satisfy the deepest hunger of the human heart.

For each of us, the way to eternal life is to follow Jesus without counting the cost, and it is to say to follow him unconditionally. Love of Our Lord is more significant than we can imagine or comprehend. He blesses us and our families and invites us with his words, "Come and follow me." Only Jesus can satisfy our deepest desires and needs. To follow him is to gain the greatest treasure in our life.

With prayers,
fr. Ruslan

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND. This weekend we will be having one of our quarterly utilities collection. We want everyone to feel warm and comfortable in our Church and the bills are pretty high these days. So any donation as little as it might be, will help.

PARISH RETREAT

Last week you may have read a reflection here on *what* it means to retreat, and some of us may be wondering, *'how do I retreat'*? The answer to this will be different for each of us. You may choose to focus on prayer, reflection or meditation. In this manner, one can retreat at any time, in any place, alone or together with others. Our retreat is a chance for us to synchronise our contemplation.

Retreats in the Catholic Church provide us with an opportunity to step away from the distractions we have in our lives, just as Jesus withdrew to solitude to pray. This time can then allow us to strengthen our faith and deepen our relationship with God. We can use the opportunity for reflection and spiritual renewal during our Symphony of Prayer. Our retreat will give us a chance to focus on our spiritual selves and to listen to God's Word. In our busy lives, it can be very easy to become distracted and lose sight of our relationship with God. The retreat will help us to reconnect with our faith.

Our parish retreat will take place across three days from 22 November with 6pm Mass, through to Sunday afternoon 24 November. There will be multiple events held each day -you're invited to as many as you can make. The programme is in the porch and on the website. **If you can help in any way please contact Lucy on 07740 461785.**

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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!

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, Thérèse 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, 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 schedule visits.

THANK YOU for your generous harvest donations to **CAFOD and to our local foodbank** last weekend - nearly 77 kilos of food and toiletries! The Walton and Hershams Food Bank were delighted to receive the donations and pass on their thanks to all to all our parishioners. You can still donate to the foodbank by placing donations in the red trugs in the porch. And thank you to one of our parishioners who donated a table and chairs to the toddler group!

OCTOBER and OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

If you're new to praying the rosary and are how to do so, or even why we pray to Mary, do watch two 2-minute videos from Busted Halo: <https://bustedhalo.com/video>

Mass this Saturday will be said by Fr Bill. Welcome Fr Bill! **Next week 19/20** October the second collection will be for World Mission Sunday.

ALPHA

You may have read Gerard's reflection last week, on taking part in Alpha. Here is another parishioner's. She says: "I found the Alpha course a challenging experience, in a positive way. It was great to be encouraged to really ponder big questions that it's otherwise easy to just gloss over or take for granted. It has given me a different perspective on a lot of things, not just related to faith. It's one and a half year on and I still think about what I learned about myself in the course. I really recommend it to anyone.

Our next Alpha Course starts as a short 4-week course **THIS SUNDAY 13 October** at 7.30pm in the hall. What are you waiting for?! Sign up and see where your Alpha journey takes you. <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/5nlchpsx>

BABY LOSS AWARENESS WEEK - WAVE OF LIGHT

BLAW culminates with the global event "Wave of Light" this **Tuesday**, with candles lit at 7pm across the world for all babies who have died too soon. This time coincides with our weekly Adoration at 6.30pm and evening Mass at 7.30pm. We invite you to come to candlelit prayer in the quiet of our church; to reflect and to remember in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

MUSIC PRACTICE

Want to learn some new songs that we'll be introducing at the 9.15 masses over the next few weeks? Some of them will also be used at various points during our parish retreat. All are welcome - do come along to a practice this Wednesday 16 October at 7.30pm in church.

MASSES LED BY YOUNG PEOPLE

These start again **next Saturday 19 October at 6pm**. If you'd like to participate please contact Fr Ruslan. All are welcome!

PARISH KITCHEN

A recycling bin will be put in the kitchen shortly, along with a sign about what can/can't be recycled. Please do use it as appropriate to help us play our part in caring for our planet. We're **missing some bowls and even more plates** from the kitchen. Please can you check your cupboards and return any you may taken away have this weekend? Thank you!

WANTED

If anyone has a **spare working hoover** you can pass on we would really welcome it! Our one is not enough when more than one volunteer is cleaning the church. Thank you!

BAPTISMS

Next weekend we'll celebrate two baptisms in our parish! Do welcome the families into our parish community.

INTERCESSIONARY (BIDDING) PRAYERS

We have a wonderful team of women who write our inspiring intercessionary prayers each week on a rota basis. We'd love to expand the team to reflect more fully our parish community. We have plenty of guidance for you; do contact Margaret on 07811 792 117 if interested.

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

The diocese is recruiting for the next intake for our Ministry of Consolation training. One of the many challenges in our modern world has been the reality that many people do not know what to say or how to support the bereaved, which leaves so many feeling isolated, lonely and often questioning their faith. The Diocese has a wide network of 120 trained bereavement supporters who accompany and befriend those who are experiencing the loneliness and pain of loss. If you are interested in joining our team, our next training course will run on Wednesdays from 8-12 February via Zoom (9.30am-1.30 pm). Further details to follow.

WILLS, INHERITANCE TAX AND CHARITABLE BEQUESTS

Wills and inheritance tax can be difficult subjects, emotionally and technically, but help is at hand! In November Jess Buttaci, a parishioner with a law practice in Walton, will be giving **two talks in the hall** about this, which will incorporate any changes arising from the Budget in October, and how to make charitable bequests. Dates TBC.

SPARE ROOM FOR A REFUGEE?

A Ukrainian refugee and her two young children need a place to live for one month and is happy to pay. If you can help or know someone, please contact Alison Foreman on 07920 775872. Thank you.

DIOCESAN/OTHER EVENTS

YOUNG ADULTS IN OUR DIOCESE

Lizzie Wakeling, our diocesan youth adviser, has established a Youth Council and is looking for additional members (aged 18-35). The Council is currently working on ideas for young adult ministry. If you'd like to be involved, do contact Lizzie: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk.

MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS will be held on 26 October from 12-1pm at Arundel Cathedral. Why not travel down with some families and celebrate together? See here for this and other events: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

NATIONAL BOARD OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

The NBCW is promoting various talks and events during October - for full details see the poster in the porch.

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

If you wish to work with children or vulnerable adults in our parish please contact Tina O'Kelly, our Safeguarding Rep for volunteers (**change of email address**): 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 06-10-24: 322.21.40
SECOND COLLECTION FOR CAFOD: £357.01

STANDING ORDERS FOR SEPTEMBER: £5258.46

THANK YOU!

SAVE THE DATES

13 OCT: ALPHA STARTS
19 OCT: YOUTH-LED MASS
22-24 NOV: PARISH RETREAT
15 DEC: CHRISTMAS LUNCH
15 MAR: FLAME CONGRESS