

BAPTISM PREPARATION

These sessions take place throughout the year. The next preparation session will on Tuesday 17th of February 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 Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays during Adoration (please see Masses Timetable).

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.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 07 Feb	9.30 10.00 16.45 18.00	NO MASS NO ADORATION & RECONCILIATION ITALIAN MASS MASS For the Fight Against Modern Slavery
Sun 08 Feb	9.15 11.15	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time MASS Sandra Colon RIP (Anniversary) & For the Fight Against Modern Slavery MASS John Ellis RIP (Anniversary) & For the Fight Against Modern Slavery
Mon 09 Feb	9.30	MASS Derek McCullagh RIP
Tues 10 Feb	18.30 19.30	St Scholastica, Virgin (Memorial) Adoration and Reconciliation MASS Franky Goes's Intentions (birthday)
Wed 11 Feb	9.30 10.00 11.00	NO MASS NO Rosary, Adoration or Reconciliation WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS
Thurs 12 Feb	NO MASS	NO MASS
Fri 13 Feb	9.30 10.00	MASS George & Felicja Brown RIP DIVINE MERCY
Sat 14 Feb	9.30 10.00 16.45 18.00	Ss Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bisho (Feast) MASS Anne Brown RIP (Birthday) ADORATION & RECONCILIATION ITALIAN MASS MASS Intentions of the Ellis-Foley family
Sun 15 Feb	9.15 11.15	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time MASS Gareth Fox RIP (Anniversary) MASS Parishioners



7-8 FEBRUARY 2026

MESSAGE FROM FR RUSLAN

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, in today's Gospel, Jesus speaks directly to His disciples and to us: "You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world." These are not suggestions or ideals for a few, but a clear description of our Christian calling. Salt gives flavour and preserves what is good; light makes things visible and helps us find our way. Jesus tells us that our presence in the world matters.

Faith is not something meant to be hidden or switched on only in church. It is meant to shape the whole of our lives — our choices, our relationships, and the way we respond to others. Often it is through small, faithful actions that the Gospel becomes visible: a word of encouragement, an act of forgiveness, a willingness to listen, or a quiet commitment to what is right.

Jesus does not ask us to draw attention to ourselves, but to allow His light to shine through us. When we live this way, even in ordinary and unnoticed moments, God's goodness is revealed, and the world is gently changed.
With prayers Fr Ruslan and the PPC.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

We will be having a special Mass on **11 February at 11am**. The Sacrament of the Sick, will be given to those who wish to receive it. There will be tea/coffee, cake and biscuits in the hall afterwards. There will be a "sign-up sheet" in the porch. Please indicate if you need transport. Alternatively, phone the office on 07494 749833. There will also be cards at the back of the church if you wish to include someone in our prayers on this day. These will be brought up to the altar during the offertory along with those already in our prayers listed in the newsletter.

BAPTISM THIS SATURDAY

Please pray for Santiago Tomas Coomb, Ella Marian and Lucy Rose Rodgers and their families as they are baptised in our church this weekend.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This weekend's second collection will be for the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage fund.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We'd love some more people to serve in this important ministry. Please contact the parish office for more information if you would like to serve.

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

"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.

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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, 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.

WEEKDAY READERS

If you are a reader, or would like to read, we are looking for people for the weekday and Saturday masses. With enough volunteers, it would be once every 3-4 weeks. If interested, please speak to Helen McHugh after Mass or contact the parish office.

YOUTH MASSES

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

TODDLER PRAISE AND PLAY GROUP

The toddler group next meets on **Friday February 13 at 10am**. We'll be celebrating all things St Valentine! Parents, grandparents and your toddlers are very welcome. If you think you can help on an occasional basis, getting the toys out beforehand, spending time with (grand)parents and tidying away together afterwards please do get in touch with the parish office.

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!

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE PARTY

Join us for our Annual Pancake Party on **Tuesday 17 February 3.30-5pm** in the Church Hall. Tickets at <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/fugqlvnl>
All money raised will go towards the Easter Egg Hunt and activities for the children of our community.

LENTEN SMALL FAITH-SHARING GROUPS

Five sessions on Wednesday mornings/Thursday evenings will include scripture, prayers and a reflection, starting on **25/26 February**. Sign up here for Wednesday morning sessions: <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/lwbzql9k>
or here for the Thursday evening sessions: <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/mfzrragw>
or see the sign up sheet in the porch.

LENTEN PARISH DIVINE MERCY DAY RETREAT

The Marian Fathers will once again be leading us in a Lenten retreat this year. We are still finalising the timings, and more information will follow, but do put **Saturday 21 March** in your diaries.

LENT CALENDAR

Our Lent calendar will be out shortly with details of all that will take place, including our Lenten soup lunches and parish reconciliation service, to help us prepare for the holiest of weeks and celebrations.

EXCITING NEWS! ST ERCONWALD PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA, 9-16 JUNE

Join us for this 8 day spiritual journey. Pilgrims will walk the 100km at their own pace. This journey will take you through beautiful landscapes, historic churches, and significant religious sites, culminating at the magnificent Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. Contact the office for more information or see the church website.

LOOKING AHEAD

On Easter Sunday there will be a second collection for the HCPT pilgrimage trust Group 24. HCPT organises pilgrimages to Lourdes for disabled and disadvantaged children.

OTHER/DIOCESAN NEWS/EVENTS

FRANCISCAN JUBILEE YEAR FOR 2026

Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a special Jubilee Year, from 10 Jan 2026-10 Jan 2027 to commemorate the eight hundredth anniversary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi. We are invited to rediscover the way of life of the Saint of Assisi: a life that is simple and essential, open to peace and respect for creation.

NATIONAL BOARD OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Thursday 26 February at 6.30pm. Dr Phyllis Zagano is an American author and academic. She was a member of the 2016-2018 Papal Commission for the Study of the Diaconate of Women. She is known for her knowledge and extensive research on the history of women deacons: a cause which she ardently supports.
<https://sueschurchpage.blogspot.com/2026/01/february-2026-newsletter-from-arundel.html>

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

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

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

Do you have a good listening ear? Do you feel you could support those who are struggling with loss or bereavement? We are recruiting for our training course to become a member of the Ministry of Consolation team of volunteer befrienders. The course runs online for a total of 7 weeks on each Wednesday throughout April and May (9.00a.m. - 1 00p.m.). To find out more contact simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk. Application process ends on **7 March 2026**.

DIOCESAN TRAINING DAYS

There are various diocesan training days, including mental health training. 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 JANUARY: £1249.93

STANDING ORDERS FOR JANUARY: £4715.67

THANK YOU!

SAVE THE DATES!

7 FEB: YOUTH-LED MASS
11 FEB: WORLD DAY OF THE SICK CARE MASS
17 FEB: PANCAKE PARTY
21 MAR: DIVINE MERCY RETREAT