



**14 - 15 FEBRUARY 2026**

**MESSAGE FROM FR RUSLAN**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, in today's Gospel, Matthew 5:17-37, Our Lord makes it unmistakably clear: He has not come to abolish the Law, but to fulfil it. Yet He immediately takes us deeper than mere outward observance. It is not enough simply to avoid serious wrongdoing; we must examine the state of our hearts. Anger, resentment, careless words, half-truths — these too matter. Our "yes" should mean yes. Our relationships should reflect integrity, fidelity and charity. Jesus calls us to a righteousness that goes beyond appearances. This is not about scrupulosity or multiplying rules. It is about allowing God to shape our inner life so that our outward actions flow from a heart transformed by grace. As Lent approaches, this Gospel is both a challenge and an invitation. We are not called to a minimal or comfortable Christianity. The Lord asks for sincerity, for reconciliation where it is needed, for truthfulness in speech, and for charity in our dealings with one another. Lent is a time for honest self-examination and real conversion. Let us enter this holy season with courage and humility, trusting that the One who calls us to deeper faith will also give us the grace to live it.

*With prayers Fr Ruslan and the PPC.*

**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK**

Last Wednesday we celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes with a wonderful and very well attended Mass, followed by refreshments. Children from Cardinal Newman made cards and a holy picture of Our Lady of Lourdes with her prayer on the back. It was humbling and emotional to witness those who received the anointing of the sick. **Thank you** to all who supported this celebration of Our Lady of Lourdes in so many ways.

**BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND**

Please pray for Owen Alec Cowley and his family as he is baptised this Saturday.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES**

The first mass of Ash Wednesday will be the Vigil Mass at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 17 February** following Adoration. Ashes will be distributed at this mass and at the 9.30am mass on **Ash Wednesday 18 February**.

**WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS**

A Journey of Prayer for Lent are available at the back of church, they will lead you through Lent with daily scripture readings, reflection and prayer. Donations welcome via Dona.

Sat 14 Feb	9.30	Ss Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bishop (Feast) <b>MASS</b> Anne Brown RIP (Birthday) <b>ADORATION &amp; RECONCILIATION</b>
	10.00	
	16.45	<b>ITALIAN MASS</b> <b>MASS</b> Intentions of the Ellis-Foley family
	18.00	
Sun 15 Feb	9.15	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>MASS</b> Gareth Fox RIP (Anniversary) <b>MASS</b> Parishioners
	11.15	
Mon 16 Feb	9.30	<b>MASS</b> Health of Dorothy & Patrick Horgan
Tues 17 Feb	18.30	<b>Ash Wednesday Vigil Mass</b> <b>Adoration and Reconciliation</b> <b>MASS</b>
	19.30	
Wed 18 Feb	9.30	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> <b>MASS</b> Mr John Hayward RIP <b>Rosary, Adoration and Reconciliation</b>
	10.00	
Thurs 19 Feb	NO MASS	NO MASS
Fri 20 Feb	10.00	NO Divine Mercy <b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b> <b>MASS</b>
	11.30	
	12.00	
Sat 21 Feb	9.30	<b>MASS</b> Dawn Phillpot RIP <b>ADORATION &amp; RECONCILIATION</b>
	10.00	
	16.45 18.00	
Sun 22 Feb	9.15	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b> <b>MASS</b> In thanksgiving for Jane & Hector Charvetto <b>MASS</b> Tadeusz & Irminda Molenda RIP(Anniversary)
	11.15	

**BAPTISM PREPARATION**

These sessions take place throughout the year. The next preparation session will on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**SORT CODE** 40-05-20  
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**DONATIONS PAYABLE**

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ON THAMES.

You can also donate in church using the DONA device. Please use Gift Aid if you can. Thank you for all your help and financial contributions!

## 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, Thérésè 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 Rhoddes, 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.

### 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/fugglwn>  
All money raised will go towards the Easter Egg Hunt and activities for the children of our community.

### LENTEN LUNCHES

Lenten lunches start on **Friday 20 February at 12.30pm** following Stations of the Cross. All are welcome, there is a sign-up sheet at the back of church. If you would like to volunteer to make soup, please indicate on the form. One of the team will be in touch with you.

### LENTEN SMALL FAITH-SHARING GROUPS

Sessions include scripture, prayers and a reflection, starting on **25/26 February**. Invite a friend and sign up here for Wednesday morning sessions: <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/lwbzq19k> or here for the Thursday evening sessions: <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/mfzrragw> or see the sign up sheet in the porch - don't worry if you can't make each session.

### YOUTH MASSES

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

### 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 including details for the sacrament of reconciliation, but do put **Saturday 21 March** in your diaries.

### A LECTURE AT ST ERCONWALD'S - THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY IN HISTORY AND IN ART

Joins us for this interesting lecture on **18 March at 7pm** given by *Dr Adam Sammut, University of York*. The rosary is one of the most popular devotions in all of Catholicism. A product of late medieval piety, it has inspired a Marian cult and the foundation of brotherhoods around the world, with Pope John Paul II adding the Luminous Mysteries to this tradition in 2002. This lecture examines the remaking of the rosary during the Counter-Reformation, and the role of brotherhoods and visual art in defining it from the grassroots. Ticket details to follow.

### PARISH VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES - GET INVOLVED!

We'd love some more volunteers for these important ministries and activities within the Parish, please contact the parish office if you can help:

- Eucharistic Ministry
- Toddlers Play and Praise Group (Friday mornings)
- Weekday readers
- Communications Team

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FEBRUARY 100 CLUB

#### WINNERS:

1st - Jane Joyce  
2nd - Anonymous  
3rd - Liz Huckle

As we approach the end of the first year of the 100 Club, if you would like to join please contact the office [walton@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:walton@abdiocese.org.uk)

### 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.

### 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.

#### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

World Day Of Prayer this year is at 10.0am on **6 March** at St Andrew's United Reform Church. It would be very nice if as many people as possible from the Our Church supported this service.

#### LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

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

#### MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

**2ND COLLECTION DIOCESE LOURDES FUND: £149.87**

**STANDING ORDERS FOR JANUARY: £4715.67**

## THANK YOU!

## SAVE THE DATES!

**17 FEB:** PANCAKE PARTY  
**20 FEB:** LENT LUNCH  
**21 MAR:** DIVINE MERCY RETREAT