

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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 21 Feb	9.30	MASS Dawn Phillpot RIP
	10.00	ADORATION & RECONCILIATION
	16.45 18.00	ITALIAN MASS MASS Parishioners
Sun 22 Feb	9.15	First Sunday of Lent MASS In thanksgiving for Jane & Hector Charvetto
	11.15	MASS Tadeusz & Irmina Molenda RIP(Anniversary)
Mon 23 Feb	9.30	MASS Intentions of Jill Deas
Tues 24 Feb	18.30 19.30	Adoration and Reconciliation MASS In thanksgiving to our Lady Mother of God
Wed 25 Feb	9.30	MASS Intentions of the Nola & Galiano families
	10.00	Rosary, Adoration and Reconciliation
Thurs 26 Feb	NO MASS	NO MASS
Fri 27 Feb	10.00	NO Divine Mercy
	11.30	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
	12.00	MASS Anna Goes RIP
Sat 28 Feb	9.30	MASS E Prendergast RIP
	10.00	ADORATION & RECONCILIATION
	16.45 18.00	ITALIAN MASS MASS Parishioners
Sun 01 Mar	9.15	Second, 'Transfiguration' Sunday of Lent MASS Thomas & Theresa Lynch RIP
	11.15	MASS Bridget Lydon RIP(Anniversary)
	13.00	POLISH MASS



ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER



21 - 22 FEBRUARY 2026

MESSAGE FROM FR RUSLAN

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, on the First Sunday of Lent, the Church leads us into the wilderness with Christ. In the Gospel of Matthew 4:1-11, Jesus faces temptation at His weakest moment — hungry, alone and physically exhausted. The devil offers Him quick solutions: comfort without sacrifice, power without obedience, glory without the Cross. Yet Jesus refuses every shortcut. He stands firmly on the Word of God and chooses trust in the Father. Lent is not simply about “giving something up”. It is a serious, grace-filled season of conversion. Through prayer, fasting and charity, we allow God to strengthen what is weak in us and to purify what distracts us from Him. Fasting teaches self-discipline. Prayer deepens our dependence on God. Charity turns our hearts outward. Our Lenten sacrifices must always bear fruit in love. As we simplify our lives, we become more attentive to those in need — the lonely, the struggling, the forgotten. Charity is not an optional extra; it is a sign that our hearts are truly being changed. Let us enter this holy season deliberately and generously. The wilderness is not a place of defeat but of growth. If we walk with Christ, Easter renewal will not be a surprise — it will be the fruit of a faithful Lent.

With prayers Fr Ruslan and the PPC.

BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND

Please pray for Archie Smith and his family as he is baptised this Saturday at our Church.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be an appeal and second collection this weekend for CAFOD's Lent appeal. Please support as generously as you can - you can also contribute via Dona.

NEXT WEEKEND

The Bethlehem Nativity Group, a missionary from Bethlehem, The Holy Land, will visit us to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood to help and support the poor Christian families. All donations gratefully received.

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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, 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 Rhodhes, 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

Thank you to everyone who supported our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party, it was a great success and thank you as always to Margaret for her wonderful cooking.

LENTEN LUNCHES

Lenten lunches every Friday during Lent at **12.30pm** following Stations of the Cross (11am) and Mass (12pm). 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 this coming week **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.

RCIA COURSE

Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) course will start on **3 March**. It will be a 5-week course on Zoom. If you are interested in attending and haven't contacted the office yet, please get in touch to be added to the list.

YOUTH MASS

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

LECTURE - MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY IN HISTORY & ART

Joins us for this interesting lecture on **Wednesday 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 are £5pp, and you can pay by bank transfer (ref 'talk'), cash on the door or by following this link : [Adam Sammut Talk \(18-Mar-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

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 **21 March** in your diaries.

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

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. If you are interested in joining the Pilgrimage, we are having a Zoom meeting on **Wednesday 4 March at 7.30pm**. Please get in touch with the office to receive more information and Zoom details.

OTHER/DIOCESAN NEWS/EVENTS

ARCHBISHOP RICHARD'S INSTALLATION MASS

The Most Reverend Richard Moth, Bishop of our Diocese from 2015-2026, was installed as the Twelfth Archbishop of Westminster during a Mass of Installation at Westminster Cathedral last Saturday. Speaking during the homily, he highlighted that the power given by the Holy Spirit is not one of domination, but of service, a self-giving love modelled on Christ, and he called on the faithful to "fan into flame the gift of God," reflecting on St Paul's exhortation that "God gave us a spirit not of fear, but of power and love and self-control. Read more including photos from the celebration here: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/installation-mass>

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.

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. 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!

27 FEB: LENT LUNCH
03 MAR: RCIA STARTS
04 MAR: CAMINO INFO EVENING
07 MAR: YOUTH MASS
21 MAR: DIVINE MERCY RETREAT