

**BAPTISM PREPARATION**

These sessions take place throughout the year. The next preparation session will be in April 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 28 Feb	9.30	MASS E Prendergast RIP
	10.00	<b>ADORATION &amp; RECONCILIATION</b>
	16.45	ITALIAN MASS
	18.00	MASS Parishioners
Sun 01 Mar	9.15	<b>Second, 'Transfiguration' Sunday of Lent</b>
	11.15	MASS Thomas & Theresa Lynch RIP
	13.00	MASS Bridget Lydon RIP(Anniversary) POLISH MASS
Mon 02 Mar	9.30	MASS Antonia Blencowe RIP
Tues 03 Mar	18.30	<b>Adoration and Reconciliation</b> MASS The Orlando Family
	19.30	
Wed 04 Mar	9.30	MASS John Pearson RIP (Anniversary) <b>Rosary, Adoration and Reconciliation</b>
	10.00	
Thurs 05 Mar	NO MASS	NO MASS
Fri 06 Mar	10.00	NO Divine Mercy <b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b> MASS Frances Rebecca Drummond RIP
	11.30	
	12.00	
Sat 07 Mar	9.30	MASS
	10.00	<b>ADORATION &amp; RECONCILIATION</b>
	16.45	ITALIAN MASS
	18.00	YOUTH LED MASS Parishioners
Sun 08 Mar	9.15	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> MASS Private Intention
	11.15	MASS Intentions of Cassin Family



**28 FEBRUARY-1 MARCH 2026**

**MESSAGE FROM FR RUSLAN**

This Sunday, the Church leads us up the mountain of the Transfiguration. Jesus does not merely encourage His disciples; He reveals His glory. Peter, James and John are given a clear vision of who He truly is — the beloved Son of the Father. And from the cloud comes not a suggestion, but a command: "Listen to him." Lent is not simply a tradition or a gentle spiritual exercise. It is a serious call to conversion. The climb up the mountain demands something of us — prayer, fasting, generosity, and an honest examination of our lives. Yet we make that effort because Christ is Lord. His light is stronger than our doubts, stronger than our struggles, stronger even than death itself. The Father's words are addressed to each of us. Are we really listening? Are we allowing Christ's voice to shape our decisions, our habits, and the way we treat one another? As we continue our Lenten journey, let us not drift through these forty days. Let us seek the Lord deliberately, trust in His glory, and walk forward with steady faith — ready to follow Him from the mountain of light towards the joy of Easter.

With prayers and every blessing for the time of Lent, Father Ruslan and the PPC.

**WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS**

There are still some booklets for Lent at the back of church - please take one. Donations welcome via Dona. There are also **LENT CALENDARS FOR CHILDREN** - please take one per family if you haven't already.

**HOLY LAND TALK AND ARTICLES FOR SALE**

The Bethlehem Nativity Group, a missionary group from Bethlehem, The Holy Land, will visit us **this weekend** 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.

**RED MISSION BOX HOLDERS**

It is time for the first collection of the year of the contents of your Red boxes. Please would donors take an envelope from the porch, put your details on it, and empty the contents of your box into the envelope and return it to the sacristy after Mass by **Sunday 22 March** at the latest. If you prefer to return your box, please ensure that your name is on the label and place it in the sacristy and take an empty box from the porch. If you would like to start collecting for overseas missions either by a Red Box or by direct debit, please contact Dominic Ennis on 0208 2246114.

**THANK YOU** to all who donated so generously to last week's CAFOD appeal. There are still envelopes in the porch - please take one if you'd still like to make a donation to support our sisters and brothers overseas.

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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. 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.

## RITE OF WELCOME

This week we welcome 4 children into our church community. Please pray for them and their families as they prepare for baptism.

## St ERCONWALD Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, 9-16 June.

Join us for this 8 day spiritual journey. If you are interested in joining the Pilgrimage, we are having a Zoom meeting **this Wednesday 4 March** at 7.30pm. Please get in touch with the office for more information and Zoom details.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2026

The World Day of Prayer will be celebrated this **Friday 6 March**. This year's theme, "I Will Give You Rest: Come" (Matthew 11:28-30) focusses on finding rest in God amid life's burdens. There is a service at **10 am** at **St Andrew's Church in Hershams Road** for all churches in Walton. All are welcome.

## LENTEN LUNCHES

Lenten lunches continue 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. Money raised will go to HCPT Group 24 to take disadvantaged children to Lourdes.

## LENTEN SMALL FAITH-SHARING GROUPS

Sessions continue and include scripture, prayers and reflection. There is still space for the Wednesday morning sessions - don't worry if you've missed the first or can't make each session: <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/lwbzql9k>.

## RCIA COURSE

Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) course starts **this Tuesday 3 March**. It will be a 5-week course in person. If you are interested in attending please contact the office asap.

## YOUTH MASS

Our next youth-led Mass is **next 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 on **Saturday 21 March**, starting with a bring and share lunch at 12pm and running through till around 4.30pm, with the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration. A full programme will be available next week.

## CLEANING SERVICES AVAILABLE

A reliable and experienced Ukrainian cleaner with 2 years' experience is offering domestic cleaning services. Careful, thorough, and trustworthy service guaranteed. If you or someone you know could benefit from help with cleaning, please feel free to get in touch: Oksana, 07886 823203.

## BABY AND TODDLERS PLAY GROUP

Dates for this half term are **Friday 6 March, 20 March and 27 March** from 10-11.30 in the hall- there'll be stories, songs and of course bubbles! **THANK YOU** to our two new volunteers - this means that we'll be able to host the sessions more frequently.

## 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

## MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY IN HISTORY AND ART

Join us on **Wednesday 18 March** at 7pm for a lecture by Dr Adam Sammut. The rosary is one of the most popular devotions in all of Catholicism. 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 £5, with money raised to go towards the church roof. Please pay by bank transfer (ref 'talk'), cash on the door or here:

<https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/sfzbzrpq>.

## OTHER/DIOCESAN NEWS/EVENTS

### MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

Become a member of the Ministry of Consolation team of volunteer befrienders. The online course will run on **Wednesdays from 9 April-20 May** from 9.00am - 1.00pm. If you're interesting in attending and would like to know a little more, please contact Nancy, the Christ the Prince of Peace Administrator: [weybridge@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:weybridge@abdiocese.org.uk). The application process ends on **7 March 2026**.

### EASTER PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES AND NEVERS

St Peter's pilgrimages are organising a pilgrimage from 206 April. Contact the office for further details.

### A DAY WITH MARY

A Day With Mary is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on **Saturday 14 March 2026** (9.45am to 5.00pm). Further information from <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

### GRANDPARENTS FORMATION DAY

**Thursday 23 April 10-4pm** at St John the Evangelist parish hall, Horsham. Join us for what promises to be a wonderful, engaging and affirming day with guest speaker, David Wells. For more details on David's powerful, fun and engaging talks on our faith visit his website [davidwellslive.com](http://davidwellslive.com) To register, go to the Events page of the Diocesan website [www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events).

### MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS TRAINING

**Saturday 9 May 2026**, 10-3pm at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley - Tickets are just £40 per delegate. To register visit [www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events).

The Diocese sends out a **weekly E-Bulletin newsletter** which includes details of formation and events taking place across the Diocese and our wider Catholic community. Click here to sign up: [mailchi.mp/7529e811ae63/joinourlist](mailto:mailchi.mp/7529e811ae63/joinourlist)

## 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 CAFOD: TBC**

**STANDING ORDERS FOR JANUARY: £4715.67**

## THANK YOU!

## SAVE THE DATES!

**03 MAR:** RCIA STARTS  
**04 MAR:** CAMINO INFO EVENING  
**07 MAR:** YOUTH MASS  
**21 MAR:** DIVINE MERCY RETREAT