

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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 7 MAR	9.30	MASS
	10.00	ADORATION & RECONCILIATION
	16.45 18.00	ITALIAN MASS MASS Parishioners
Sun 8 Mar	9.15	Third Sunday of Lent MASS Private Intention
	11.15	MASS Intentions of Cassin Family
Mon 9 Mar	9.30	NO MASS
Tues 10 Mar	18.30	Adoration
	19.30	MASS
Wed 11 Mar	9.30	MASS Health & Wellbeing of Angela & Tony Stevens
	10.00	Rosary, Adoration and Reconciliation
Thurs 12 Mar	NO MASS	NO MASS
Fri 13 Mar	10.00	No Divine Mercy STATIONS OF THE CROSS Mass Intentions of Maria & Richard
	11.30	
	12.00	
Sat 14 Mar	9.30	MASS
	10.00	ADORATION & RECONCILIATION
	16.45 18.00	ITALIAN MASS MASS Parishioners
Sun 15 Mar	9.15	Fourth Sunday of Lent MASS In Thanksgiving for Connor & Melanie on their Wedding Day
	11.15	MASS



ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

7-8 MARCH 2026

MESSAGE FROM FR RUSLAN

This Sunday's Gospel presents us with one of the most beautiful encounters in Scripture: Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well. Tired from his journey, Our Lord asks her for a drink. At first glance, it seems an ordinary exchange, yet it becomes a life-changing moment. Christ gently leads her from small talk to truth, from thirst for water to thirst for God. Jesus speaks of "living water" — the grace that alone can satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart. How often do we try to quench that thirst elsewhere: in success, distraction, comfort, or even unhealthy patterns? Like the woman, we can find ourselves searching yet never fully satisfied.

But Christ is direct and compassionate. He names the truth of her life, not to shame her, but to free her. This is the heart of Lent: honesty before God and trust in his mercy. Notice the courage that follows her encounter. The woman leaves her water jar behind — a sign that something has changed — and becomes a witness to her neighbours: "Come and see." An outcast becomes a missionary.

This Lent, let us not be afraid to sit at the well with the Lord. Let us allow him to speak plainly into our lives, especially in prayer and in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If we come with humility, he will not turn us away. He will give us living water — and from hearts renewed, faith will naturally overflow into joyful witness.

With prayers

Fr Ruslan and the Community Pastoral Council

COMMUNITY PASTORAL COUNCIL

Following the establishment of the new Weybridge Parish, the St Erconwald's parish pastoral council has changed its name to St Erconwald's Community Pastoral Council (CPC). The CPC will remain unchanged in its focus and support of Fr Ruslan, St Erconwald's parishioners and our community. Over the coming weeks we will update you on the CPC plans for the coming year.

WELCOME to Fr Bill and Fr Stephen who will be saying Mass for us this weekend/during the week while Fr Ruslan is away. Please note some changed daily Mass times - on days that there is no Mass, why not go to one of the other church communities in our parish?

THANK YOU to all who supported the Bethlehem missionary group last weekend - for your prayers, your purchases and your donations.



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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 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.

100 CLUB

This year the 100 Club has raised over £1,400, after giving 3 monthly prizes up to £45. Thank you to all those that have been part of it. Current members will receive an email shortly about membership for next year. As the new year starts on 1st April we invite anyone interested in joining to contact the office **before 17th March**.

YOUTH-LED MASS

Our next youth-led Mass is this **Saturday 7 March**. Come along!

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/sfzbzrpg>.

LENTE 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 Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration. Please see the porch/website for the full programme.

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

Next dates are **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.

RED MISSION BOX HOLDERS

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.

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
- Weekday readers
- Communications Team

LENTE 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.

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/lwbzq19k>.

OTHER/DIOCESAN NEWS/EVENTS

DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTED

While we wait for our Holy Father to appoint a new Bishop for our diocese, Father Jonathan Martin has been elected as our diocesan administrator, who is the priest who effectively looks after the diocese while there is no bishop. See the diocesan website for his introduction:

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/intro-da>

EASTER PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES AND NEVERS

St Peter's pilgrimages are organising a pilgrimage from 2-6 April. Contact the office for further details.

A DAY WITH MARY

A Day With Mary is taking place at Westminster Cathedral next **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 To register, go to the Events page of the Diocesan website 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.

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

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

2ND COLLECTION CAFOD: TBC

STANDING ORDERS FOR JANUARY: £4715.67

THANK YOU!

SAVE THE DATES!

18 MAR: TALK ON MARY
21 MAR: DIVINE MERCY RETREAT