

## 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 14 Mar	9.30	MASS
	10.00	ADORATION & RECONCILIATION
	16.45 18.00	ITALIAN MASS MASS Parishioners
Sun 15 Mar	9.15	<b>Fourth 'Laetare' Sunday of Lent</b> MASS In thanksgiving for Connor & Melanie on their Wedding Day
	11.15	MASS
Mon 16 Mar	9.30	MASS Greta Rajadhyaksha RIP
Tues 17 Mar	18.30 19.30	<b>St Patrick, Bishop, Missionary (Feast)</b> Adoration & Reconciliation MASS Rita Riordan RIP (Anniversary)
Wed 18 Mar	9.30	MASS Jane Frawley RIP
	10.00	<b>Rosary, Adoration and Reconciliation</b>
Thurs 19 Mar	11.00	<b>St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)</b> Giovanna Amico's Funeral
Frid 20 Mar	10.00 11.30 12.00	<b>No Divine Mercy</b> STATIONS OF THE CROSS & Reconciliation MASS Yvonne Johnson RIP
Sat 21 Mar	9.30	MASS
	10.00	ADORATION & RECONCILIATION
	16.45 18.00	ITALIAN MASS MASS Parishioners
Sun 22 Mar	9.15	<b>Fifth ('First Passion') Sunday of Lent</b> MASS Betty Braganza RIP
	11.15	MASS



## ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

14-15 MARCH 2026

MESSAGE FROM FR RUSLAN

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

In this Sunday's Gospel (John 9:1-41), we hear the powerful story of the man born blind whom Jesus restores to sight. At first, the disciples look for someone to blame for the man's suffering, but Jesus firmly rejects that idea. Instead, he points to something greater: even during challenging times, God's work can be revealed. The miracle is not just about physical sight. As the story unfolds, the man who was blind begins to recognise more clearly who Jesus truly is. Meanwhile, those who think they already understand everything become blind to the truth right in front of them. This Gospel invites us, during the season of Lent, to honestly examine our own hearts. Do we truly recognise Christ in the people around us—especially in those who struggle, those who are lonely, or those who feel forgotten? The Lord, who opened the eyes of the blind, continues to open hearts today. As we journey towards Easter, may we ask for the grace to see more clearly, to grow in faith, and to demonstrate genuine care for each other.

With prayers, Father Ruslan  
and the Community Pastoral Council

### MOTHERING SUNDAY/MOTHERS DAY

Did you know that Mothering Sunday is a day honouring mother churches - the church where you are baptised and become "a child of the church". Historically Christians visited their mother church on this day; it has now become a day on which we celebrate all mothers. Children will be handing out flowers to all ladies of our church after the Masses this weekend.

### BIG CLEAN

Our Easter big clean of the church will take place on **Saturday 28 March** from 10.30 -11.30. Please contact the office if you can help, or simply come along!

### SECOND COLLECTION

Our second Collection this weekend is our quarterly utilities' collection. Thank you for your continued generosity.

### EASTER OFFERINGS

A gentle reminder that parish priests are not paid a salary; they are remunerated from mass stipends and from Easter and Christmas offerings. Easter (Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday) offerings will go to Fr Ruslan as your personal gift. If you plan to donate via bank transfer/ DONA, please use the reference 'Easter Offering'. Thank you.



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### PARISH BANK DETAILS

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**ACCOUNT NO** 01126393

### DONATIONS PAYABLE

**TO:** RCD A&B ST

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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 Fernaldo, 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.

## THANK YOU!

Have you seen the bulbs starting to come up in the planters in front of our church? Some of our children planted these during the **Season of Creation** last Autumn - thank you! They look wonderful - what a powerful sign of God's goodness and the beauty of his creation.

### LOST PROPERTY

We have quite an accumulation of lost property! Please take a look at the table in the porch by the stairs and claim what's yours by Palm Sunday. We'll be getting rid of anything left after then, ready for Easter.

### 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 17 March**.

### 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>.

### 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 3.30pm, with a talk, Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration. Please see the porch/website for the full programme.

### 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.

### YOUTH-LED MASS

Our next youth-led Mass will be after Easter, on **Saturday 18 April** at 6pm. All are welcome.

## 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

### LENTEN LUNCHESES

Lenten lunches continue every Friday during Lent at 12.30pm following Stations of the Cross (11am) and Mass (12pm). All are welcome, sign up 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 can't make each session: <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/lwbzql9k>.

## OTHER/DIOCESAN NEWS/EVENTS

### CATHOLIC UNION

The Catholic Union would like to make its Weekly Briefing, which is essential reading for any of us, available to every Catholic in England, Scotland and Wales who wishes to receive it. It is free of charge and full of information - do subscribe.

### PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES AND NEVERS

St Peter's pilgrimages are organising a number of pilgrimages this Easter and Summer. Please see the posters in the porch (noticeboard near the stairs).

### 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](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 FEBRAURY: TBC**

**2ND COLLECTION CAFOD: £311.01**

**STANDING ORDERS FOR FEBRUARY: TBC**

## THANK YOU!

## SAVE THE DATES!

**18 MAR:** TALK ON MARY  
**21 MAR:** DIVINE MERCY RETREAT  
**18 APR:** YOUTH-LED MASS