

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 21 Mar	9.30	MASS
	10.00	ADORATION & RECONCILIATION
	16.45	ITALIAN MASS
	18.00	MASS Parishioners
Sun 22 Mar	9.15	Fifth ('First Passion') Sunday of Lent MASS Betty Braganza RIP
	11.15	MASS
Mon 23 Mar	9.30	MASS Reverend Charles Heurtley RIP
Tues 24 Mar	18.30	ADORATION & RECONCILIATION
	19.30	MASS
Wed 25 Mar	9.30	The Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity) MASS Health and wellbeing of Harry & Phoebe Toms
	10.00	ROSARY, ADORATION AND RECONCILIATION
Thurs 26 Mar	NO MASS	NO MASS
Frid 27 Mar	10.00	No Divine Mercy
	11.30	STATIONS OF THE CROSS & RECONCILIATION MASS Thomas & Teresa Lynch RIP
	12.00	
Sat 28 Mar	9.30	MASS
	10.00	ADORATION & RECONCILIATION
	16.45	ITALIAN MASS
	18.00	MASS
Sun 29 Mar	9.15	Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord MASS Parishioners
	11.15	MASS Ronny Richardson RIP
	13.00	POLISH MASS



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21-22 MARCH 2026

MESSAGE FROM FR RUSLAN

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

In this Sunday's Gospel (John 11:1-45), the Church presents one of the most powerful signs before Our Lord's Passion: the raising of Lazarus. Standing before the tomb, Jesus declares with divine authority: "I am the resurrection and the life." These are not merely words of comfort but a profound truth at the centre of our Catholic faith. Christ reveals Himself as the Lord of life, the One who holds power even over death itself. This Gospel speaks to us especially during Lent. We witness the tender compassion of Our Lord as He shares in the grief of Martha and Mary and weeps with them. Christ is never distant from our suffering, our anxieties, or the crosses we bear. He draws close to us with mercy and love. Yet He does not come only to console us — He comes to save us.

When Jesus calls Lazarus from the tomb, we are reminded that He still calls each of us out of whatever binds us: sin, fear, discouragement, or spiritual exhaustion. Lent is the time to listen more attentively to His voice, to return to Him in prayer, and to let His grace renew our hearts. Therefore, I encourage you this week to bring your burdens to the Lord with confidence. Turn to Him in prayer, and do not hesitate to seek His mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Lord who raised Lazarus continues to come to us in His Word, through the Sacraments, and above all in the Holy Eucharist. If we open our hearts to Him, He will strengthen us, restore us, and lead us more deeply into the hope and new life that only He can give.

**With prayers, Father Ruslan
and the Community Pastoral Council**

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

Fr Ruslan is celebrating 2 baptisms this weekend in our Church. Please pray for these children and their families.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend, our second collection will go towards the Easter Flowers fund. We are really grateful for your generosity.

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.



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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, Theresè 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.

BIG CLEAN

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

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.

Congratulations to this Month's winners!

- March
- 1 -24 Ken Herbert
- 2 -39 Louise Coe
- 3- 13 Nuala Hassey

THANK YOU to those who came along to the lecture on the Mysteries of the Rosary on Wednesday. It was a fascinating lecture. Thank you very much to Professor Adam Sammut for delivering such a wonderful and interesting talk and to everyone that came. Also a big thank you to our helpers. We raised just over £1k for our Church Maintenance Fund. Thank you very much everyone!

LENTEN PARISH DIVINE MERCY DAY RETREAT

Our Lenten retreat takes place **this 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. Do come along.

BABY AND TODDLERS PLAY GROUP

We next meet on **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

This weekend is the last weekend to return the contents of your red box. 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.

CAMINO WALKING PREPARATION.

Are you walking the Camino in June or would you simply like to Join a group to get some steps in? Join a group walking around 5-7 miles on Thursday and/or Saturday mornings starting this Thursday 26 March. Join as often or as infrequently as you like. Contact Lucy Jardine on 07740-461785 for details of where to meet.

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 LUNCHES

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.

EASTER SERVICES

Please see the board at the back of the Church for the different services and times in all the Weybridge Parish during Easter. Thank you.

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).

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 FEBRAURY: £1112.84

2ND COLLECTION MAINTANCE: £208.55

STANDING ORDERS FOR FEBRUARY: £4420.67

THANK YOU!

SAVE THE DATES!

- 21 MAR:** DIVINE MERCY RETREAT
- 29 MAR:** PALM SUNDAY
- 03 APR:** GOOD FRIDAY
- 04 APR:** HOLY SATURDAY
- 05 APR:** EASTER SUNDAY
- 18 APR:** YOUTH-LED MASS