

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 4 Apr	9.30 10.00 11.00 13.00	Holy Saturday. The Solemn Vigil of Easter. NO MASS NO ADORATION & NO RECONCILIATION EASTER BLESSING OF FOOD EASTER BLESSING OF FOOD
	16.45 20.00	NO ITALIAN MASS MASS Sydney & Joan Simpkin RIP
Sun 5 Apr	9.15	Easter Sunday MASS Intentions of Josephine Corkery & family
	11.15	MASS Parishioners
	12.30 13.30	ITALIAN MASS POLISH MASS
Mon 06 Apr	9.30	Easter Monday MASS Patricia Sellick RIP
Tues 07 Apr	09.30	Easter Tuesday MASS Ann Russell RIP (Anniversary)
	18.30	ADORATION
Wed 08 Apr	9.30	Easter Wednesday MASS Jim, Ray & Brian RIP (Anniversary)
	10.00	ROSARY
Thurs 09 Apr	NO MASS	Easter Thursday NO MASS
Fri 10 Apr	9.30 10.00	Easter Friday NO MASS NO DIVINE MERCY
	Sat 11 Apr	9.30 10.00
16.45 18.00		ITALIAN MASS MASS Parishioners
Sun 12 Apr		9.15
	11.15	MASS Intentions of Simonne Ellis

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

### BAPTISM PREPARATION

These sessions take place throughout the year. The next preparation session will be on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> of April at 8.15pm**. 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.



## ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

4-5 APRIL 2026

### MESSAGE FROM FR RUSLAN - EASTER SUNDAY

Dear brothers and sisters,

#### A very happy and blessed Easter to you all!

Today we celebrate the most joyful feast of our Church year: Christ is risen. Alleluia! After the sorrow of Good Friday and the quiet of Holy Saturday, we rejoice in the Resurrection. The tomb is empty, death has been defeated, and the love of God shines upon the world.

Easter reminds us that no darkness lasts forever. Whatever worries, burdens, or struggles we may carry, the risen Lord comes to us with hope, peace, and new life. He walks with us, speaks to our hearts, and reminds us that His love is stronger than anything we face. As He said to His disciples, "Peace be with you." Those words are for us today, here in our parish, and in our daily lives. I want to thank you sincerely for your faith, your prayers, and the many ways you make our parish a welcoming and prayerful community. It is a privilege to serve you, and I keep you all in my prayers, especially at this joyful time.

My prayer this Easter is that the joy of the risen Christ fills your hearts and homes, that His peace remains with your families, and that His blessing guides you in the days ahead.

May you all have a truly happy and holy Easter. Christ is risen!  
Alleluia!

With prayers, Fr Ruslan and the CPC.

#### VIDEO EASTER MESSAGE

Fr Ruslan has also recorded a message for us all - check out our Instagram/Facebook pages and our website - you'll see it appear sometime on Saturday!

#### OFFICE CLOSED

Please note that our office will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Susana will be back in on Thursday.

**WELCOME** to all visitors to St Erconwalds during this Easter period. Thank you for joining us to celebrate Jesus' resurrection! And **thank you** to all who have helped us prepare for Easter. We are grateful to you all.



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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 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.

## 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. If you are a UK taxpayer, Gift Aid can be applied, allowing us to reclaim an additional 25% at no extra cost to you. All Easter offerings go directly to Fr Ruslan. If you donate by regular standing order, please make a separate payment with the description, "Easter". You can also donate online or via Dona (select 'Easter'). **Thank you** for your generosity and for all you do to support the life of our parish.

On **Good Friday** the collection will be for the **Holy Land**, and on **Easter Sunday** there will be a collection at the back of the Church at the end of each Mass for **HCPT pilgrimage trust Group 24**. HCPT organises pilgrimages to Lourdes for disabled and disadvantaged children.

## EASTER EGG HUNT

There will be an Easter egg hunt after the 9.15 Mass on Sunday for our young parishioners - do join us then!

**Fr Ruslan will be travelling to Lourdes** with Group 24 this Monday morning - thank you to Fr Stephen and to Fr Bill for covering Masses while he is away. Please see the calendar for any changes to normal times.

## WALTON CHURCHES TOGETHER EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

It starts at 6.30am - why not come along to this unique open-air celebration service in our beautiful riverside setting. Children are very welcome. The cafe at Cowey Sale will be open from 6.00am if you need a 'wake-up' coffee and we will be serving hot tea, coffee and free hot cross buns afterwards!

## BABY AND TODDLERS PLAY GROUP

**We are so grateful** to our new volunteers! Dates for Fridays next half term are: 10, 17, 24 April, 8, 15, 22 May. We meet from 10-11.30 in the church hall. Come along for some fun for your baby/toddler, and meet with other parents/ grandparents. Tea, coffee, chats - and of course bubbles - all provided!

## YOUTH-LED MASS

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

## ST ERCONWALD FEAST DAY - SAVE THE DATE!

We will celebrate our community St Erconwald feast day on **17 May 2026**, and, in honour of that we shall pray a novena, from 8 May to 16 May. On the feast day there will only have **one Mass at 10am**, with a gathering after the 10 am Mass in our parish hall. More details to follow.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We have a vibrant group of children attending Sunday 9.15am Mass and liturgy during term-time. The small team who run this group would love some more volunteers to join and help as often as fits your own schedule. If you're interested or just want to find out more please contact Susana in our office.

## WELCOMING MINISTRY

Can you be a welcoming face to greet people as they come to Mass? This is such an important ministry and we're looking for additional people, especially for both Sunday morning Masses. Please contact the office if you're interested.

## CAMINO WALKING PREPARATION

Are you walking the Camino in June or would you simply like to join a small group for a walk and a chat? We walk around 4-6 miles on Thursday/ Saturday mornings, usually leaving from somewhere in Walton and taking around 1.45-2 hours. Join as often or as infrequently as you like. Contact Lucy Jardine on 07740-461785 for details of where to meet each week.

## OTHER PARISH VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

We'd love some more volunteers for these important ministries and activities at St Erconwalds. Please contact the office if you can help.

- Eucharistic Ministry
- Readers - especially for weekday masses
- Communications team eg newsletter, posters

## OTHER/DIOCESAN NEWS/EVENTS

**VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN** (20s and 30s), 15-17 May, Liverpool: Discerning God's Call in your life  
The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) and will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to live alongside the religious community and to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at [fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com](mailto:fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com) or visit the website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

## 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 talks 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 MARCH: £1410.63**

**2ND COLLECTION FLOWERS: £175.36**

**STANDING ORDERS FOR MARCH: 5310.67  
THANK YOU!**

## SAVE THE DATES!

**03 APR:** GOOD FRIDAY  
**04 APR:** HOLY SATURDAY  
**05 APR:** EASTER SUNDAY  
**18 APR:** YOUTH-LED MASS  
**17 MAY:** ST ERCONWALDS FEAST DAY CELEBRATION