

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

BAPTISM PREPARATION

These sessions take place throughout the year. The next preparation session will be in **May (date tbc)**. 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 18 Apr	9.30	MASS
	10.00	ADORATION & RECONCILIATION
	16.45	ITALIAN MASS
	18.00	MASS Intentions of Deborah Russell
Sun 19 Apr	9.15	Third Sunday of Easter MASS Parishioners
	11.15	MASS Pearl & Tom Coe RIP (Anniversary)
Mon 20 Apr	9.30	MASS Tony Aiken RIP
Tues 21 Apr	18.30	ADORATION & RECONCILIATION
	19.30	MASS Patricia Price RIP (Anniversary)
Wed 22 Apr	9.30	NO MASS
	10.00	NO ROSARY, NO ADORATION & NO RECONCILIATION
	11.00	GIUSEPPE SMERAGLIA'S FUNERAL
Thurs 23 Apr	NO MASS	St George, Martyr, Patron of England (Solemnity) NO MASS
Fri 24 Apr	9.30	MASS
	10.00	DIVINE MERCY
Sat 25 Apr	9.30	St Mark, Evangelist (Feast) MASS
	10.00	ADORATION & RECONCILIATION
	16.45	ITALIAN MASS
	18.00	MASS Rosemary Wong RIP (Birthday)
Sun 26 Apr	9.15	Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter MASS Parishioners
	11.15	MASS



ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

18-19 APRIL 2026

On this **third Sunday of Easter** we are given that beautiful and deeply comforting Gospel of the **road to Emmaus** (Luke 24:13-35).

It is a story that feels very close to home. The disciples are tired, disappointed, and quietly walking away from all they had hoped for. And yet, without them realising it, Jesus comes and walks beside them. How gentle the Lord is. He does not overwhelm them or judge them for their doubts. He simply draws near, listens to their worries, and speaks to their hearts. He walks at their pace. He is never distant, never harsh, but always close, patient, and full of care.

Many of us know what it is to have our own "Emmaus road" moments—times of uncertainty, sadness, or even a sense of drifting away. This Gospel reminds us that we are never alone in those moments. Christ is already beside us, even if we do not yet recognise him. And then, in the breaking of the bread, their eyes are opened. They recognise him, and everything changes. The same is true for us. In the Eucharist, the Lord meets us, feeds us, and gently brings us back to himself and to one another.

As a parish family, may we take comfort in this: he is always seeking us, always walking with us, always leading us home. And may our hearts, like those of the disciples, grow warm again with his presence, filling us with quiet hope and renewed joy.

With prayers and every blessing, Fr Ruslan and the CPC

HOLY HOUR FOR THE DIGNITY OF HUMAN LIFE

On **Sunday, 19 April at 4:30 pm** the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales will hold a Holy Hour to pray for the promotion of a culture of life in our lands.

They are asking the **parishes and Catholic communities of our two nations to unite and hold a Holy Hour on the same day** for the dignity of all human life as peers in the House of Lords continue to debate whether to make Assisted Suicide law. Our church will be open from 4.30-5.30 pm for all to come along and pray, for however long you are able to stay.

POPE LEO'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS

Every month, the Pope entrusts his prayer network with prayer intentions that reflect his deep concerns for humanity and the mission of the Church. His monthly prayer intention serves a global call to transform our prayers into "concrete actions" and as a transformation of the heart. He often focusses on peace; his specific **prayer intention for April is for priests in crisis**: "Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer."

SECOND COLLECTION

Our second collection next weekend (25/26 April) will fittingly be for the World Day of Prayer for Vocation of Future Priests.



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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.

ANNUAL PLANT AND JAM SALE

Want some vegetables/herbs for your garden, allotment or window sill? And some delicious home-made jam with fruit from local allotments? Come along on **17 May** before and after the Mass at 10am to make your purchases or donate any plants you have grown or jam you have made. Funds raised will go to CAFOD and church maintenance.

VOICE TRAINING SESSION

Enjoy singing and want to learn some new techniques and tips? **On Thursday 30 April** Laetitia Allen, opera singer, is generously giving her time from 19:30 to 20:30 in church to coach us. All are welcome - no charge but any donations are welcome to support the music ministry in our parish community.

BABY AND TODDLERS PLAY GROUP

Upcoming dates: 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 is this Saturday **18 April** at 6pm. All are welcome.

ST ERCONWALDS FEAST DAY CELEBRATION AND RAFFLE

We joyfully invite you to join us for our Feast Day Mass at **10:00am on 17 May 2026**. After Mass, please stay and celebrate with us over tea, coffee, cakes and a raffle in the hall — a lovely chance to gather as a community. We are looking for **raffle prize donations** of bottles, chocolates/sweets, gifts etc for grown ups for the raffle. If you have any you would like to donate or rehome please contact the office.

Our **nine-day novena** will be prayed during the daily 9:30am Mass from 8–16 May 2026. We warmly welcome everyone to share in this special time of prayer, hope, and togetherness. A nine-day novena is a Catholic tradition involving nine consecutive days of prayers to ask for our special intercessions, graces and to prepare for our feast day. All parishioners are warmly invited to join in prayer and thanksgiving as we honour our patron saint.

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 on Monday/ Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday mornings, Join as often or as infrequently as you like. Contact Lucy Jardine on 07740-461785 for details of where to meet each 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.

OTHER/DIOCESAN NEWS/EVENTS

CONFIDENT PARENTING IN A WORLD OF SCREENS

The Celebrate Trust is excited to announce tickets for the first of our two new webinars for parents and carers of teenagers. The first webinar is on **Wednesday 29 April, 8pm**. Kate Duroux, from Care for the Family, will help us consider how we can best support our teenagers through the challenges of the digital world, and offer practical advice and principles to apply in our own unique families. Book here: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/celebratetrust/2129752>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR YOUNG ADULT RETREAT DAYS

Are you interested in being a small group leader, refreshment maker or prayer minister at our diocesan Young Adult retreats? We're looking to run retreat days for those aged 18-35. Each will be a day of Faith, Fellowship, Formation and Food! But **we need your help**. If you're aged 18+ and interested in supporting these events, please email our Youth Project Officer, Bex Driver: bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk

DIOCESAN FINANCE SPRING WEBINAR

Anyone working to support the work and mission of the Church in parish finance is invited to join Fr Jonathan How and members of the Diocesan Finance Team for a Spring webinar on **Saturday 25 April at 11am**. The morning will include a range of topics and updates, and Q&A. Register your place here: us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zjQ9C6zYTSSQ3lrDS6vRgw#/registration

CORPUS CHRISTI EVENING FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Wednesday 3 June 2026 7pm-9pm at Arundel Cathedral. You are invited to an evening for young adults (aged 18-35) to gather as part of the Arundel & Brighton Corpus Christi & carpet of flowers diocesan event. There will be praise and worship music, a holy hour with time for Adoration and personal prayer, and a talk on the history of the carpet of flowers at the Cathedral. It'll be followed by a pub and pizza social. If you've any questions, please contact Bex Driver, Diocesan Youth Project Officer: bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk. **Sign up:** [Young Adults' Corpus Christi & Carpet of Flowers event](#)

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 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.

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 MARCH: £1410.63

STANDING ORDERS FOR MARCH: £5310.67

THANK YOU!

SAVE THE DATES!

17 MAY: ST ERCONWALD'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION
17 MAY: ANNUAL PLANT AND JAM SALE
2 MAY: CONFIRMATION
9 MAY: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
16 MAY: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
23 MAY: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION