

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

BAPTISM PREPARATION

These sessions take place throughout the year. The next preparation session will be on **Tuesday 12th of May 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.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 02 May	9.30	St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor (Memorial) MASS
	10.00	ADORATION & RECONCILIATION
	16.45 18.00	ITALIAN MASS Louise McKiernan RIP (Anniversary)
Sun 03 May	9.15	Fifth Sunday of Easter MASS Parishioners
	11.15	MASS
	13.00	POLISH MASS
Mon 04 May	9.30	The English Martyrs (Feast) MASS The wellbeing of Deacon Joseph
Tues 05 May	11.30 18.30 19.30	Angela Lee's Funeral ADORATION & RECONCILIATION MASS
Wed 06 May	9.30	MASS
	10.00	ROSARY, ADORATION & RECONCILIATION
Thurs 07 May	NO MASS	NO MASS
Fri 08 May	9.30	MASS
	10.00	Christopher McGrath RIP (Anniversary) DIVINE MERCY
Sat 09 May	9.30 10.00	NO MASS NO ADORATION & NO RECONCILIATION
	12.00	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS
	16.45 18.00	ITALIAN MASS MASS
Sun 10 May	9.15	Sixth Sunday of Easter MASS In thanksgiving for First Holy Communion Children
	11.15	MASS Parishioners



ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

2 - 3 MAY 2026

THIS SUNDAY - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Dear brothers and sisters,

On this Fifth Sunday of Easter, the Lord speaks words that bring comfort to anxious hearts: "Do not let your hearts be troubled."

We all carry worries, uncertainties, and concerns at times, yet Jesus reminds us that we are never alone or forgotten. He goes before us to prepare a place for us, and our true home is with God. Jesus also says, "I am the way, the truth and the life." He does not simply point us in the right direction; He is the way. When we stay close to Christ, we find hope, guidance, and strength for each day.

As we continue to celebrate the joy of Easter, we are invited to place our trust in the risen Lord once again. He knows our struggles, listens to our prayers, and walks beside us in all that we face.

May this week be a time of renewed faith and peace for us all, and may we have the confidence to follow the Lord wherever He leads. Wishing you a wonderful Bank holiday,

With prayers and every blessing, Fr Ruslan and the CPC

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 May is that everyone has food:** "Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food."

SECOND COLLECTION

There is no second collection this weekend, however next weekend we have an appeal from the Friends of the Holy Land who will visit our parish and speak about the work of the Friends and the difference it makes to the small Christian population in Israel, the West Bank, Gaza (Palestine) and Jordan. There will be a retiring collection and there will be some leaflets/newsletters about the work of FHL. For more information visit www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION THIS SATURDAY

Confirmation is taking place this Saturday at St George's Chapel in Weybridge. Please pray for the youngsters of our Parish as they embark on this important moment in their faith journey.

Please continue to keep **Deacon Joseph** in your prayers.



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PARISH BANK DETAILS

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DONATIONS PAYABLE TO:

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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 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.

GREAT NEWS FOR OUR PARISH SECONDARY SCHOOL

Catholic School Inspection Report - Outstanding in all areas. There are many highlights from the report which describes the students as being 'proud to 'be Salesian' and 'knowing they are loved' and highlights how the school holds its Salesian charism at its core, celebrates the committed and inspirational leadership of the Catholic life of the school and the embedding of its identity'.

PRAYER FOR MONTH OF MAY

As we are now in May, we are invited to turn to Our Mother Mary. During May, the Rosary will be prayed after each weekday Mass and on Tuesdays, during Adoration. For those who are unable to join in person, the Rosary will also be prayed on Thursday evenings via Zoom, please contact the office for more details.

CROWNING OF MARY

In celebration of May being the month of Mary we will be crowning Our Lady with a flower crown on 10th May during the 9.15am Mass. We hope you can join us.

We have invited a member of Blue Class (Year 2) from Cardinal Newman Catholic Primary School (our local primary school) to crown Mary. For their Mission Week next week they are learning about how May is celebrated around the world to honour Mary. They are also putting together an international cook book to raise money for the charity Mary's Meals. We wish them well.

ENGLISH/ITALIAN MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY

A joint English-Italian Mass will be celebrated on 30 May at 5.30 pm. The Italian community will bring the statue of La Madonna dei Miracoli (Our Lady of Miracles) from the chapel in Woking. This is a special opportunity to bring our two communities together in prayer and fellowship. All are warmly invited. Refreshments will follow in the church hall.

ST ERCONWALDS FEAST DAY CELEBRATION AND RAFFLE

We joyfully invite you to join us for our Feast Day Mass **at 10am on 17 May** (sign up in the porch). After Mass, please stay and celebrate with us over tea, coffee, cakes and a raffle. We are looking for **raffle prize donations** of bottles, chocolates/sweets, gifts etc for grown ups. Please contact the office.

Our **nine-day novena** will be prayed during the daily 9:30am Mass from 8-16 May. 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.

PLEASE CAN YOU PROVIDE A LIFT?

St. Erconwalds Care Team is looking for a parishioner who could either give a lift to a homebound lady in Walton (including wheelchair) who would like to come to the Feast Day Mass or a strong person who could wheel this lady from Hepworth Way to the church, and return journey. If you can help please contact the office or Frances 07903326880. Thank you.

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.

CAMINO PARISH PILGRIMAGE - JUNE

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 at various times during the week/at the weekend. Contact Lucy Jardine on 07740-461785 for details of where to meet each week.

PILGRIMAGE FUNDRAISER

Please donate to Fr Ruslan and the pilgrims who will walk the 100km, all donations will help redecorate and refurbish the church https://www.justgiving.com/page/stercscamino26?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

BABY AND TODDLERS PLAY GROUP

Upcoming dates: 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!

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

MASS FOR WORLD PEACE

People across our community of faith are invited to join Worthing Deanery Justice & Peace Group and pray for peace in our world on **Friday 29 May at 6.30pm**, English Martyrs Catholic Church, Goring-by-Sea, BN12 4UH. The Mass, celebrated by Fr Liam O'Connor, will offer an opportunity to pray for all those impacted by war, and for healing. All are welcome.

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@abdioocese.org.uk. **Sign up:** [Young Adults' Corpus Christi & Carpet of Flowers event](#)

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!

2 MAY: CONFIRMATION

9 MAY: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

16 MAY: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

17 MAY: ST ERCONWALD'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

17 MAY: ANNUAL PLANT AND JAM SALE

23 MAY: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

30 MAY: ITALIAN & ENGLISH JOINT MASS