

ST ERCONWALD

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF WALTON-on-THAMES

13 May 2018

Seventh Sunday of Easter

*The Lord has truly risen
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*



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Welcome to Mass this Sunday, as we honour St Erconwald, our patron.

Fr Richard writes: These lovely May days began well with good weather and a feeling that Summer is round the corner. Dedicated to Our Lady, with Mary we have glimpsed the glory of the risen Christ, ascended into Heaven. And we look forward to our own heavenly destiny as we resolve to live life close to God and in the hope of our heavenly destiny. As our young people have celebrated the Sacrament of the Holy Spirit in confirmation, so now we look forward to the children's first Holy Communion. Let us intensify our prayers for them and their families. At Walton we honour St Erconwald this weekend. This great Abbot of Chertsey and Bishop of London was a focus of great devotion for the pilgrim making his way to old St Paul's at the heart of the capital. There is, alas, no longer Erconwald's shrine, but his relics are surely scattered in the site on which the Wren's new St Paul's eventually emerged. As we leave traces of the good we do on this earth, so let us prepare for Heaven every day, asking a fresh outpouring the Holy Spirit for the sanctification of our lives in honour of the Lord Jesus whom we claim to be our friend and brother, our Lord and Saviour. Let us pray these holy novena days, Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created and you will renew the face of all the earth.

Fr Richard Biggerstaff

TODAY there will be a retiring collection for Catholic Communications network, which provides training and support for those working to promote the Catholic cause in the mass media.

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY Please join us to pray the Rosary after most Masses continuing during the Month of May. See Mass Times on the newsletters for Walton, Molesey & Hersham.

DEANERY CARE MASS, **TODAY** will be at The Sacred Heart, Between Streets, Cobham, Surrey KT11 1AA, at 3.00pm. Refreshments afterwards. All are invited.

PLEASE NOTE, **NO** Wednesday 9.30am Mass, as the Clergy have a Conference Day.

NEXT SUNDAY is the Feast of Pentecost which marks the culmination and conclusion of the season of Eastertide.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION on Saturday 9 and 16 of June. Help required to serve refreshments after the service, so that parents can enjoy this very special day with their children. It would be between 12 and 13:30. If you can help, could you please contact the church office or email Michelle Darragh michellejdarragh@yahoo.co.uk.

A BIG THANK YOU to our young people, especially the Confirmation Candidates and their parents for their tremendous achievement in raising £1,455. for the Aid to the Church in Need. This

money came through the car wash, the cake, jam and plant sale and the retiring collection. Thank you to all who helped and contributed in any way.

CAFOD supports vulnerable communities in the poorest parts of the world. Lucy Jardine recently spent three weeks in El Salvador and Nicaragua, as part of her work with CAFOD, meeting communities who live with the daily challenges of climate change, violence, HIV/Aids and some young people at risk of sexual exploitation. She will be sharing stories from her visit, explaining how CAFOD supports these communities and the impact of your generosity. All are welcome on Thursday 17 May at 7.30pm for around an hour. There'll be time for questions and discussion afterwards.

SAFEGUARDING, thanks to all who attended the Safeguarding Awareness training on Monday night. It was great to see so many from St Erconwalds. The session was very thought provoking and insightful. There will be a refresher course in October, so if it has been more than 3 years since you had training please attend this if you can. It is important that we attend regular training.

While I appreciate not everyone could attend, if you wish to attend some on-line training while we wait for the next training date, please send me an email and I will arrange for you to be registered.

Finally please ensure your DBS is up to date. I cannot tell if your certificate has expired as the certificate is sent only to the individuals. Please contact Tina O'Kelly db@sterconwalds.org.uk.

PLANT AND JAM SALE. It's that weekend you've all been waiting for! On Sunday June 3rd, between the 9.15 and 11.15 masses, there will be a plant (tomatoes, beans, courgettes, strawberries etc) and jam sale to raise money for the diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage and CAFOD.

SHARE THE JOURNEY across the Weybridge Deanery 23-24 June. Do come

along and support generously. Groups of CAFOD supporters and volunteers will be walking from church to church across the Weybridge Deanery for our Share the Journey campaign. What promises to be a wonderful occasion of people coming together from various parishes is all in solidarity with refugees.

The walk will start in Thames Ditton on the 23rd of June and pass through Walton-On-Thames, then on Sunday the 24th will head to Weybridge, Chertsey, Egham Hythe, Englefield Green before finishing in Royal Holloway. Refreshments will be served at each stage and a simple prayer will launch and end the walk in each Church. Some people will be able to walk a few stages of the journey while others will walk from their own church to the next on the journey. No stage should be too taxing and lifts should be available back to the set-off point of each stage. Details of start times will be given nearer the date.

DO YOU PLAY THE PIANO? Cardinal Newman Catholic Primary School is looking for a piano player who would be happy to accompany school Masses, concerts, productions etc on an ad hoc basis. If you are interested please contact office@cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk or telephone 01932 222536.

HOUSE BOUND PARISHIONERS may be unable to get to Mass and can be overlooked. If you know of any in this situation, please inform the Parish Office.

PLEASE PRAY for the following, who are unwell or recovering: Jane Tan, Rose Collins, Joan Mills, Mary Sewell, Yvette Ladds, Joe Hegarty, Christopher Browne, Norman Boyle, David McMillan, Rita O'Rourke, Tomislav and Ana Helena Vidjak, Vlatka Hlupic, Mary Hales, Maureen Lloyd, Tom McKay, Nicoletta Lanzisera, Ethelreda Holmes, Mary Wallace, Sheila De Verteuil, Mary O'Flaherty, Bill Dodds, Mary Overton, Rosemary Hill, Yvonne Johnson, Julie O'Connor, Frances Ryan, Aidan Harris and the Harris family, Filipe Costa da Silva,

Teresa Azouz, Sr. Mary and Maria Theresa Curtis. All request our prayers.

ROTAS and VOLUNTEERING

Coffee

13 May Speed Family

20 May Teresa Lavender, Angela Lanzisera

Cleaners

14 May Group Four

21 May Group Five

13 May Eucharistic Ministers

9.15am: *F.Ryan, D.Bates, P.Creber

11.15am: *J.Davidson, A.Livingston, P.Begley- Jones

13 May Readers

9.15am: Anita Reals, Freda Grundy

11.15am: Richardo Verboom, P.Brady

20 May Eucharistic Ministers

9.15am: *J.Charvetto, S.Smith, E.Englefield

11.15am: *M.Carruba, L.Mehta, C.Casey

20 May Readers

9.15am: Stephen Speed, Sara Smith

11.15am: Alison Foreman, John Kirby

INFANT BAPTISM, the next preparation is Friday 11 May at 7pm at St Barnabas, Molesey and 2 July 8pm at St Erconwald, Esher Avenue. Contact the Parish Offices.

BAPTISMS at Walton will normally take place on the first Saturday of the month at 12 noon. Please contact the Parish office for availability.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY continue in the hall during 9.15am mass. We are always looking for more helpers. If you are able to help with this important ministry, please contact Gina Di Gregorio on 01932 230663.

PARENT & TODDLER GROUP meet usually in the hall on Wednesdays during term time from 10am to 11.45am. For more information, call Rebekah on 07900 020063.

BIBLE ALIVE is an excellent help for daily scripture reading and reflection.

Copies (£2.50) are available in the porch.

MASS INTENTIONS can be delivered to the Parish Office.

DEANERY NEWSLETTER is available in the porch.

REDISCOVER JESUS is a powerful book that invites us to explore the possibilities that God places before us daily. Free copies are available in the porch.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last week for both Sunday Masses was £515.63 (Excluding standing orders).

Pope's General Audience:

Pope Francis on Wednesday continued his catechism dedicated to the Sacrament of Baptism calling on Christians to proclaim Christ with our witness of faith and love. This is the English Summary of his reflection:

Dear brothers and sisters: In our continuing catechesis on Baptism, we now turn to the central action of the baptismal rite. Through the pouring of water and the invocation of the Blessed Trinity, we are "immersed" in the mystery of Christ's death and rising to new life.

Thus reborn, we become a new creation, passing from the corruption of sin to eternal life. In Christ, and by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, we are made adoptive children of the Father, with the Church as our spiritual mother. This relationship is definitive and is sealed by an indelible mark on the soul. Henceforth, as members of Christ's body, we are committed to avoid sin and to conform our lives ever more fully to him.

Following our rebirth in the waters of baptism, we are anointed with sacred chrism as a sign of our sharing in Christ's role as priest, prophet and king. As members of God's priestly people, we are called to offer our lives daily as a sacrifice pleasing to him.

As a royal and prophetic people, we are called to proclaim Christ's kingship by our witness of faith and love, and our commitment to imitate him in loving service to our brothers and sisters.