

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

### BAPTISM PREPARATION

These sessions take place regularly throughout the year. Please contact the office for details and to book. The next Baptism session will take place in February, details TBC.

### 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 Saturdays after the 9.30 Mass or on request.

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 2025

Our First Holy Communion programme for 2024-25 is now underway. Please pray for all our First Holy Communion children, their catechists and their families.

### CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation programme is now also underway. Please pray for our Confirmation candidates as they prepare for this Sacrament, which they will receive next year at Arundel Cathedral.

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>Sat 18 Jan</b>	9.30 10.00	MASS Adoration and Reconciliation
	16.45 18.00	Italian Mass Intentions of the Bosch Family
<b>Sun 19 Jan</b>	9.30	<b>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Parishioners
	11.15	Tony Chutter RIP (anniversary)
<b>Mon 20 Jan</b>	9.30	MASS
<b>Tue 21 Jan</b>	18.30 19.30	<b>St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr</b> Adoration and Reconciliation MASS
<b>Wed 22 Jan</b>	9.30 10.00	Ray Palmer RIP (Anniversary) Rosary
<b>Thu 23 Jan</b>	NO MASS	NO MASS
<b>Fri 24 Jan</b>	9.30 10.00	<b>St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor (Memorial)</b> MASS Divine Mercy
<b>Sat 25 Jan</b>	9.30 10.00	<b>The Conversion of St Paul (Feast)</b> <b>NO MASS</b> Divine Mercy
	16.45 18.00	Italian Mass MASS
<b>Sun 26 Jan</b>	9.15	<b>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Parishioners
	11.15	MASS

### TODDLER PRAISE AND PLAY

The toddler group meets on Fridays during term-time for toddlers and their parent(s)/grandparent(s) etc. **Please sign up** online: <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/igv3pov>



# ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

18-19 JANUARY 2025

Dear parishioners

This Sunday, the Gospel recounts the miracle of Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana of Galilee. This event marked the beginning of Jesus' public ministry and powerfully demonstrated the Lord's presence during a common celebration: a wedding. Just as in Jesus' time, weddings and the celebrations that follow remain integral to our daily lives and culture today. By starting His ministry in this way, Jesus emphasises the importance of family life as a crucial aspect of human society. He blesses families through His presence and the miracle of turning water into wine. May God's presence and Christian values flourish in our families throughout the year.

With prayers and blessings, Fr. Ruslan and the PPC

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18-25 JANUARY

This week we celebrate the annual week of prayer for Christmas Unity. Each year across the country, and indeed the globe, Christians meet together to pray, share fellowship and learn about and from each other. We are grateful that here we are free to worship Jesus. We pray for all those who are unable to freely acknowledge Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

### PARISH NEWS/EVENTS

#### WHY ARE THE CRIB AND DECORATIONS STILL UP?!

The Christmas Season ended last week on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. However, the crib may be left in place until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) on 2 February, which falls on a Sunday this year. Similarly to last year, our crib will be left up until that Feast. We'd love some **help to take down the decorations** on **Saturday 1 February** from 11am-12pm and clean up the church. Please do come along if you can.

#### 2025 JUBILEE REFLECTIONS ON HOPE

Are you wondering what the 2025 Jubilee Year is all about and what the theme Pilgrims of Hope means for us today? We're meeting on **Wednesdays**. For the morning session, please note the **new start time of 10:30** after Adoration, until 11:30am or from 7.45-9.00pm in the church hall. We had a great first session and some moving sharing with each other. We talked about being braver as we journey together. **Don't worry if you missed the first session, do come along this coming week!** Please register (morning sessions) <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/zafvh8e3>, or here for evening sessions: <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/sqa2ui1f> or in the porch.

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**ACCOUNT NO** 01126393

#### DONATIONS PAYABLE TO:

RCD A&B ST ERCONWALD'S  
WALTON ON THAMES.

You can also donate in church using the DONA device or the QR codes in the pews. 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, Teresa Azouz, Baby Elm, Roger Blishen, Christopher Clifford and Catherine Browle, Katherine Cawley, Trish Claxton, Rose Collins, Jimmy Connaughtoin, Thérésè Crumpler, James De Leons-Hopkins, Maureen and Bill Dodds, Julia Donaldson, Mary Edenborough, June Ellis, Manuel and Jackie Faraldo, Michael and Cathy Flynn, Carole Frost, Carmen Galanty, Sophie Giannini, Franky Goes, Gloria Gowen, Ann Griffin, the Hansford family, Yvonne and Michael Johnson, Karen Lane, John Lydon, Rita McGloin, Oscar Menezes, Christian Misuraca, Sarah Mitchell, Maureen Moriarty, Colleen Murphy, Louise Nettleton, Arlo Nolan, 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.

### SYCAMORE PRAYER COURSE - THE POWER OF PRAYER

Join us for a cuppa and time to talk about all things prayer; its power, in the mass, with the Bible, how to start. Starts this Sunday 19 January at 8pm in the hall. Join one session or all 5. All are very welcome - please sign up in advance here: <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/he7saf1o> or on the sheet in the porch.

### FEEDBACK WANTED PLEASE!

During Advent our welcomers handed out around 200 'Walk with me' booklets to you (children/adults) to help reflect and pray in preparation for Christmas. Did you use one, by yourself or in your family? Were they useful/helpful or not, and do you have another suggestion for us? Please email Helen McHugh with any feedback at all, however brief: [Helen.babar@btinternet.com](mailto:Helen.babar@btinternet.com)

### DROP IN WELCOME COFFEE MORNING!

This will take place on the first Wednesday of the month starting in March. So do join us anytime from 10-11.30am on **5 March in the hall** for a cuppa and a chat! We'd warmly like to invite all parishioners, with or without babies/toddlers, young or not so young, and especially those who have joined our parish more recently. Come and say hello!

We are sad to announce the death of **Tony Lanzisera**, a long-standing member of our parish. Please pray for him and his family - Teresa, Angela, Martin, Alexia and Dominic - in their grief. His funeral Mass will be on **Thursday 30 January** in the church. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

### OUR YEAR IN FIGURES - LIVING OUT OUR PARISH MISSION

Our parish mission is for us to grow in faith, love and community. As we start 2025, it's a great time for all of us to reflect on how we measure up against that mission, so we have been doing some digging to remind ourselves! There's a flyer in the porch sharing what we've been up to this year and details are also on the website. Thank you to everyone for your contributions; only as a community acting together could we have achieved all this. We have much to do in 2025, but we're building on a strong foundation!

### PARISH RAFFLES

Every weekend in January we shall be holding raffles at the various masses so don't miss your chance to win whilst helping raise money for our church (last week a giant unicorn was a particularly popular win!).

- Sat 18th - 6pm; Sun 26th - 9.15am

### RAISING OUR CHILDREN TO KNOW JESUS

An Alpha Faith Parenting Course (a mixture of zoom/in person) is planned to support all parents of children aged 0-10, to start after the February half-term. If you'd be interested in this, or in helping in any way, please let the office know.

### PLEASE HELP OUR PARISHIONER FIND A PROPERTY

One of our parishioners is urgently seeking a property in the area. If anyone knows of a one or two bedroom house to rent or is an estate agent, please contact Susana in the Parish Office.

### DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

The pilgrimage to Lourdes is one of the most significant pastoral events in the annual diocesan calendar, with hundreds of members of our community of faith visiting the Grotto together each year. **Online applications are now open via the diocesan website.** Over the next few weeks we hope to hear from some of our parishioners who have been on this pilgrimage, sharing its impact on them.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The PPC met last week, looking at planning for the coming year. We also spent time exploring the strengths weaknesses, opportunities and threats perceived as we travel on the journey towards being a new Weybridge parish. The steering group for the new parish meets again this week; please pray for their guidance by the Holy Spirit as they discern next steps.

### YOUTH MASSES

Youth masses will start again in February; please keep an eye out for announcements and speak to Fr Ruslan if you'd like to be involved.

## DIOCESAN/OTHER NEWS/EVENTS

### PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP RICHARD

Last weekend a pastoral letter from Bishop Richard was read out at the 6pm and 11.15 Masses. If you missed it, please do have a read <https://www.sterconwalds.org.uk/news-and-newsletters.html>. He reminds us of our call to mission, our steps towards a new model of parish, and the diocesan anniversary.

### MODERN SLAVERY

On 8 February we celebrate the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita. On **7 February** there will be a talk at Pius X Hall, Laustan Close, Merrow, in Guildford on Modern Slavery and how to recognise and help combat it; St Josephine's whose prolonged encounter with slavery and subsequent life will be featured. Sign up: <https://cpg.churchsuite.com/events/rcfx1ryf>

**FLAME** (<https://cymfed.org.uk/flame>) is an inspiring biannual youth congress next held on **15 March 2025** for 10,000 young people at Wembley Arena, full of music, powerful speakers and a chance to meet other young Catholics from around the country. We'd love to take young people from our parish to go with the diocesan group. If you're interested in going, please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

### JUBILEE FOR YOUTH - PILGRIMS OF HOPE - ROME 2025

Young adults from all over the world aged 18-30 will be gathering in Rome from 28 July-4 August to celebrate the special Jubilee year of forgiveness and reconciliation. Join other like-minded people as part of the Diocesan group as we travel to Rome, with opportunities to hear from, and pray with, Pope Francis on the theme of hope. Full details are on the diocesan website.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Please send any newsletter/website/porch/social media items or any amendments to: [comms.sterconwalds@gmail.com](mailto:comms.sterconwalds@gmail.com) by Thursdays 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. For details: <https://www.sterconwalds.org.uk/get-involved.html>

## YOUR OFFERINGS PLATE COLLECTIONS FOR CHRISTMAS TBC

## CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS UKRAINE TBC

## STANDING ORDERS FOR DECEMBER: TBC

## THANK YOU!

## SAVE THE DATES

**15 MAR:** FLAME CONGRESS  
**20 SEP:** FESTIVAL OF HOPE