

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

**Baptism preparation** sessions take place regularly throughout the year. Please contact the office for details and to book. The next Baptism session will be **on Tuesday 5th of November at 6.45pm via Zoom.**

**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.** If your child is in Year 3 or above you can now apply for the FHC Programme 2025. Forms are available from the back of the church or on our website and need returning to the parish office **no later than Sunday 20 October.** Any families wishing to register their children for this programme need also to be registered with our parish. Parish registration forms are in the back of church/online.

We do need **additional catechists** and especially ask parents of those who children will participate in the programme to help out. You don't need to commit to each week! Do get in touch with the parish office by phone or email.

The first **CONFIRMATION** session was held last week and continues on 23/11. If you're still interested in joining the programme, please contact the parish office.

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>SAT 19 OCT</b>	<b>9:30</b>	<b>ST PHILIP HOWARD, MARTYR, PATRON OF THE DIOCESE (SOLEMNITY)</b> INTENTIONS OF DERMOT O'KEEFE
	<b>10.00</b>	<b>ADORATION, ROSARY &amp; RECONCILIATION</b>
	<b>16.45</b>	ITALIAN MASS
	<b>18:00</b>	PARISHIONERS
<b>SUN 20 OCT</b>	<b>9:15</b>	<b>29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> CLIVE GARDNER RIP(ANNIVERSARY)
	<b>11:15</b>	KITTY DOYLE RIP
<b>MON 21 OCT</b>	<b>9:30</b>	HENRY AUGUSTUS HARRINGTON RIP
	<b>10.00</b>	<b>ROSARY</b>
<b>TUE 22 OCT</b>	<b>18:30</b>	<b>ADORATION AND RECONCILIATION</b>
	<b>19:30</b>	RAY PALMER RIP
	<b>20.00</b>	<b>ROSARY</b>
<b>WED 23 OCT</b>	<b>9:30</b>	JIM SIMPKIN RIP
	<b>10:00</b>	<b>ROSARY</b>
<b>THU 24 OCT</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>FRI 25 OCT</b>	<b>9:30</b>	TIM SIMPSON RIP
	<b>10:00</b>	<b>DIVINE MERCY &amp; ROSARY</b>
<b>SAT 26 OCT</b>	<b>9:30</b>	MAURICE GOES RIP
	<b>10:00</b>	<b>ADORATION, ROSARY &amp; RECONCILIATION</b>
	<b>16.45</b>	ITALIAN MASS
	<b>18:00</b>	PARISHIONERS
<b>SUN 27 OCT</b>	<b>9:15</b>	<b>30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> KEN & MARJORIE ROBERTSON RIP
	<b>11:15</b>	MASS

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**TODDLERS GROUP - Play and Praise** continues on Fridays from 10-11.30. Sign up in advance here:  
<https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/dnp0lyul>.



# ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

19/20 OCTOBER 2024

### REFLECTION FROM FR RUSLAN/PARISH RETREAT

The theme of next month's parish retreat is taken from 2 Timothy 1:6-7, where Paul's words to Timothy encourage us to 'stir up the gift' of ministry God has given us.

To fully appreciate this encouragement from the Apostle Paul, we must understand the circumstances in which it was given. Paul was in a prison cell in Rome for preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This letter appears to be his last, written shortly before Nero's order to execute him. In this letter, Paul writes a farewell letter to his disciple Timothy and encourages him to remain faithful to the gift and calling from God that he has received. Paul reminds Timothy of the flame of God within him, suggesting that he should walk in the light of the Holy Spirit and the love of God that has been bestowed upon him.

As we reflect on these lines from the letter of St. Paul to Timothy during our parish spiritual retreat, **let us remind ourselves of the gift of the Spirit that kindles our hearts today**, just as it did for Timothy as he proclaimed the Good News. In the same way, we are empowered by the Spirit of love to be disciples of Christ in the modern world.

With prayers, Fr. Ruslan  
Parish Priest

Physical and spiritual parish preparation for our **parish retreat from 22-24 November** is gathering pace. We are introducing some of the worship songs that may be used during the retreat at the 9.15 masses. **SIGN UP** for all or individual sessions online here: <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/sthwi3ap> or on the sheets in the porch, where you will also find the full programme. The retreat is free to all but we welcome sign ups for catering purposes and you are of course free to make a donation to offset the costs!

We are looking for people to support with hospitality (teas/coffees/meal prep). **If you can help in any way please contact Lucy on 07740 461785.**

### OCTOBER and OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

On Fridays, after 9.30am Mass, our Divine Mercy prayer group meets, but as October is the Month of the Rosary, we are also s

### ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

This week a bill was introduced to Parliament proposing a change in the law to permit assisted suicide. This puts in the spotlight crucial questions about the dignity of human life and the care and protection afforded by our society to every human being. Cardinal Vincent Nichols has written a pastoral letter, encouraging us to write to our MPs, discuss this issue with each other, and pray: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2024/10/241013-Pastoral-Letter-VN-Assisted-Suicide.pdf>

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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!

## PARISH NEWS/EVENTS

### 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, Roger Blishen, Christopher Clifford and Catherine Browle, Katherine Cawley, Trish Claxton, Rose Collins, David Cox, Thérèse 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, Colleen Murphy, Louise Nettleton, Arlo Nolan, Ben Piltsher, Shirley Rhodes, Deborah Russell, Evie Sagun, Anna Sartori, Michael Spears, Michelle Thomas, Eileen White, 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 schedule visits.

**THANK YOU** to all who came and deep cleaned the church, sacristy and hall last week. It looks wonderful! And **thank you to our Italian community** for your generous donation after your lunch last week. We are extremely grateful - thank you!

You may notice that the porch is being cleared and tidied, hopefully helping us to enter our church in a spirit of prayer, but also making it easier to find information on our parish activities. It's a work in progress - **thank you** to our volunteers who are helping this happen! There is now a dedicated table with activities/books for children who are in church. Please contact the parish office and/or email the comms team: [comms.sterconwalds@gmail.com](mailto:comms.sterconwalds@gmail.com) **before posting/placing anything in the porch.**

### Advent 2024

The Parish Pastoral Council is currently preparing our parish Advent/Christmas booklet with the various parish activities/events and prayer focuses. If you/your parish group is organising anything, please do contact John Joyce at [jdejoyce@gmail.com](mailto:jdejoyce@gmail.com) or 07801 373299 by 30 October with details for inclusion.

### PARISH KITCHEN

**A recycling bin** is now in the kitchen! Please do use it as appropriate to help us play our part in caring for our planet. We're **missing some bowls and even more plates** from the kitchen. Please can you check your cupboards for any you may have taken home, and return this weekend? Thank you!

### ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS

As you all know, **November** is the month when we remember our beloved departed. As in past years, we will not have individual intentions during the month of November. The Remembrance book will be in the porch from Friday 25 October, where you can write the name of the person you would like to remember in prayer. The book will be brought to the altar during each Mass, and Fr Ruslan will pray for them on that specific day.

On **Friday 1 November** Fr Ruslan will be visiting and blessing the cemeteries in the area. **Tuesday 19th of November**, we shall hold an evening Mass to commemorate those who have gone before us.

### Diocesan Pastoral Plan and the Weybridge Deanery

As you may remember, Bishop Richard shared his Pastoral Plan and vision for our diocese in January 2024. In time our deanery will become a single 'parish of communities.' A steering group was set up, with Canon Chris Spain of Egham as the Moderator. This group consists of clergy and lay people, including Fr Ruslan and Lucy Jardine from our parish. It is now meeting regularly to discern ways forward and how we embed the principles and vision of the Pastoral Plan, recognising that the roles of clergy will evolve, also how we provide support for parish communities and mission. Rooted in a vision of love and of a missionary church, **please pray for the steering group** as it meets over the coming months.

### MASSES LED BY YOUNG PEOPLE

Do join us for a mass led by some of the young people in our parish this **Saturday 19 October** at 6pm. All are welcome!

### PARISH READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Fr Ruslan will be holding training sessions at 7.30pm in the church for all **current readers and Eucharistic ministers and anyone interested in joining** these ministries: **Wednesday 20 November at 7.30 pm:** Parish readers **Wednesday 27 November at 7.30pm:** Eucharistic ministers

### WANTED

If anyone has a **spare working hoover** we would really welcome an extra one to help our cleaners. Thank you!

### BAPTISMS

This weekend we'll celebrate one baptism in our parish! Do welcome this family into our parish community.

### INTERCESSIONARY (BIDDING) PRAYERS

We have a wonderful team of women who write our inspiring intercessionary prayers each week on a rota basis. We'd love to expand the team to reflect more fully our parish community. We have plenty of guidance for you; do contact Margaret on 07811 792 117 if interested.

### MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

The diocese is recruiting for the next intake for our Ministry of Consolation training. One of the many challenges in our modern world has been the reality that many people do not know what to say or how to support the bereaved, which leaves so many feeling isolated, lonely and often questioning their faith. The Diocese has a wide network of 120 trained bereavement supporters who accompany and befriend those who are experiencing the loneliness and pain of loss. If you are interested in joining our team, our next training course will run on **Wednesdays from 8 Jan-12 Feb 2025** via Zoom (9.30am-1.30 pm). Further details to follow.

### WILLS, INHERITANCE TAX AND CHARITABLE BEQUESTS

Wills and inheritance tax can be difficult subjects, emotionally and technically, but help is at hand! In November Jess Buttaci, a parishioner with a law practice in Walton, will be giving **two talks in the hall** about this, which will incorporate any changes arising from the Budget in October, and how to make charitable bequests. **Dates TBC.**

### SPARE ROOM FOR A REFUGEE?

A Ukrainian refugee and her two young children need a place to live for one month and is happy to pay. If you can help or know someone, please contact Alison Foreman on 07920 775872. Thank you.

### DIOCESAN/OTHER EVENTS

**MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS** will be held on **26 October** from 12-1pm at Arundel Cathedral. See here for this and other events: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

### NATIONAL BOARD OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

The NBCW is promoting various talks and events during October - for full details see the poster in the porch.

## 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 (**change of email address**): [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>

## PLATE

**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS FOR 13-10-24: £262.54**  
**SECOND COLLECTION FOR UTILITIES: £331.13**  
**STANDING ORDERS FOR SEPTEMBER: £5258.46**

## THANK YOU!

### SAVE THE DATES

20 NOV: MINISTERS OF THE WORD MEETING  
27 NOV: EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING  
22-24 NOV: PARISH RETREAT  
30 NOV: WREATH-MAKING  
15 DEC: CHRISTMAS LUNCH  
15 MAR: FLAME CONGRESS