



ST ERCONWALD'S NEWSLETTER

14TH/15TH SEPTEMBER 2024

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KEY DATES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sat 14th September	09:30	No Mass
	10:00	No Adoration and Reconciliation
	16:45	Italian Mass
	18:00	Parishioners
Sun 15th September	09:15	24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Beryl O'Brien's Deceased Relatives & Friends
	11:15	Rudolf Fisk RIP
Mon 16th September	09:30	No Mass
Tue 17th September	09:30	No Mass
Wed 18th September	09:30	No Mass

	10:00	No Rosary
Thu 19th September	NO MASS	No Mass
Fri 20th September	09:30	ST ANDREW KIM TAEGON, PRIEST, PAUL CHONG HASANG & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS OF KOREA (MEMORIAL) No Mass
	10:00	No Divine Mercy
Sat 21st September	09:30	ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST (FEAST) Drave Family RIP
	10:00	Adoration and Reconciliation
	16:45	Italian Mass
	18:00	Terry O'Brien
Sun 22nd September	09:15	25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Parishioners
	11:15	Arnaldo Fernandez RIP

WEEKLY EVENTS

Please note that Fr Ruslan is away from 9-19 September so there will be **NO** weekday masses this week.

TODDLERS GROUP - Play and Praise continues on Fridays from 10-11.30 am with activities for 0-4yr olds. The last session was almost full, so do sign up in advance here: <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/dnp0lyul>.

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 8 October** at 19.00 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.

Confirmation and First Holy Communion: see separate notices.

COLLECTIONS:

OFFERTORY COLLECTION 09.09.24: £149.61

STANDING ORDERS JUNE: £4,750.67

PARISH BANK DETAILS:

SORT CODE: 40-05-20

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!



During this Season of Creation we are invited to move forward in hope for a better future, becoming more active in our care for the natural world around us and preserve God's wonderful creation for all future generations. We know that taking action is an individual as well as a collective effort. We may be taking action already. Here are some suggestions to sow climate hope:

- Reduce food waste
- Cook for a climate-stable planet: eat more locally-grown vegetables and reduce meat consumption
- Reduce fossil fuel use: switch to renewable energy, make your home as energy efficient as you can

- Walk/cycle/carpool where possible Reduce, reuse, repair and recycle
- Use less water - the eco-cycles on your washing machine/dishwasher if you have them.
- Petition lawmakers to take bold and ambitious climate action
- Speak up! Talk about climate change with friends and family

As a parish we are looking at ways we can take action. Watch this space for recycling bins in the kitchen as a small start! As our church renovation project gets underway, consideration will be given to helping our buildings to be as energy efficient as possible. If you're interested to explore with us how we can take more action, please contact Lucy Jardine on 07740 461 785.

On **5/6 October** we shall be giving thanks for the bounties of creation during Harvest, listening to an appeal from **CAFOD** and **collecting for our local foodbank**.

We pray for our common home and all who protect and defend it.

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THANK YOU to everyone who worked so hard to make our **parish barbecue and hog roast** such a success last Sunday! It was a lovely event with a very big turn out from all age groups and our different communities. The showers stayed away long enough for a great time to be had, with a truly delicious hog roast supplied by George Giardina. Our raffle raised around £300. Thank you!

NEWS /EVENTS

SECOND COLLECTIONS. This weekend we welcome Fr. Emmanuel Mbeh from the Mill Hill Missionaries to give a **Red Box Missio** appeal. Thank you if you already give to Missio, the Pope's charity for World Mission, supporting the Church in need around the world. Please keep Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries' work in your prayers. Contact Dominic Ennis on 0208 2246114 or visit www.missio.org.uk to find out more. If you are already a red box holder, please return its contents to the sacristy by next **Sunday 22 September. Next weekend** we shall be collecting for **Home Mission Sunday**.

FR RUSLAN'S 40TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!

As mentioned, we shall be celebrating Fr Ruslan's birthday with him on **Sunday 29 September** in the hall from 3.30- 5pm. We know that there is a **family mass at**

2pm at Cardinal Newman on that day so lots of tea and cake for those families attending both - please do join us! Sign up sheet is in the back of church; please indicate what food/drink you can contribute. And there's a **card there to sign!** Buckets/Dona will also be out this weekend after the masses for a **collection** for him. If you can help, please contact Emma (emma@simpkin.net).

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2024-2025

If you are 14+ and considering preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please come to a meeting in church on **Wednesday 2 October** at 19:30 for you and your parent(s). It's an integral part of the application process to help you and your family decide on how best to proceed.

ALPHA

Our next Alpha Course starts as a short 4-week course on **Sunday 13 October at 7.30pm** in the hall with food and drinks, followed by thought-provoking video content and informal discussion. Alpha is for everyone and helps explore life, faith and meaning. It is great for those new to church, those who have never been to church and those looking to revisit questions. Please email steccalpha@outlook.com with any questions or sign up at: <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/5nlchpsx>

MASS LED BY YOUNG PEOPLE

We are excited that masses led by young people will start again on **Saturday 19 October** at 6pm. If you'd like to participate (helping prepare, music, reading, welcoming, etc), contact Fr Ruslan/the parish office. All are welcome!

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 as part of this group, please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

ADVENT 2024

The Parish Pastoral Council is currently planning and coordinating our Advent prayer focus, activities and outreach as we move into the new liturgical year, the Jubilee year as Pilgrims of Hope, focussing on how Advent and Christmas are celebrated across the world and in our parish community of communities. We welcome contributions from all parishioners. If you'd like to help plan or share ideas, please contact Lucy on 07740 461785.

PARISH RETREAT

Our parish retreat (**Fri evening 22 Nov-Sun afternoon 24 Nov - timings TBC**) is open to all (16+) and will be led by the Transform Ministries team, to include talks, worship, Adoration, prayer and shared meals to inspire participants to seek out a deeper relationship with Jesus and to grow in faith and spirituality. We recognise attending entails a significant commitment; we encourage you to come along to as much as you can and bring a friend! More info and sign ups to follow. **If you'd like to serve on the preparation team**, contact Lucy on 07740 461785.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

Programme details will be available shortly! We do, however, need help from parents to help run it. Please do get in touch with the parish office to discuss what you can do to help - as a catechist/with preparation/admin, etc.

Our **CHRISTMAS LUNCH** will be on Sunday 15 December for all generations - families, young and not so young alike!

DIOCESAN/OTHER EVENTS

ANTI SLAVERY DAY takes place on **18 October 2024** this year. It is part of **Anti-Slavery Week**, which runs from 14-20 October, aiming to raise awareness of human trafficking and modern slavery, encouraging action from government, local authorities, companies, charities, and individuals. In our diocese we are part of 'Together in Sussex, hosting a day of events to raise awareness at Chichester Cathedral and the Assembly Rooms, including presentations from 6.30-8.30pm. For further details see the poster in the porch or visit <https://www.togetherinsussex.org.uk>.

The **House of Prayer** in East Molesey has a wonderful Autumn programme for 1-day retreats, organised or self-guided. Or, during this **Year of Prayer**, why not commit to **Lectio Divina** on Tuesdays, 2pm – 3pm, from 8 October – 17 December. Lectio Divina means divine reading, listening to Scripture with the ear of the heart. For details: <https://www.christian-retreat.org/our-programme>

Some reminders for diocesan events: **Marriage Anniversaries Mass** on Saturday 12 October; **Training session on youth engagement in parishes**, also on Saturday 12 October and a **Grandparents' formation day**, Wednesday 6 November. To book please visit: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/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 get 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 your prayers:

Aman Allos, Teresa Azouz, Roger Blishen, Christopher Clifford and Catherine Browle, Katherine Cawley, Trish Claxton, Rose Collins, David Cox, 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, Colleen Murphy, Louise Nettleton, Arlo Nolan, Ben Piltsher, Shirley Rhodhes, Deborah Russell, Evie Sagun, Anna Sartori, Michael Spears, Michelle Thomas, Eileen White, Dee Wilson, 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. Please reach out to either Susana in the office, Ann Meehan or Fr Ruslan himself in confidence so we can schedule visits.

COMMUNICATIONS

Please send any newsletter/website/ social media items or any amendments to: comms.sterconwalds@g mail.com by Thursdays at 2pm for inclusion/ uploading as appropriate. All feedback is welcome.

SAFEGUARDING

Tina O'Kelly is our Safeguarding Rep for volunteers. If you wish to work with children or vulnerable adults in our parish please contact her: sg1.walton@abdiocese.org.uk. 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>

SAVE THE DATES

29 Sept: Fr Ruslan's birthday tea

3 Oct: Alpha starts

22-24 Nov: Parish retreat

15 Dec: Christmas lunch

15 Mar: Flame congress