SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Please pray for all those participating in our catechetical programmes, their catechists and their families, especially for the newly confirmed and those about to receive their First Holy Communion.

The next **Baptism** session will be on **Tuesday 2 July** at 19:00 in the hall. To book, please contact the office.

Children are introduced to **Reconciliation** during the year in which they make their first Holy Communion and are invited to celebrate this sacrament of God's healing thereafter.

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 9.30 Mass** or on request.

COLLECTIONS OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS FOR 9/6/24: £268.43

STANDING ORDERS MAY: £4217.67

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ST ERCONWALDS NEWSLETTER

15/16 JUNE 2024

Dear brothers and sisters.

This weekend we are celebrating two very important moments in our community life. Saturday will be the day when our children will receive, for the first time in their lives, the Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Saturday will also be the day when our parishioner, Gary Carter, will be ordained to the diaconate and receive the sacrament of Holy Orders. Congratulations to our first communion children and their parents and families on this special and unique occasion. I wish that all of you will make Jesus Christ your personal friend who will accompany you all your lives. Congratulations to Gary Carter, a parishioner, a friend, and now a brother in Holy Orders. May God bless you and your future ministry. On behalf of St. Erconwald Parish, I wish to assure you of our prayers as you begin a new path in your life serving Our Lord and His Church. With prayers Fr. Ruslan and the PPC.

THIS WEEK

MASS TIME CHANGES

We shall not be having Saturday 9.30am Mass during the First Holy Communion season. Thank you.

Masses on Tuesday 18th and Friday 21st of June are cancelled as Fr Ruslan will be celebrating the life of Maura Giri, who sadly passed away last month. The funeral Mass on the 21st will be here at St Erconwald's at 12pm. Please pray for Maura and her family in this difficult time (he is attending Kingston Crematorium on the 18th)

This weekend, Gary will be saying his first Mass as a deacon. Welcome to Gary and well done!

Please join us in the hall for coffee and pastries to celebrate with him, and please continue to keep him in your prayers as he continues his training and formation towards the priesthood.

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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 OUR PRAYERS

Aman Allos, Teresa Azouz, Roger Blishen, Christopher Clifford and Catherine Browle, Katherine Cawley, Trish Claxton, Rose Collins, David Cox, Teresa 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, Beryl Jones, Karen Lane, John Lydon, Rita McGloin, Oscar Menezes, Christian Misuraca, Sarah Mitchell, Louise Nettleton, Arlo Nolan, Shirley Rhodhes, Deborah Russell, Anna Sartori, Michael Spears, Michelle Thomas, Eileen White, Dee Wilson, Dina Yates.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION and BAPTISMS

Saturday 15 and 22 June at 14:00: Fr Ruslan will be celebrating First Holy Communion. This is such an important day for our young parishioners. Please pray for them and their families on their very special day.

Saturday 22 June: Fr Ruslan will be celebrating two Baptisms at 11am. Please welcome Everly, Nela and their families into our parish community.

FATHER'S DAY RECHARGE. Whether you need some space to reflect, hope, remember or celebrate, or if you just need an excuse to sit quietly with no distractions - our church will be open from 19:00 - 20:00 this **Sunday 16 June**, lit with candles. Please join us.

FROM THE FINANCE AND FABRIC COMMITTEE

This week we have published the parish's annual accounts for the year 2023 on our website. Please do have a look: https://www.sterconwalds.org.uk/parish-accounts.html. **The main takeaways** for all of us, which continue to apply, are:

- 1) Our regular income from weekly and monthly donations has not been rising, despite increases in Mass attendance, and does not cover the parish's day to day costs we are operating with an unsustainable deficit;
- 2) Our fundraising activities (such as the Spring Ball) are proving very successful and this is really helping;
- 3) **Our church and hall** are in need of considerable investment some of which is needed urgently not all of which we can currently afford.

We shall be talking more about this at all the Sunday Masses on 29 and 30 June. The quickest and most important thing we can all do that would make a huge difference is to look again at our weekly offerings and our monthly standing orders and see if we can afford to regularly give just a little more. If every household in the parish could increase their donations by just £1 or £2 per week, that alone would raise £10-15k or more extra for the parish per year. Please do prayerfully consider whether this is an option for you and/or your family. You can donate here:

https://www.sterconwalds.org.uk/giving.html

THANK YOU for your generosity last week in raising £220.81 for our quarterly maintenance collection. Your generosity is much appreciated.

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SECOND COLLECTION This weekend (15 /16 June) the second collection, which is one of the Diocese's collections, is for the Day for Life, dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life. This year's theme is: *The Lord is my Shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life.*

It is with great sadness that we'd like to let you know that **Joanna Kehoe /Jo Butler**, a former parishioner, passed away on Monday 20 May at her home in Pewsey, Wilshire. Her funeral takes place this Friday 14 June at West Wiltshire Crematorium. Please keep Mark, Sam & Luke in your prayers.

MODERN SLAVERY & HUMAN TRAFFICKING - COMMUNITIES AND PARISHES

A reminder: all are welcome to attend a presentation & discussion by the Santa Marta Group on **Saturday, 29 June 11:00 -13:00** in St Peters Hall, Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 5WG. The Santa Marta Group is an anti-trafficking charity, supported by Pope Francis, that aims to act as a catalyst for law enforcement, civil society and the Church to work together to combat this global crime.

YOUNG ADULTS 18-35. Our diocesan youth service runs the BeCome programme for young adults. Contact the youth team: www.abdiocese.org.uk/formation/youth-service. Our neighbouring diocese Southwark holds many events for young adults, usually centred around St George's Cathedral which is near London Waterloo so very easy to get to! Please visit www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/southwark-catholic-youth-service/young-adult-ministry-ages-18-35/

PARISH REGISTRATION

Please complete a parish registration form (online or in the back of church) if you haven't done so in the past year - this helps with planning and to know what your hopes are for the parish.

GENERAL ELECTION

CAFOD provides information on using our Catholic voices in the election: https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/uk-general-election-2024-a-guide-for-catholic-voters. Our Diocese has also provided materials here: https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/general-election-2024-resources

SAVE THE DATES!

Parish weekend and BBQ, weekend of 7/8 Sept. Parish retreat: 22 Nov from 7pm, 23 and 24 Nov.

HOME VISITS

Fr Ruslan is very aware that there is a number of parishioners that are too poorly to come to church. He would like to meet these parishioners at different times throughout the year in their homes. He can offer the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion and anointing of the sick or just say hello. Everyone is important to us in our parish. Please reach out to either Susana in the office, Ann Meehan or Fr Ruslan himself in confidence. We will work with Fr Ruslan to try to schedule visits. God bless.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

SAFEGUARDING

Are you a volunteer or thinking about volunteering here at St Erconwald's? Please contact Tina O'Kelly, our Safeguarding Rep on sg1.walton@abdiocese. org.uk for information about training or to confirm that you have a DBS with us or if it needs processing. DBS checks are needed to work with children and vulnerable adults even if you have already one with another company or school_{PAGE 3}