

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

1ST MARCH, 2020

LITURGY THIS WEEK

THEME: Forty Days to Easter



On this first Sunday of Lent we have just begun our journey of forty days to Easter.

THE YEAR OF THE WORD

Meditate: Temptations, ordeals and hardships are part of life and are most certainly needed as we set to serve the Lord. These are the moments when we choose whether or not we want to follow Jesus. However, as St. Paul reminds us nobody is tempted beyond their strength. Because Christ has conquered we are confident we can be victorious as we share in Jesus' triumph.

Act: Angels came to serve Jesus at the moment of his trials. We are surrounded by people who are going through moments of trials in their family life, their health or work. Ponder how you could be an angel to serve them and so help them pass through this moment.

PARISH MASS BOOK

The Mass can be found on page 151
The "Order of the Mass" from page 7
Preface: *The Temptation*, page 71



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 50 **[Please pray together]**

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone,
have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Man does not live on bread alone,
But on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

FIRE WARDEN TRAINING

Thank you to all who volunteered to undertake this very important ministry. We will be holding a training session on **WEDNESDAY 11th MARCH at 7.30pm** here in St Erconwald's. For the safety of all our parishioners we would like to train as many as possible. We require at least 2 per weekend Mass. More at busy Masses/Services. So we need to train bare minimum of 12, to allow for illness/holidays etc. Fire Wardens can be male or female. Full training will be given. You will not be fighting fire but ensuring the safe evacuation of the Church and Church buildings. Please come along to be trained.

THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent is a time of grace, conversion, renewal and healing. During this season, the Church calls us to fasting and abstinence; to works of self-denial; to personal and communal worship, and to reach out to those who are less fortunate than us. Let us use this Lent and pray that we may become more aware of God's plan for our lives.



[Each Friday we recall the events of Good Friday by fasting in some way.]

Stations of the Cross: Weekdays [except Thursdays and Saturdays] at 9.00am. Friday evening after the 7.00pm Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesdays after 9.30am Mass. There will be Benediction at 11.00am.

Rite of Penance: Every Saturday between 4.30pm and 5.00pm.

Repository: Lenten reading material available on the table by the Repository.

MASSES WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Kenbrook: Tuesday 3rd March, 10.30am

St. Erconwald's Parish: Wednesday 4th March, 11.00am

followed by soup and rolls in the Parish Hall.

This Mass is for everyone especially the sick and elderly.

[There will be no 9.30am Mass]

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – THE YEAR OF THE WORD **SCRIPTURE SEEKERS**

A series of Reflections and Sharing on the Bible. Next session:

TUESDAY 10th MARCH in the Parish Hall from 7.30 - 8.30pm.

Theme: The Book of Exodus. All are welcome.



PRESTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY - THE MEMORY LOUNGE

Every Monday afternoon from 2.00 – 4.00pm.

For people living with Dementia – Carers and anyone wanting to improve their memory. Poster on noticeboards.

ST. LAURENCE'S LARDER

Many thanks for all your donations. Please leave your donations in the boxes provided at the back of the Church.

[Please do NOT leave fresh produce].



FUNERAL

With sadness we announce the death of Christine Kenny. Her funeral will take place on Monday 2nd March at 10.00am. We offer our sympathy to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION



Bacon and Cabbage lunch on Sunday 15th March. Food will be served from 12.30pm to 2.00pm. Doors open: 12.30pm. After lunch there will be entertainment, amongst others by *The Waggle Taggle*, and a raffle with some fantastic prizes. Tickets: Adults £10, Senior Citizens & Children 12years and under £6; on sale after all the Masses. Please support this venture as it is in aid of the Church Windows Refurbishment Fund.

St. Patrick's Day cards and badges are on sale in the Repository.

APF/MISSIO

The Spring issue of *Missio Today* is now available for collection. Could box holders please pick up their copies from the newsletter stands. Do not forget to keep the Missions in your prayers. [Danuta Zimmermann]

NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH: 10th – 18th MARCH 2020

St. Joseph's Church, Maidenhead. You are welcome to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena booklet. Please write to Novena Director, St. Joseph's Missionary Society, 58 Cookham Road, Maidenhead SL6 7HT or email novenamhm@gmail.com See noticeboard for details.

GENTLE REMINDERS - CORONAVIRUS

Please use the sanitisers provided at each entrance as you enter the Church. It will be greatly appreciated if during this flu season you receive the host on the hand rather than in the mouth. Thank you for your cooperation.

SETTLED STATUS

Please see letter from the Bishop's Conference on noticeboard. Details and links to the application process can be found at: gov.uk/eusettledstatus

PARISH MAGAZINE – EASTER EDITION

Articles need to be in by 21st/22nd March.

CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, SATURDAY 30th May 2020 AT 3.00PM

The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2020. If you qualify, please fill in the form at the back of the Church and place it in the Internal Pox Box, back of the Church, by not later than the weekend of 21st/22nd March.

CLEANING TEAM: Next week: Team 2

TIMES OF LITURGY

SATURDAY 29th February:	4.30 - 5.00pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass: [Intention] 9.00am Mass: Ian Norman [RIP] 11.30am Mass: People of the Parish [Link Mass]
SUNDAY 1st March: [1st Lent, Year A]	10.00am: Funeral Mass for Christine Kenny RIP
MONDAY 2nd March:	9.30am Mass: Weigan Wilson [RIP]
TUESDAY 3rd March:	11.00am: Mass with Anointing of the Sick followed by Soup and Rolls
WEDNESDAY 4th March:	NO SERVICE
THURSDAY 5th March:	9.30am Mass: Peter Keily [RIP] 7.00pm Mass: [Intention] Followed by Stations of the Cross
FRIDAY 6th March: [CAFOD FAST DAY]	4.30 - 5.00pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass: Delia and Peter Bonner [RIP] 9.00am Mass: Marie Delaney [RIP] 11.30am Mass: People of the Parish
SATURDAY 7th March:	
SUNDAY 8th March: [2nd Lent, Year A]	

DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS

Monday to Friday between 3.00pm-4.00pm in the Church.

ROSARY

Weekdays after 9.30am Mass.

All are welcome.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

Evangelisation - Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.



LITURGY NEXT WEEK

SECOND OF LENT, YEAR A

Genesis 12. 1-4; Psalm 32;

2Timothy 1. 8-10;

Matthew 17. 1-9



THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – THE YEAR OF THE WORD

Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us through the Scriptures. Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another. Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. Amen.

Your word is our path and your truth is our light. This day and every day.

In case you are admitted to hospital.....

In the light of data protection please indicate on entering hospital that your details are to be passed to the RC Chaplain, and that you would like a visit from the RC Chaplain. [Fr. Peter]