

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, C

1ST MAY, 2022

THEME: Do You Love Me?

If Jesus would ask you today: "How close am I to you? Do you really love me?" What answer could you give him? There have certainly been times when we offended and betrayed him by our sins. I hope that you still dare to answer: "Jesus notwithstanding my weakness and my occasional cowardice, I still want to say that I believe in you and that I love you. I know you keep loving me and I want to keep loving you."



MEDITATE: Jesus' followers have begun to resume their usual routines: Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, Zebedee's sons, and two unnamed disciples are at the Sea of Tiberias and head out to go fishing.

ACT: During your next thanksgiving after Holy Communion, reflect on how you might help meet the physical and spiritual hunger of others.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 58 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 17 of whom are from our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available at each entrance of the church. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

Good Shepherd Sunday
8 May 2022



FUNERAL

With sadness we announce the death of Dennis Hughes. His funeral will take place on Friday 6th May at 10.00am. The Mass will be live-streamed and recorded. We offer our sympathy to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

COMING TO MASS: COVID-19 SAFE ENVIRONMENT

[Please do NOT attend Mass if you are unwell or have any Covid symptoms]

As we have many vulnerable parishioners we ask that you **continue to wear your mask and sanitise your hands** when you come to Church. Doors will remain open for ventilation. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

DONATIONS AND COLLECTION OF MONEY **IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT GIVING ON-LINE**

GIVING BY STANDING ORDER [Preferred Method]

If you would like to support the parish we would ask you to consider setting up a regular donation in this way.

Offertory Envelopes and other donations can be placed in the Collection Box at the entrance of the Church or at the exit. Please no coinage at this time. There are a number of cashless methods now available:

Make a donation via our website:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad/donate/>

Via Dona [the company who supply our card readers].

<https://portal.mydona.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=268>

Donations, Mass Intentions and Repository payments can also be made via the card readers in Church

[If you are a tax payer, please Gift Aid your donation]

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who has continued supporting the Parish during the pandemic. We pray that you keep well and that your faith remains strong.

REGINA CAELI

["Queen of Heaven" is a prayer addressed to the Blessed Virgin Mary that is used during the Easter Season, from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. During this season, the Marian Prayer takes the place of the traditional Angelus.]



V. O Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia

R. For He Whom you were worthy to bear. Alleluia

V. Has risen as He said. Alleluia

R. Pray for us to our God. Alleluia

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.

R. For the Lord has risen indeed, Alleluia.

Let us pray:

God our Father, you give joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

For faith-filled young people:

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest: May they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage and the dedication to service that faith generates.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next "Link Mass" will be on **Saturday 7th May at 10.30am** in the Church.

MAY PROCESSION

at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, Nicoll Road, NW109AX. Sunday 8th May at 3pm. Preacher, Most Rev Kenneth Nowakowski; Eparch of the Holy Family of London (Ukrainian Catholic Church), who will be accompanied by the Icon of the Mother of Protection- Pokrova. Come and join the praying of the Rosary for asking the prayers of the Black Madonna of Willesden for the protection of London, and for Peace and Restoration in Ukraine.

PENTECOST SUNDAY/ INTERNATIONAL DAY

It's back after an absence of two years!



On the feast of Pentecost [**SUNDAY 5TH JUNE**] we celebrate our "Unity in Diversity" and the different cultures, food and traditions that are part of our Parish. This event is a wonderful, joyous celebration, and it requires a lot of work. We need as much help as possible. Please come to the meeting on **SUNDAY 8th MAY, after the 10.00am Mass** and offer your talents, help or suggestions.

REPOSITORY

Currently in stock: a good selection of First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards, Prayer Books, Rosaries and gifts, all at reasonable prices. If you don't see what you require, please ask as we are unable to display our full stock. You are welcome to have a browse. You can still order by email, or phone and we can arrange a suitable collection time if you are still self-isolating.



THE LARDER

*Thank you for your kind donations.
Please leave your donations in the box provided by the Lady Chapel.*

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING for the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14th May 2022 at 3pm.

The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** Wedding Anniversary of Catholic Marriage in 2022. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please leave your details [husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email) in the "donation box" on entering or exiting the Church.

UKRAINIAN APPEAL

Please pray for the Ukrainian people, for an end to this war. If you would like to donate there are baskets at the entrance and exit of the Church, or direct to:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Ukraine-Humanitarian-Appeal>

LITURGY FOR THE THIRD OF EASTER

[Copies of the Statement from the Bishops' Conference, entitled Honouring Sunday which covers information about the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holydays of obligation are available on the website and microsite.]

All services can be followed online: <https://www.churchservices.tv/wembley3>
[Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 10.00am Masses are recorded]

Sunday 1st May: 3rd of Easter, Year C [10.00am] Readings: 1st Reading: Acts 5.27-32,40-41; Psalm: 29; 2nd Reading: Apocalypse 5.11-14; Gospel: John 21.1-19. **Intention:** People of the Parish

Monday 2nd May: St. Athanasius [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: 1John 5.1-5; Psalm: 36; Gospel: Matthew 10.22-25. **Intention:** Kathleen Kingsley [RIP]

Tuesday 3rd May: Ss. Philip and James [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: 1Corinthians 15.1-8; Psalm: 18; Gospel: John 14.6-14. **Intention:** Monica Fitzmorris [RIP]

Wednesday 4th May: The English Martyrs [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Acts 7.55-60; Psalm: 30; Gospel: Matthew 10.17-20. **Intention:** Bernard McNicholas [RIP]

Thursday 5th May: NO SERVICE

Friday 6th May: Feria 10.00am: Funeral Mass for Dennis Hughes RIP. [The Mass will be live-streamed and recorded]

Saturday 7th May: 4th of Easter, Year C 10.30am "Link Mass" [FHC]

Saturday 7th May: 4th of Easter, Year C [5.30pm] Readings: 1st Reading: Acts 13.14,43-52; Psalm: 99; 2nd Reading: Apocalypse 7.9,14-17; Gospel: John 10.27-30. **Intention:** Geraldine Burke [RIP]

Sunday 8th May: 4th of Easter, Year C [10.00am] Readings: 1st Reading: Acts 13.14,43-52; Psalm: 99; 2nd Reading: Apocalypse 7.9,14-17; Gospel: John 10.27-30. **Intention:** Salvina and Michael Greck [RIP, A]

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

If you are looking for a way to engage your children in the gospel from home, join CAFOD for our virtual children's liturgy of the word at 10am GMT this Sunday. Register here to take part:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5095942131288155403>

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

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.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

[based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori]