

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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PARISH HALL LETS: Suspended until further notice.

THE OFFICE: Closed.



SECOND AFTER THE NATIVITY

3RD JANUARY 2021

THEME: The Word Became Flesh



Today God tells us something very important about the meaning of our Christian faith. Our faith is not just a doctrine in which we believe. God's Word is not just a doctrine but a person: Jesus. In him God's Word and promises become alive. God's Son becomes our brother and the center of our lives. In Jesus God shows us who he is: a saving loving God, near to people. Through Jesus God binds us to himself and himself to us: he shares our life. Through and with Jesus we can respond to God's love in faithful commitment to God and to each other.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

[Holyday of Obligation]

will be celebrated on WEDNESDAY 6th January at 9.30am. It will be a Public Mass. To book a place please visit the website or ring the office. The Vigil Mass will be on Tuesday at 5.30pm. It will be a Private Mass. Both Masses will be live-streamed and Recorded. *A gentle reminder that, at present, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holydays of obligation remains suspended.*



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH



With the Apostolic Letter "Patris Corde" ["With a Father's Heart"], Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX on December 8th 1870. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of St. Joseph" from 8th December 2020 to 8th December, 2021.

"Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble." [Pope Francis]

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 now to take part here.

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

FUNERAL

With sadness we announce the death of Dorothy O'Shea. Her funeral will take place on Monday 4th January, 2021 at 9.30am. In accordance with government guidelines this will be a private Mass, and it will be live-streamed and recorded. We offer our sympathy to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

Of your charity, please remember in your prayers those who have died and their families: Anne Marie Byrne and Martin Biggins. Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May + they rest in peace. Amen.

THANK YOU

very much for the many cards, gifts, good wishes and prayers; and to everyone for all the help and support over the Christmas period and throughout the year, especially during this time of Pandemic. [Fr. Anthony].

Thank you for your great generosity to "The Larder" over the Christmas through the "Caritas Westminster" initiative "Advent Giving Calendar". As always thank you to those who contributed to the Crib Appeal which goes to the Catholic Children's Society.

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – THE YEAR OF THE WORD

Meditate: In days of suffering and confusion people often cry out: God, where are you? God, why don't you speak? Today we are reminded that the Lord has spoken. He still keeps speaking to us in his Son Jesus.

Act: This week find time to listen to Him and to give him your word of acceptance and love.

Prayer: 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.

PEACE SUNDAY

Will be celebrated on Sunday 17th January. The theme this year is: "A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace". For more information please contact Pax Christi on www.paxchristi.org.uk

PAX CHRISTI
PEACE SUNDAY
17TH JANUARY 2021



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

Evangelisation - Human fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.



COMING TO MASS: COVID-19 SAFE ENVIRONMENT

PLEASE STAY AT HOME

If you are feeling unwell or if someone you have been in contact with is sick.

Booking to come to Mass: Apply using the ticketing system <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad/events/> to reserve a place for you or **places** for your household. When booking please state your full name and in brackets beside it [couple or household]. To cancel the booking, please contact the parish office by phone or email.

Booking by phone if no internet available: to secure spaces you can call the parish office directly on 020 8904 6031 [press option 2 when prompted] and leave details [full name and telephone number, number of places required - please state if booking for individual, couple or household - *please speak clearly*]. We will call you back to confirm booking.

(See website for full details)

If subsequent to booking a place at Mass, you are unable to attend, please ring the office to cancel your booking. Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated and will help prevent disappointment to others.

Be advised that due to Covid-19, the heating will remain off and doors remain open for ventilation. Please wear warm clothing during this cold spell.

Donations and Collection Money: **Offertory Envelopes and other donations:** there will be a Collection Box at the entrance of the Church - please put envelopes and donations as you enter the Church to facilitate the one way system. Please no coinage at this time. You can also visit:

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

You can also donate through Virgin Money Giving by visiting:

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

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



Please do feel free to share the information in this newsletter with other members of the parish with whom you have contact. With prayerful best wishes. Keep safe. [Fr. Anthony]

We are in this together, let us help one another

REPOSITORY

Last of 2021 Church Art Calendars reduced to 80p and £1 off the 2021 Diaries. Please email: wembley3@rcdow.org.uk or phone the office on 020 8904 6031 [press option 2 when prompted] to request Mass Cards, cards, or statues etc. and the latest updates, so they can be prepared prior to your visit.

We apologise for the inconvenience caused.

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]

LITURGY FOR THE SECOND WEEK AFTER CHRISTMAS

Private Masses: Monday, Tuesday Evening and Saturday

Public Masses: Tuesday morning, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday

All services can be followed online: <https://www.churchservices.tv/wembley3>

[Tuesday 5.30pm, Wednesday 9.30am,
Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 10.00am Masses are recorded]

Sunday 3rd January: 2nd After Nativity [10.00am: Public] Readings: 1st

Reading: Ecclesiasticus 24.1-2,8-12; Psalm: 147; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 1.3-6,15-18; Gospel: John 1.1-18. **Intention:** Martin Biggins [RIP] and Fr. Bernard Crowe [RIP, A]

Monday 4th January: 9.30am: Funeral Mass for Dorothy O'Shea RIP

Tuesday 5th January: Christmas Feria [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: 1John 3.11-21; Psalm: 99; Gospel: John 1.43-51. **Intention:** Dominic Tiernan [RIP]

Tuesday 5th January: Epiphany of the Lord [5.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm: 71; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 3.2-3,5-6; Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12. **Intention:** Janet Pearson [RIP]

Wednesday 6th January: Feast of the Epiphany [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm: 71; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 3.2-3,5-6; Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12. **Intention:** Desolina, Remo and Enrico Beltrami [RIP].

Thursday 7th January: NO SERVICE

Friday 8th January: Christmas Feria [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: 1John 5.5-13; Psalm: 147; Gospel: Luke 5.12-16. **Intention:** Mick Cloney [RIP].

Saturday 9th January: [5.30pm] Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 42.1-4,6-7; Psalm: 28; 2nd Reading: Acts 10.34-38; Gospel: Mark 1.7-11. **Intention:** Betty Sullivan [RIP, A].

Sunday 10th January: Baptism of the Lord [10.00am] Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 42.1-4,6-7; Psalm: 28; 2nd Reading: Acts 10.34-38; Gospel: Mark 1.7-11. **Intention:** Betty Sullivan [RIP, A] and Renato Ghirardani [RIP, A]

RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS - REGISTRATION FORMS

for the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIA [Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults] are now available on the Church's website: www.erconwald.org.uk or from the office [0208 904 6031, option 2].

Registration for First Holy Communion for 2021 is now closed.

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]