

## St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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PARISH HALL LETS: Suspended until further notice.

THE OFFICE: Closed.

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY, B**

**3RD OCTOBER, 2021**

### **THEME: They Become One**



The first pages of the Bible tell us that God created man and woman in his own image. That means that God, who is love, wanted to unite them in the bond of love and make them live for the love of each other. That is how it was in the beginning. And that is how it should be still now. When Jesus came, he made the bond between husbands and wives even more sacred, assuring them of God's grace. Are people faithful to their yes given in the presence of God and the Church? Let us ask the Lord for faithfulness and deep, deep love between our married couples—and for all our friendships.

**MEDITATE:** Our commitments to one another will endure ups and downs. Even though few of us will fully reach the ideal we can always hope, like the child, that God's love will hold us together in dignity and mutual respect.

**ACT:** Pray for those who are having trouble with their relationships. Ask for God's healing and comforting love to be made present to them.

### **OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup>: ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

Francis, was born at Assisi in 1182. When about twenty years old from being a light-hearted youth he changed, gave up his inheritance and bound himself to God, embracing poverty and living a life of the Gospels. About 1208, while praying in the church of Portiuncola he felt called personally by God. "Francis, go out and build up my house, for it is nearly falling down" was the message from the cross in the neglected field-chapel of San Damiano. Francis was a man of generosity, simplicity and passionate devotion to God. During the last years of his relatively short life he was half blind and seriously ill. Two years before his death, he received the stigmata, the real and painful wounds of Christ in his hands, feet and side. He died in 1226, at the age of 44. The life of Francis still challenges us to sort through our lives and discard the useless.



### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

There will be a meeting for parents and children who registered for First Holy Communion on **SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER AT 10.30am in the Parish Hall.**

All parents/children must attend this meeting.

Please visit the website to register you attendance.

## **COMING TO MASS: COVID-19 SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

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

As all Masses are now public, it is important that we continue to ensure that the Church remains a safe place where people gather to worship. The overriding principles continue to be that we need to maintain preventative practices to stop the spread of the disease: these include taking account of the prevailing local conditions, continuing to use sanitisers and wearing face masks [unless you are unable to do so for medical reasons], general cleaning to a good standard [with attention to frequent touchpoints], maintaining 1metre+ separation, good ventilation [**doors will remain open during Mass and the heating has to remain off**], registration of track and trace details [**we are still obliged to keep record of people attending**], and continuation of stewards at Mass. Full details can be found on the Church's website.

### **BOOKING TO COME TO MASS**

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

**Booking by phone if no internet available:** you can call the parish office on 020 8904 6031 [press option 2 when prompted]

You can also use the QR Code at the Church's entrance or exit.

### **DONATIONS AND COLLECTION OF MONEY**

**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:

1. Standing Order [preferred method]
2. Make a donation via our website:  
<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad/donate/>
3. Via Virgin Money Giving [state reason for donation in the message box].  
<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad/donate/>
4. 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 new card readers in Church

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

### **SCHOOL OPEN DAYS**

please visit the schools' website for details.

You can also visit: [www.brent.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.brent.gov.uk/admissions)

### ***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.

### **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER**

*Evangelisation - Missionary disciples*

We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.



## **ASSISTED DYING BILL**

This October, an 'Assisted Dying' Bill will be debated in the House of Lords. If successful it will allow a terminally ill adult with less than 6 months to live, assistance to commit suicide. The Catholic Church teaches that this represents a crime against human life, we cannot directly choose to take the life of another, even if they request it. The Bishops therefore urge you to **PRAY** this Bill is defeated, **WRITE** to Peers and MPs expressing concern about this proposed legislation and **SHARE** our resources and those of our allies, in the weeks ahead with family and friends, especially via social media. Resources, which will be updated in the weeks ahead, visit: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/life-issues/>

## **CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – CLIMATE CRISIS APPEAL**

Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. This Family Fast Day, donate in the parish using a CAFOD envelope or online through the CAFOD website: [www.cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis](http://www.cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis) and help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. You can also give via **text** by texting CAFOD, followed by the amount you would like to donate, to 70580. You can also add your voice to our online petition calling for our Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis, [www.cafod.org.uk/climate](http://www.cafod.org.uk/climate). And thank you for your generosity for our emergency appeals to support our sisters and brothers in crisis in Afghanistan and Haiti. You can read more about CAFOD's response at: [www.cafod.org.uk/emergencies](http://www.cafod.org.uk/emergencies). *Envelopes and Prayer Cards are available as you leave the Church. Thank you for your continued support.*



## **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

falls on 24<sup>th</sup> October. Please support *Missio* in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people. Please call **020 7821 9755** (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation, if possible: [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk)



## **THE LARDER**

*Many thanks for all your donations.*

*Please leave your donations in the box provided by the Lady Chapel*



## **REPOSITORY**

On the weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> October, the Christmas Card/Gift Fair will take place in the Church Hall. This year we will also have a "November Remembrance" section [candles, frames, etc.]

Please email: [wembley3@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:wembley3@rcdow.org.uk) or ring the office on 020 8904 6031 [option 2] to request Mass Cards, cards, or statues etc. and the latest updates, so they can be prepared prior to your visit.

## **LITURGY FOR THE TWENTY-SEVENTH WEEK OF YEAR 1**

*At present, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holydays of obligation remains suspended*

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

**Sunday 3rd October: 27th Sunday, B [10.00am] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 2.18-24; Psalm: 127; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrew 2.9-11; Gospel: Mark 10.2-16.  
**Intentions:** Kate, Mike, and Seamus Ruddy [RIP, A]

**Monday 4th October: St. Francis of Assisi [9.30am] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Galatians 6.14-18; Psalm: 15; Gospel: Matthew 11.25-30. **Intention:** Marion O'Connor [RIP].

**Tuesday 5th October: Feria [9.30am] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jonah 3.1-10; Psalm: 129; Gospel: Luke 10.38-42. **Intention:** In Thanksgiving.

**Wednesday 6th October: Feria [9.30am] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jonah 4.1-11; Psalm: 85; Gospel: Luke 11.1-4. **Intention:** Edmund Wilson [RIP].  
**[Followed by Rosary and Benediction]**

**Thursday 7th October: NO SERVICE**

**Friday 8th October: Feria [9.30am] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Joel 1.13-15,2.1-2; Psalm: 9; Gospel: Luke 11.15-26. **Intention:** Mary Hennessy [RIP].  
**[Followed by Rosary and Benediction]**

**Saturday 9th October: 28th Sunday, B [5.30pm] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Wisdom 7.7-11; Psalm: 89; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrew 4.12-13; Gospel: Mark 10.17-30.  
**Intention:** Susan and John Long [RIP].

**Sunday 10th October: 28th Sunday, B [10.00am] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Wisdom 7.7-11; Psalm: 89; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrew 4.12-13; Gospel: Mark 10.17-30. **Intention:** Norah and Mary Costello [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 now to take part here.*

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

## **CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

Provides parish leaders with knowledge and understanding of theology and the Catholic faith. Learn in person, by distance learning or online. Please visit:

[www.brs-ccrs.org.uk](http://www.brs-ccrs.org.uk)

## **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]*