

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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PARISH HALL LETS: Suspended until further notice.

THE OFFICE: Closed.



SECOND OF ADVENT, YEAR B

6TH DECEMBER, 2020

THEME: Baptised With the Spirit of Fire

On this Second Sunday of Advent we are preparing for the fuller coming of Christ in our community and in the world. We need to be people full of the Spirit of Christ. The Saviour was announced by Isaiah and John the Baptist as a man completely filled with God's Spirit. He would baptise us with the Spirit of Fire. To us, too, John says: Let this Spirit of fire change your mentality, your attitudes, your ways, so that Jesus can really live among us to make this world a place of unity and integrity, of justice and peace. Let Jesus pour out this Spirit among us.



THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – THE YEAR OF THE WORD

Meditate: Today we begin to read the Gospel of Mark. He writes the things that are important for him about the Christian message. He does not begin with Jesus because he knows that a preparation is necessary before we can accept Him in our lives. What does it mean for you today repentance and forgiveness of sins?

Act: The people listening to John the Baptist's message confessed their sins. Perhaps during this Advent you might consider going to confession.

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.

BIG GIVE - THE PASSAGE



is raising funds through the Big Give from **12 noon Tues 1st December – 12 noon Tues 8th December** to support its

work Helping Homeless People this winter. **Double your Donation, Double your impact.** This is a matched giving scheme for online donations. If some-

one (can be company, individual or trust) gave £10 online matched giving of £10 would bring the Gift up to £20 (and for individuals to £22.50 with Gift Aid with higher rate tax relief it may cost the donor less than £10). For more information ring Andrew Hollingsworth 020 75921886 andrew.h@passage.org.uk

Please generously give online at <https://tinyurl.com/PassageBigGive>

ADVENT 2020 – JOURNEYING TO THE CRIB

The season of Advent is a time of preparation for the birth of Our Saviour. Listed below are activities and devotions to help us prepare for the coming feast of Christmas and its true meaning.

The readings for Sundays and Feasts are taken from Year B.



THE JESSE TREE

Please visit www.erconwald.org.uk to download the ornaments and colour in. Each week a description of the ornament will be given. [Adapted from: “Jesse Tree Ornaments” by Kathryn Marcellino. Abundant Life Publishing]



ADVENT GIVING CALENDAR

This Calendar gives suggestions for items to collect each day, reaching out to those going hungry, making a food parcel. During the pandemic, this act of generosity will be needed more than ever, as we prepare for a Christmas like no other. Like previous years we will be supporting “The Larder” [formerly known as “St. Lawrence’s larder”]. Please bring your “food parcel” when you attend Mass. All donations must be received no later than Friday 18th December. Please visit: www.erconwald.org.uk to download the Advent Giving Calendar.



REPOSITORY

The Repository is currently operating from the Hall. Access is available after Mass, also by appointment. Please ring the office 020 8904 6031 option 2, or email: wembley3@rcdow.org.uk to see the latest update or to arrange a suitable time.



SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS FUND

The annual parish collection for the **Sick and Retired Priests’ Fund** takes place on **Sunday 13th December**, and all the money that is raised will be used to ensure that elderly priests and those who are struggling with ill health receive the care and support that they need. You can also use the “QR Code” – found on the envelope or on the poster – by scanning with a phone camera, to give online. You can also visit: www.rcdow.org.uk/donations **If you are a tax payer, please Gift Aid your donation.** Thank you for your continued support.



CAFOD’s

Advent parish resources and prayers include [Advent prayer cards](#) (one for each week), a series of daily [Advent reflections](#), [online prayer events](#), an online carol service guide with a carol sheet, a chance to join or organise a fun run and other social events. For more information on all of these please see cafod.org.uk/parishes

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>

COMING TO MASS: COVID-19 SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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)

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]

GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION on FAITH ENGAGEMENT

The link to the online submission is: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/independent-faith-engagement-review-call-for-evidence>

This call for evidence will run for a period of 4 weeks closing at 11:45pm on 11th December 2020. *Please engage in this important consultation.*

LIGHT OF LIFE - REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

Memorial Cards - available on-line or as you leave the Church. Please complete with the name of deceased loved one and return them - via email: wembley3@rcdow.org.uk or when you visit the Church, not later than Friday 18th December. These Cards will then be hung on the Christmas tree - placed in the porch. Mass will be offered on the feast of the Holy Family, on the weekend of 26/27th December.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

Evangelisation - For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

LITURGY FOR THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT, YEAR B

Private Masses: Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays

Public Masses: Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays

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

[Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 10.00am Masses are recorded]

Sunday 6th December: Second of Advent [10.00am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 40.1-5,9-11; Psalm: 84; 2nd Reading: 2Peter 3.8-14; Gospel: Mark 1.1-8. **Intention:** Jozefa & Maria Zimmermann [RIP,A]; Lena & Jim Tiernan [RIP, A].

Monday 7th December: St. Ambrose [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Ephesians 3.8-12; Psalm 88; Gospel: John 10.11-16. **Intention:** Bridie O'Connor [RIP]

Tuesday 8th December: Immaculate Conception [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Genesis 3.9-15,20; Psalm: 97; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 1.3-6,11-12; Gospel: Luke 1.26-38. **Intention:** John Glynn [RIP].

Wednesday 9th December: Advent Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 40.25-31; Psalm: 102; Gospel: Matthew 11.28-30. **Intention:** Francisco Afonso [RIP].

Thursday 10th December: NO SERVICE.

Friday 11th December: Advent Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 48.17-19; Psalm: 1; Gospel: Matthew 11.16-19. **Intention:** Josephine Visone [RIP]

Saturday 12th December: [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 61.1-2,10-11; Psalm: Luke 1; 2nd Reading: 1Thessalonians 5.16-24; Gospel: John 1.6-8,19-28. **Intention:** People of the Parish

Sunday 13th December: Third of Advent [10.00am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 61.1-2,10-11; Psalm: Luke 1; 2nd Reading: 1Thessalonians 5.16-24; Gospel: John 1.6-8,19-28. **Intention:** Desolina Beltrami [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.

PLEASE STAY AT HOME

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

We are in this together, Let us help one another

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]