St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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PARISH HALL LETS: Suspended until further notice.
THE OFFICE: Closed.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD **10TH JANUARY 2021**

THEME: You Are My Beloved Son.

When Jesus asked John the Baptist to baptise him in the Jordan, just as John had baptised other people, Jesus saw that his task was to save people from their sins. He himself was without sin, but made himself one with the people in their weakness. And then God confirmed him in his task by saying: "This is my beloved Son." When we were baptised, we expressed, through our parents and godparents, that we had become one with Jesus. Since that day we share with Jesus in his task of serving and saving people. If we do so, then God can tell us too: "you are my beloved son or daughter."

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.

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

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.

FUNERAL

With sadness we announce the death of Anne Marie Byrne. Her funeral will take place on Wednesday 13th January, 2021 at 10.00am. 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.

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)

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]

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 or ring the Office to request Mass Cards, cards, or statues etc. and the latest updates, so they can be prepared prior to your visit.
We have a selection of St. Joseph's statues, pictures, medals and Prayer Cards.

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – THE YEAR OF THE WORD

Meditate: On this feast of Our Lord's Baptism, we are reminded of our own baptism. At his baptism Jesus saw the mission ahead of him and committed himself to it. He received heaven's confirmation that the Father and the Holy Spirit were with him in his mission of saving people.

Pray: to the Lord to give you the insight and strength to accept your Christian mission in life.

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.

SOME GENTLE REMINDERS

PLEASE STAY AT HOME

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

STEWARDS & CLEANERS

A huge **THANK YOU** to all our Stewards & Cleaners. You have ensured that St. Erconwald's is a safe place for fellow parishioners and visitors. Without your help we could not celebrate Public Mass. We appreciate all the extra work you undertook over the Christmas and since reopening in July.

APPEAL

We require more Cleaners/Stewards. if you are not shielding or in one of the vulnerable groups please consider volunteering. Please contact Fr. Anthony or Elizabeth for further details.

MASKS

*As we all know masks are compulsory in Church. This is even more important at present as the Virus is very high in London [1 in 30]. Please keep your masks on whilst in Church ensuring both your mouth and nose are covered. Do **NOT** remove it to speak to others. The Government has asked all those who are vulnerable to remain indoors. If you are unable to wear a mask due to a Health Condition, we kindly ask you to join us via live-stream. This is for the protection of all.*

GLOVES

We do not allow gloves to be worn inside the Church. Hands should be sanitized on entry, and again on exit. Understandably in this cold weather people are wearing woolen gloves. Please do not put them on until you have sanitised your hands on exiting. *Please be assured that, if you want to light candles, the candle lighters are sanitized with a 4hour barrier sanitiser so are quite safe to use.*

CHILDREN

You are welcome to bring children as long as they are old enough to remain seated with you in the pew. There is currently no crying room, baby changing facility, or toilets available.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Please keep to social distancing both in and outside the Church.

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]

WHY ARE CHURCHES STILL OPEN?

Many have been asking this question. Basically the stringent measures and strict enforcement of these measures, strong cleaning procedures, along with acceptance and compliance with these measures by parishioners has meant that Churches are viewed by the Government to be safe places.

The Bishops have issued a letter which explains the reasons why the Government has left Places of Worship open during this lockdown.

LITURGY FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF YEAR 1

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

Private Masses: Monday, Wednesday and Saturday
Public Masses: Tuesday, Friday and Sunday

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

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]

Monday 11th January: Feria, Week 1 [9.30am] **Readings**: 1st Reading: Hebrews 1.1-6; Psalm: 96; Gospel: Mark 1.14-20. **Intention:** Eileen Scott [RIP]

Tuesday 12th January: Feria, Week 1 [9.30am] **Readings**: 1st Reading: Hebrews 2.5-12; Psalm: 8; Gospel: Mark 1.21-28. **Intention:** Breda Brean [RIP]

Wednesday 13th January: Funeral Mass for Anna Maria Byrne RIP

Thursday 14th January **NO SERVICE**

Friday 15th January: Feria, Week 1 [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Hebrews 4.1-5,11; Psalm: 77; Gospel: Mark 2.1-12. **Intention:** Declan Morgan [RIP] .

Saturday 16th January: [5.30pm] Readings: 1st Reading: 1Samuel 3.3-10,19; Psalm: 39; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 6.13-15,17-20; Gospel: John 1.35-42. **Intention:** Myles Murphy [RIP].

Sunday 17th January: 2nd In Ordinary Time [10.00am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: 1Samuel 3.3-10,19; Psalm: 39; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 6.13-15,17-20; Gospel: John 1.35-42. **Intention:** Elizabeth and Tom Patten [Intentions]

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

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Will be celebrated on Sunday 24th January. During Mass we will be blessing the bibles, so please bring the Bible with you when you come to Mass or if you are following on-line please have the Bible near you.

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. [Fr. Peter]

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]*