

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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PARISH HALL LETS: Suspended until further notice.

THE OFFICE: Closed.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY, B

10TH OCTOBER, 2021

THEME: The Lord Invites You



How happy are we when once in a while the Lord invites us to encounter him on a deeper level beyond the banality of life, be it in prayer, in listening to the word he speaks to us, in our thanksgiving after communion, in admiring the beauty of his creation. When we really encounter him he changes us, for known or unknown to us he invites us to follow him more radically. But we can refuse the invitation. It saddens him, for he loves us. Let us ask the Lord that we may always follow his call and invitation.

MEDITATE: This gospel follows the theme of the extraordinary cost of discipleship that has been developed over the past few weeks.

ACT: Do some housekeeping. Go through a wardrobe or dresser drawer this week and sort out the things that are taking up space.

OCTOBER 11th: Pope Saint John XXIII

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was born on 25th November 1881. Ordained to the priesthood on 10th August 1904. He was elected pope on 28th October 1958 at age 76. He surprised people by calling the historic Second Vatican Council [1962-65], the first session opening on 11th October 1962 - that is why we celebrate his feast day today. John XXIII today is affectionately known as "il Papa buono" [The Good Pope].



OCTOBER 13th: ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

Born about the year 1004. He was the son of Ethelred II, king of the English. He spent his early years in exile. Returned to England in 1041 and the following year he succeeded the throne. He was a very religious person and remarkable for his generosity to the poor and was never happier than when giving alms. He died on January 5th, 1066, just one week after the consecration of the Abbey Church of Westminster, which he had founded and endowed. There his bodily remains were enshrined behind the High Altar on October 13th, 1268.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

There will be a meeting for parents and children who registered for First Holy Communion on **SATURDAY 16th OCTOBER AT 10.30am in the Parish Hall.** .
Please visit the website to register your attendance.

COMING TO MASS: COVID-19 SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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

It is important that we continue to ensure that the Church remains a safe place where people gather to worship.

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]

THE PASSAGE

a Catholic Charity working with homeless people has its annual opportunity to take up a public collection on the streets of the City of Westminster on **Tuesday 19th October from 7.00 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.** In order to make the most of this opportunity to raise funds to support homeless people they need more volunteers on the day. Anyone interested please contact Andrew Hollingsworth andrew.h@passage.org.uk 020 7592 1886 (07928 703131)



SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

please visit the schools' website for details.

You can also visit: 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.



FUNERAL

With sadness we announce the death of Aileen Bommer. Her funeral will take place on Friday 15th October at 10.00am. As places are limited booking is essential. The Mass will be live-streamed and recorded. We offer our sympathy to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

ASSISTED DYING BILL

On 22nd 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 Bishops urge us to **PRAY: From the 14th-22nd, in the lead up to the second reading, we are encouraged to unite in a Novena of prayer, asking the intercession of St John Paul II, as part of the effort to help defeat this attempt to legalise assisted suicide, 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

Thank you so much for your donations to CAFOD this Family Fast Day. Your generous gifts will help people like Ivanilde in the Amazon to protect our common home. You can add your voice to our petition calling for the Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis, by visiting www.cafod.org.uk/reclaim *Envelopes and Prayer Cards are available as you leave the Church. Thank you for your continued support.*



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – 24th 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

HOLY SOULS



Sheets for your Mass Intentions for the month of November [Holy Souls] are available on line [you can also make your donation online], You can also collect the sheets/envelopes as you exit the Church. Please place your offerings and sheet in the envelope provided [on your next visit]. The sheets will then be placed in a folder, which will be placed on the display area.

REPOSITORY

On the weekend of **23rd/24th 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.]

LITURGY FOR THE TWENTY-EIGHTH 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 10th October: 28th Sunday, B [10.00am] Readings: 1st Reading: Wisdom 7.7-11; Psalm: 89; 2nd Reading: Hebrew 4.12-13; Gospel: Mark 10.17-30. **Intention:** Norah and Mary Costello [RIP, A]

Monday 11th October: St. John XXIII [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Romans 1.1-7; Psalm: 97; Gospel: Luke 11.29-32. **Intention:** Helen Reidy [Intention] and Agnes and Jim Tiernan [Intention].

Tuesday 12th October: Feria [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Romans 1.16-25; Psalm: 18; Gospel: Luke 11.37-41. **Intention:** Patricia Larkin [RIP] and Peter Bonner [RIP, A].

Wednesday 13th October: St. Edward the Confessor [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Romans 8.26-30; Psalm: 130; Gospel: Matthew 5.1-12. **Intention:** Brian Foley [RIP] and Patrick [Joe] McCarthy [RIP].

[Followed by Rosary and Benediction]

Thursday 14th October: NO SERVICE

Friday 15th October: 10.00am: Funeral Mass for Aileen Bommer RIP [As places are limited booking is essential. Live-streamed and recorded]

Saturday 16th October: 29th Sunday, B [5.30pm] Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 53.10-11; Psalm: 32; 2nd Reading: Hebrew 4.14-16; Gospel: Mark 10.35-45. **Intention:** Janet Pearson [RIP, A].

Sunday 17th October: 29th Sunday, B [10.00am] Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 53.10-11; Psalm: 32; 2nd Reading: Hebrew 4.14-16; Gospel: Mark 10.35-45. **Intention:** People of the Parish

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://attendeegotowebinar.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

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]