

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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SECOND OF ADVENT, YEAR B

10TH DECEMBER, 2023

THEME: Pioneers and Trailblazers.

For today's world it is typical that networks of roads are being built to make communications and exchange easy, fast and safe. What efforts have we made to construct roads that lead to God and one another? As Christians we are supposed to be a pilgrim people, a people constantly on the way to God and to one another. Today the voice of the prophet tries to wake us up. He calls us to prepare the way of the Lord, make your paths smooth and straight, that they may be roads leading to God: roads of conversion, justice, peace and freedom.



MEDITATE: With clothing of camel's hair and a diet of locusts and wild honey, John the Baptist is certainly one of the more colourful characters in the Bible.

ACT: How can I make forgiveness real in my life this Advent, as a means of preparing the way of the Lord?

DEMENTIA CARERS SUPPORT GROUP

Do you care for someone who is living with Dementia (incl. Alzheimer's)? We next meet in the Parish Hall on **Monday 11th December between 1.00 - 3.00pm**. COME AND BE SUPPORTED. For further information please contact Frank Arrojo on 07867 903917 (email frankj.arrojo@gmail.com).

Online meeting: Friday 29th December between 4.00 – 6.00pm

ADVENT GIVING TREE - "THE PASSAGE"

Thank you to all who have donated items for *The Passage* Gift Bags, we appreciate your generosity. There is still time to donate items mentioned in previous weeks.

If you wish you can also donate money instead, which we could use to buy items we are short of to complete the bags.

Bags will be made up on **Thursday 14th December, at 7.00pm** ready for collection by Andrew Hollingsworth next Sunday after the 11.30am Mass.

The items to be brought this week are:

Chocolate - Biscuits - Sweets



PARISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



This is a ticketed event, and takes place on **SATURDAY 16th DECEMBER** following the 5.30pm Mass in the Parish Hall. Celebration includes Christmas Carols and Songs, Santa's visit and the Grand Christmas Draw – in aid of the Windows Restoration Project. Bar available [£5 corkage applies on drinks not purchased from the bar.] Ticket prices: Adult £4 [including mince pie and glass of mulled wine.] Children free but **MUST** have a child's ticket and be accompanied by a parent/guardian for the duration of the event. Limited places on a first come basis. Tickets on sale after Mass.

GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW

*Takes place at end of the Christmas Celebration. Raffle books are now available for our Christmas Draw. Please return counterfoils and unsold tickets no later than noon on **Saturday 16th December**. There are lots of good prizes: 1st Prize: Bethlehem Nativity Crib; 2nd Prize: Christmas Hamper, 3rd Prize: £50 cash, 4th Prize: Children's Special, plus many other fantastic prizes. Please do support the Draw which is in aid of the Windows Restoration Fund. Book of 5 tickets cost £5.*



LIGHT OF LIFE - REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

*Please collect **Memorial Cards** from the back of the Church, complete them with the name of deceased loved one and return them not later than **Friday 15th December**. These Cards will then be hung on the Christmas tree. Mass will be offered on the feast of the Holy Family, the weekend of 30th/31st December. Please place Memorial Cards and donations in the box available. Donations go towards the decorating of the Church at Christmas.*



CHRISTMAS INTENTIONS

Those requesting **Christmas Mass Bouquets** please note that **due to demand there will be no individual Masses. The Christmas Masses celebrated on Sunday 24th at 10.00pm and Monday 25th at 10.00am** will be offered for all intentions. Cards are available from the Repository. A donation would be appreciated.

CHRISTMAS CRIB APPEAL 2023

The Catholic Children's Society Crib Appeal helps support children and families in need throughout the diocese. There will be a donation box by the crib for you to contribute. Thank you for your support.

POINSETTIA

As in previous years we intend to decorate the Cribs with Poinsettia, if you like to contribute one, please bring it to the Church no later than the morning of the 16th December

CHURCH DECORATION FOR CHRISTMAS

Saturday 16th at 10.30am. Please come along and help decorate the Church and the Hall and setting up the Cribs and the Christmas Tree.
More hands make light work!

SERVICE CARDS

with details of all our Masses are available to take for your family, friends or neighbours who might appreciate an invitation to celebrate Christmas with us.

ADVENT 2023 – JOURNEYING TO THE CRIB

This Liturgical year we will be recalling the mystery of Jesus our Saviour through the listening to the gospel of Mark - Year B.



ADVENT GIVING CALENDAR



This Advent Giving Calendar gives suggestions for items to collect each day, reaching out to those going hungry, making a food parcel. Like previous years we will be supporting "The Larder". *Details of when to bring the "food parcels" will be given later.* Available at the back of the Church.

For more Advent resources for all ages please visit: cafod.org.uk/advent

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION WITH ABSOLUTION

Wednesday 20th December at 7.00pm.

APF/MISSIO

The *Missio* calendars are now available for collection. Please do not forget the ongoing needs of the Missions and thank you for your generosity to date.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

For people with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of society's attention, and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation.



THE LARDER

*Thank you for your kind donations,
Please leave your donations in the box provided by the Lady Chapel.*

REPOSITORY

Advent Calendars and a good choice of Advent Candles. Remaining stock of boxed Christmas Cards, Church Art Calendars 2023, and Diaries on display. For baptism, Wedding Anniversaries, statues and other cards please ask a repository helper.

The Repository will close on **Friday 22nd December** after Mass. Wishing all our customers a very Happy, Holy and Joyous Christmas and every best wish for 2024.

CHURCH CLEANING

The Church closes for cleaning after the 9.30am Mass on Tuesdays, if you have any spare time please come along and join us. This is also a good way of meeting others in our parish.

LITURGY FOR THE 2ND WEEK OF ADVENT - Psalter Week 2

[All services can be followed online: <https://www.churchservices.tv/wembley3>
[Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 10.00am and 11.30am Masses are recorded]

Sunday 10th December: 2nd of Advent, Year B: [10.00am and 11.30am]
Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 40.1-5,9-11; Psalm: 84; 2nd Reading: 2Peter 3.8-14; Gospel: Mark 1.1-8.

Intention: 10.00am: Clare Mayers [RIP, A]
11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 11th December: Feria [9.30am]: **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 35.1-10; Psalm: 84; Gospel: Luke 5.17-26. **Intention:** John Pereira [RIP]

Tuesday 12th December: 11.00am: Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Wednesday 13th December: St. Lucy [9.30am]: **Readings:** 1st Reading: 2Corinthians 10.17-11.2; Psalm: 30; Gospel: Matthew 25.1-13. **Intention:** Michael Flaherty [Intention]

Thursday 14th December: NO SERVICE

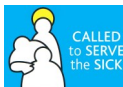
Friday 15th December: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 48.17-19; Psalm: 1; Gospel: Matthew 11.16-19. **Intention:** Donald Coyle [RIP]

Saturday 16th December: 3rd of Advent, Year B: [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 61.1-2,10-11; Psalm: Luke 1.46-50,53-54; 2nd Reading: 1Thessalonians 5.16-24; Gospel: John 1.6-8,19-28. **Intention:** Eileen Dowse [RIP]

Sunday 17th December: 3rd of Advent, Year B: [10.00am and 11.30am]
Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 61.1-2,10-11; Psalm: Luke 1.46-50,53-54; 2nd Reading: 1Thessalonians 5.16-24; Gospel: John 1.6-8,19-28

Intention: 10.00am: Paul O'Brien [RIP]
11.30am: People of the Parish

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Margaret Beeby, Radwan Naffa, Kathryn McGinnis and Sheila O'Hara. We remember also those in Kenbrook, Birchwood Grange and Brook House.

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.

Sunday - Thursday 9.00am – 4:30pm 020 8967 5130. Kindly leave a voicemail including patient's name and ward or e-mail: LNWH-TR.CHAPLAINCY@NHS.NET

May the Lord Jesus bless, console and strengthen all the sick, and may Mary, health of the sick, intercede for them.

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]