

## St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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PARISH HALL LETS: Suspended until further notice.

THE OFFICE: Closed.

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY, B**

**12TH SEPTEMBER, 2021**

### **THEME: Do We Go Jesus' Way?**

What are we looking for in life? Good health, happiness in our families, in our job, in our faith, good relationships with ourselves, with people and with God. When Jesus tells us that we have to follow him in taking up the crosses that come our way, do we accept that as disciples of Jesus today? Do we take that as a part of our faith or do we say: "Lord, everything - but not that!"? Jesus assures us: "Anyone who loses his/her life for my sake will find life, will save life." Let us then meet the Lord who speaks to us.



**MEDITATE:** This passage in Mark's Gospel marks an important turning point. Jesus is on the road to Jerusalem, to the cross and suffering. Ultimately it will lead to his death and Resurrection.

**ACT:** Instead of asking God to ease your burdens, pray to him in thanksgiving that he gives you renewed strength to face the challenges that are set in your path.

### **SEPTEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>: SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

 Named after the Apostle John, lived an austere life, striving to reform the morals of the clergy and people. He was not much of a team player and not very popular, and ended his life in exile.

### **SEPTEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>: TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS**

The cross means different things to different people. It signifies inhumanity, the humanity of God, the value of suffering, God's love, Jesus' obedience, victory, forgiveness, sacrifice and life from death. We bring our own emotions, memories and life experiences to the cross. Just as Jesus gave us life from His crucified death, so He fills whatever we bring to the cross with the power of Easter.



### **SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>: OUR LADY OF SORROWS**

 What sustained Mary was faith that God is true to His word. She stood on His word to her. In the same way, we can endure anything if we know that someone cares and that God is achieving something valuable through us. In dark times, faith enables us to hold to the promise.

### **SCHOOL OPEN DAYS**

please visit the schools' websites for details.

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

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

### **NEW MASS SCHEDULE**

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]**

### **ADVANCE NOTICE**

Virgin Money has made the decision to close Virgin Money Giving [VMG]. A subsidiary of Virgin Money, VMG was created 12years ago when VM began its sponsorship of the London Marathon. This year the sponsorship comes to an end. As a result VMG will stop operating on **30<sup>th</sup> November 2021** following the race in October. The Diocese have already started working towards a new online payment system. Details to follow.

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

*Universal Intention - An environmentally sustainable lifestyle*

We pray that we will all make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.



## **RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS - REGISTRATION FORMS**

Registration forms for the **Sacraments of First Holy Communion** are available on the Church's website: [www.erconwald.org.uk](http://www.erconwald.org.uk) or microsite or from Fr. Anthony after public Mass.

## **CONFIRMATION 2021**

There will be a meeting for **PARENTS AND CANDIDATES** on **WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.**

Registration forms can be found on the website, the microsite or collected as hard copy when you come to Church.

## **EDUCATION SUNDAY 2021**



is marked on 12<sup>th</sup> September. The theme is "A word in season", taken from Isaiah 50.4.

Churches Together in England (CTE) rightly describes teaching and studying as "demanding and privileged callings" and Education Sunday gives us the opportunity to give thanks to

God for all who teach and all who study, for all who continually have to find the right words and deliver them with enthusiasm and graciousness.

This is all the more poignant as we attempt to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Teachers, pupils and leaders in our schools have suffered 18 months of disruption and uncertainty. On 12<sup>th</sup> September, we pray that God will fortify those working to make our schools places of learning and sanctuary — not just teachers and leaders but all the support staff whose tireless work sometimes goes unnoticed.

## ***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.

## **REPOSITORY**



We are pleased to announce that the "Sleeping St. Joseph" statues are available from the repository [Statues referred to by Pope Francis at the start of the "Year of St. Joseph". They are available in 51/2" and 8" form. Also back in stock we have the "Candle of

Hope" Led Jar which has the Prayer for Protection from the Coronavirus on the reverse. The "Candle of Hope" is also available in other format. As we are unable to display all items in stock, please do ask. 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.

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]



## **LITURGY FOR THE TWENTY-FOURTH 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 12th September: 24th Sunday, B [10.00am] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 50.5-9; Psalm: 114; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: James 2.14-18; Gospel: Mark 8.27-35.  
**Intention:** People of the Parish.

**Monday 13th September: St. John Chrysostom [9.30am] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ephesians 4.1-7,11-13; Psalm: 39; Gospel: Mark 4.1-9. **Intention:** Kathleen Fitzpatrick [Intention].

**Tuesday 14th September: Exaltation of the Cross [9.30am] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Numbers 21.4-9; Psalm: 77; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 2.6-11; Gospel: John 3.13-17. **Intention:** Lawrence Hayes [RIP].

**Wednesday 15th September: Our Lady of Sorrows [9.30am]: Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Hebrews 5.7-9; Psalm: 30; Gospel: John 19.25-27. **Intentions:** Bridie O'Connor [RIP] and Tom Bradshaw [RIP].

**Thursday 16th September: NO SERVICE**

**Friday 17th September: Feria [9.30am] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1Timothy 6.2-12; Psalm 48; Gospel: Luke 8.1-3. **Intentions:** William and Patrick Thompson [RIP].

**Saturday 18th September: 25th Sunday, B [5.30pm] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Wisdom 2.12,17-20; Psalm: 53; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: James 3.16-4.3; Gospel: Mark 9.30-37. **Intentions:** Johnny and Peter McMenamin [RIP, A].

**Sunday 19th September: 25th Sunday, B [10.00am] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Wisdom 2.12,17-20; Psalm: 53; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: James 3.16-4.3; Gospel: Mark 9.30-37. **Intention:** Mark Featherstone [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://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/5095942131288155403>

### **THE LARDER**

*Many thanks for all your donations.*

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



### **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]*