

## St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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PARISH HALL LETS: Suspended until further notice.

### THIRD OF ADVENT, C

12TH DECEMBER, 2021

#### THEME: Called to Joy



On this third Sunday of Advent the liturgy speaks to us, people who are too often so sad, of God as the Lord of the dance: the Lord is happy to come among us: he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival. It is a feast for the Lord to be with us. Is it a feast for us too? Let us open ourselves to the joy of the coming and lasting presence among us of the Lord himself. He comes to us with his peace, his love, and his forgiveness, not only on the great feast of Christmas but in every day when we are willing to make God's love and peace grow in us and in our world.

**MEDITATE:** John the Baptist is trying to get his followers to pay attention: to their lives and to the coming of the Holy One.

**ACT:** This week, focus on one role in your life and pray about how you can serve others better within that role.

#### **DECEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>: ST. LUCY**

St. Lucy is remembered as a martyr who gave her life for the Lord in Syracuse, Sicily in 304AD. Lucy represents one of those many saints who dared to clearly state her religious beliefs in the face of violent opposition.



#### **ADVENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm. It will be live streamed.**

*Please set up a table with a cross and a candle. During the Examination of Conscience I will be lighting a candle, at that moment you are invited to light your own candle [safely]. At the end of the "Act of Contrition" we will kiss the cross as a sign that we want to make a perfect contrition, and will attend Reconciliation in person at a later time. [Fr. Anthony]*

#### **FUNERALS**

With sadness we announce the death of Kathleen Fitzpatrick. Her funeral will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 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.

*With sadness we announce the death of Michael Horan. His funeral will take place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December, at 10.00am. As places are limited booking is essential. The Mass will be live-streamed and recorded. We offer our sympathy to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.*

## **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** **IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT GIVING ON-LINE**

### **GIVING BY STANDING ORDER [Preferred Method]**

If you would like to support the parish we would ask you to consider setting up a regular donation in this way.

**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:

**Make a donation via our website:**

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad/donate/>

**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 the card readers in Church

**[If you are a tax payer, please Gift Aid your donation]**

### **THANK YOU**

*A huge thank you to everyone who has continued supporting the Parish during the pandemic. We pray that you keep well and that your faith remains strong.*

## **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: [wem-bley3@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:wem-bley3@rcdow.org.uk) or when you visit the Church, not later than Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December. These Cards will then be hung on the Christmas tree. Mass will be offered on the feast of the Holy Family, on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December.

### **MINI CHRISTMAS DRAW**

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December after the 10.00am Mass. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Crib, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Sleeping St. Joseph, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Children's Sack, and various other prizes. Proceeds will go towards the Church Restoration Fund. Tickets [£1 per strip] on sale from this weekend.

### **CHRISTMAS INTENTIONS**

Those requesting **Christmas Mass Bouquets** please note that due to demand there will be no individual Masses. Mass will be celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> January for all intentions. Signed cards and envelopes are available from the Repository. A donation would be appreciated.

## **NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH**

To mark the close the Year of Joseph the *Agency for Evangelisation* has produced a **Novena to St. Joseph**, for our journey with Joseph to Bethlehem. Copies are available on the microsite, website and as you leave the Church.

## **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

Service cards for Advent and Christmas are now available on the microsite, website or as you leave the Church. Bookings for Mass will be open from **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**. Please book only one Mass, so that we can accommodate as many people as possible. *[Copies of the Statement from the Bishops' Conference, entitled Honouring Sunday which covers information about the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holydays of obligation are available on the website and microsite.]* In order that more people can participate in the "days of the nativity of the Lord", you can also attend Mass during "Christmastide" up to the feast of the Epiphany [6<sup>th</sup> January]. 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.

## **ADVENT 2021 – 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 JESSE TREE**

The name Jesse Tree comes from a Bible passage describing the descent of the Messiah from Jesse in Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot will come out of the stock Jesse, and a branch out of his roots will bear fruit." The Gospels in Luke 3:23-38 and in Matthew 1:1-17 have genealogies of Jesus Christ. Please visit [www.erconwald.org.uk](http://www.erconwald.org.uk) to download the ornaments and colour in.



## **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.* Please visit: [www.erconwald.org.uk](http://www.erconwald.org.uk) to download the Advent Giving Calendar.



## **ADVENT GIVING TREE**

Is in place to receive your *gifts* for homeless people [list on the Notice-board]. Andrew will collect the *Gifts* on the on the Fourth Sunday of Advent [19<sup>th</sup> December] after the 10.00am Mass.



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

*Evangelisation - Catechists*

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



## LITURGY FOR THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

*[Copies of the Statement from the Bishops' Conference, entitled **Honouring Sunday** which covers information about the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holydays of obligation are available on the website and microsite.]*

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

**Sunday 12th December: Third of Advent, C [10.00am] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Zephaniah 3.14-18; Psalm: Isaiah 12.2-6; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 4.4-7; Gospel: Luke 3.10-18. **Intention:** People of the Parish.

**Monday 13th December: St. Lucy [9.30am] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 2Corinthians 10.17-11.2; Psalm: 30; Gospel: Matthew 25.1-13. **Intention:** John Pereira [RIP]

**Tuesday 14th December: 10.00am: Funeral Mass for Kathleen Fitzpatrick RIP** [As places are limited booking is essential. Live-streamed and recorded]

**Wednesday 15th December: 10.00am: Funeral Mass for Michael Horan RIP** [As places are limited booking is essential. Live-streamed and recorded]

**Thursday 16th December: NO SERVICE**

**Friday 17th December: Advent FERIA [9.30am] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 49.2,8-10; Psalm: 71; Gospel: Matthew 1.1-17. **Intention:** Daniel Riordan [RIP]

**Friday 17th December: 7.00pm: Service of Reconciliation with Absolution**

**Saturday 18th December: Fourth of Advent, C [5.30pm] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Micah 5.1-4; Psalm: 79; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 10.5-10; Gospel: Luke 1.39-44. **Intention:** People of the Parish.

**Sunday 19th December: Fourth of Advent, C [10.00am] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Micah 5.1-4; Psalm: 79; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 10.5-10; Gospel: Luke 1.39-44. **Intention:** Fr. Bernard Crowe [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://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5095942131288155403>

## ***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.

## 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]*