

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD, YEAR C

12TH JANUARY, 2025

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."

MEDITATE: On this feast of Our Lord's Baptism, we are reminded of our own baptism.

ACT: This week, pray to the Lord to give you the insight and strength to accept your Christian mission in life.

Jubilee Year – "Pilgrims of Hope"

The Pope has declared 2025 to be a Jubilee year. During this Jubilee year we are invited to promote the hope of our Christian faith to all people at a time when there is so much suffering from the impact of war, poverty, climate change, and the lasting effects of the COVID pandemic. The "Pilgrims of Hope" Jubilee presents each one of us with an opportunity to reignite the flame of our faith in our own hearts and to share the light of that faith with those in darkness. More information can be found on the Westminster Diocese website at <https://rcdow.org.uk/jubilee-2025/>



THANK YOU



very much for the many cards, gifts, good wishes and prayers; and to everyone for all the help and support over the Christmas period and throughout the year. [Fr. Anthony].

Thank you for your great generosity to "The Passage" and "The Larder" over Advent. Thank you to "The Passage" Committee for organizing the "Gift Bags" for "The Passage". As always thank you to those who contributed to the Crib Appeal which goes to the Catholic Children's Society.

LIVE STREAMING 24/7 - FOR YOUR AWARENESS

The sanctuary area is continuously monitored via a 24/7 livestream, serving as a focal point for prayer and contemplation for congregants who are at home. Please be aware that if you are present in this area, your image and actions may be captured on the livestream.

PEACE SUNDAY

Will be celebrated on **Sunday 19th January**. The theme this year is: "Forgive us our trespasses: grant us your peace".



The work of *Pax Christi* is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice.

For more information please contact Pax Christi on www.paxchristi.org.uk
You can also donate online.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Will be celebrated on the weekend of **25th/26th January**.

The motto chosen is taken from the Book of Psalms:

"I hope in your Word." [Ps 119.74]

The Re-commissioning of Readers will take place at all the Masses.



WORLD LEPROSY DAY - 25th/26th JANUARY



is observed internationally every year on the last Sunday of January to increase the public awareness of leprosy. This date was chosen by French humanitarian Raoul Follereau as a tribute to the life of Mahatma Gandhi who had compassion for people afflicted with leprosy. The day began to be observed in 1954. Leprosy is one of the oldest recorded diseases in the world. It is an infectious chronic disease that targets the nervous system, especially the nerves in the cooler parts of the body: the hands, feet, and face. Pope Francis has spoken in support of the observation. There will be a retiring collection on the weekend of 25th/26th January in aid of Lepra. To read some real life stories of some of the beneficiaries whose lives have been changed through the work of Lepra or to donate, please visit: www.lepra.org.uk You can also use the QR Code on the Posters.

REPOSITORY

Thank you to all who supported the Repository last year.

A limited number of Westminster Year Books are available for £5.50

Wishing all our customers a very Happy, and Blessed New Year.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2025

For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION **CONFIRMATION 2025**

There will be a meeting for both parents and candidates on
Tuesday 21st January at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults [RCIA]

Are you, or is someone you know, interested in becoming a Catholic, wishing to be Confirmed, married to, or about to marry a Catholic, or just wishing to know more about the Catholic faith?

Next meeting: **Wednesday 22nd January at 7.00pm, in the Parish Hall.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next parents and children's session will take place on
Saturday 25th January, at 10.30am in the Parish Hall.

CAFOD: INTRODUCING JUBILEE [online session]



All are welcome to join us on **Saturday 18th January, 10.30am - Mid-day** for "A general introduction to the Jubilee Year" with special guests including **Fr Jan Nowotnik**, Director of Mission for the Catholic Bishop's Conference, **Christine Allen**, CAFOD Director, and **Kayode Akintola**, CAFOD's Head of Africa Programmes. Hear what Jubilee years are about, how we're celebrating as a global and national Church and how we can be tangible signs of hope and build a better world together throughout this holy year. Also featuring a special song by Ooberfuse and more.

LAURENCE'S LARDER

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



BRENT DEANERY PILGRIMAGE TO ROME: **24th – 28th NOVEMBER 2025**

A pilgrimage to Rome is being organised in Brent deanery to enable us to go to Rome during the Holy Year of 2025. The cost (at the time of writing) will be £1,130 for a twin/double room on a half board basis. There are very few single rooms at £100 supplement. This price does not include lunch or baggage in the hold. For further details and payment of deposit, please visit the website at www.pilgrimagepeople.org. Then click on the tab marked "Book". There is a drop down menu asking where you would like to go, select "Italy" and then select the Brent Deanery pilgrimage. Complete the booking form. When arriving at the payment page, **be sure to tick "deposit"** at the top of the page otherwise it will ask for the whole amount. Alternatively, you can phone Pilgrimage People on 0800 612 3423.

Please contact Pilgrimage People directly. Bookings will **not** be made through the parish office.

CHURCH CLEANING

Can we please ask if you have any spare time to please come along and join us after the 9.30am Mass on Tuesday mornings to help clean God's House. This is also a good way of meeting others in our parish.

LITURGY FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF YEAR 1 - Psalter Week 1

All services can be followed online: <https://www.churchservices.tv/wembley3>

Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 10.00am/11.30am Masses are recorded

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Sunday 12th January: Baptism of the Lord, Year C [10.00am/11.30am]

Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 42.1-4,6-7; Psalm: 28; 2nd Reading: Acts 10.34-38; Gospel: Luke 3. 15-16,21-22. **Intention:** 10.00am: People of the Parish
11.30am: John Cummins [RIP]

Monday 13th January: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Hebrews 1.1-6; Psalm: 96; Gospel: Mark 1.14-20. **Intention:** Stella Barry [RIP]

Tuesday 14th January: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Hebrews 2.5-12; Psalm: 8; Gospel: Mark 1.21-28. **Intention:** Emily Wilson [RIP]

Wednesday 15th January: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Hebrews 2.14-18; Psalm: 104; Gospel: Mark 1.29-39. **Intention:** Patricia Hollingsworth [RIP, A]

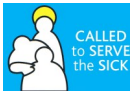
Thursday 16th January: NO SERVICE

Friday 17th January: St. Anthony [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Hebrews 4.1-5,11; Psalm: 77; Gospel: Mark 2.1-12. **Intention:** Val Frank [RIP]

Saturday 18th January: 2nd Sunday, Year C [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 62.1-5; Psalm: 95; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 12.4-11; Gospel: John 2.1-11. **Intention:** People of the Parish.

Sunday 19th January: 2nd Sunday, Year C [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 62.1-5; Psalm: 95; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 12.4-11; Gospel: John 2.1-11. **Intention:** 10.00am: Shirley Kingham [RIP, A]
11.30am: Sonia McCarthy [RIP, A]

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK - [for those who have asked to be remembered]



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Sue McGovern, Cathy Singer, Martin Geary, Susan Bradley, Radwan Naffa, and Yves Remedios.

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 - Friday 8.00am - 4.00pm 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]