

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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SEVENTH OF EASTER OF YEAR B

12TH MAY, 2024

THEME: Witnesses needed



On the seventh Sunday of Easter, we always read from the seventeenth chapter of John's Gospel. As Jesus prepares to return to God, he is in the midst of a long prayer for his disciples. This entire chapter is a prayer by Jesus, commending himself to the Father and expressing his care and concern for his disciples. It is a prayer for unity even though Judas is no longer among the disciples. Jesus asks his Father to seal and strengthen the disciples as they will now be the ones to carry out the work begun by Jesus. He especially asks that they not be influenced by the evil one.

MEDITATE: This reading [John 17.11-19] comes from a chapter of John usually referred to as Jesus' high priestly prayer.

ACT: Spend time in prayerful reflection writing what you would want your final prayer to be.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY 2024

Theme: "Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart:
Towards a Fully Human Communication."



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

There will be a rehearsal, in Church, for the children preparing to receive their First Holy Communion on **Saturday 18th May at 10.30am**. Please be Prompt. The children will go on to receive the Eucharist on Saturday 25th May at 10.30am. Please keep the children, their families and catechists in your prayers

PENTECOST NOVENA

Copies of the *Novena Prayer* are available on the website/microsite and as you leave the Church.

FUNERAL

With sadness we announce the death of Barbara Wilson. Her funeral will take place on Tuesday 14th May at 10.30am. The Mass will be live-streamed and recorded. We offer our sympathy to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

COMING TO MASS: COVID-19 SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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

QUIZ AND CHIP SUPPER – 1st JUNE, 7.30PM

Yes it's back once again, the chance to pit your wits in a battle of General Knowledge, whilst you cheerfully munch on tasty fish and chips, sausage and chips, or veggie burger and chips.

With free parking and a licensed bar, all that remains for you to do is book your ticket and decide which of your bathrooms you're going to keep the trophy in....

Tables of up to 8 encouraged, either come with friends or we can facilitate teams on the night! Tickets are available in the normal place of <https://www.thechameleons.co.uk/tickets/> or via our box office on 020 8123 6443



REPOSITORY

May is the month of Mary. A selection of statues and other Marian items are on display. Traditionally Catholic homes used to have a *May table* on which a statue of Our Lady and garden or wild flowers were on displayed in her honour.

Also, a selection of First Holy Communion items and cards. We also have in stock Sterling Silver medals and crosses, Bibles and other gifts for First Holy Communion and Confirmation which can be viewed on request. Anniversary of Ordination Cards, including 25th, 40th, 50th and 60th.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY



For the formation of men and women Religious and Seminarians
Let us pray that men and women religious and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

REGINA CAELI

["Queen of Heaven" is a prayer addressed to the Blessed Virgin Mary that is used during the Easter Season, from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. During this season, the Marian Prayer takes the place of the traditional Angelus.]

V. O Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia

R. For He Whom you were worthy to bear. Alleluia

V. Has risen as He said. Alleluia

R. Pray for us to our God. Alleluia

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.

R. For the Lord has risen indeed, Alleluia.

Let us pray:

God our Father, you give joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



INTERNATIONAL DAY - PENTECOST SUNDAY - 19th MAY 2024



On the feast of Pentecost we celebrate our "Unity in Diversity" and the different cultures, food and traditions that are part of our Parish. Following the 11.30am Mass we will assemble in the Parish Hall and Car Park for the Celebration. Please come in your National Costume if possible. This event is a wonderful, joyous celebration, and it requires a lot of work. **We need as much help as possible.** Tickets on sale after Mass: Adults £10; AOP's: £5.00 and children 12 years and under free [and must be accompanied by an adult]. The money raised will go towards the Church Refurbishment Fund.

FLAGS: *A sheet is provided [at the back of the Church] for you to write your country of origin. We will use the information to ensure that we have flags representing all the different parts of the world that make up our community.*

INTERNATIONAL CUISINE: As in the past, we are asking people to provide National Dishes. Currently, we have various curries, Jerk Chicken, Home cooked Ham, and Salmon. If, your country is not covered by the above perhaps you might consider making a dish, we also need desserts and nibbles [i.e. prawn crackers etc.]

We need enough of each dish to serve 10 or more people, perhaps two or more people could cook the same dish. We would like people to volunteer to co-ordinate the food. Please complete the food sheet form at the back for the Church.

*[Due to Data Protection Laws, we can no longer leave out lists as in the past, so if you could complete the forms at the back of the church to indicate your donation of food/drink. Then post these forms into the box provided, we would be most grateful. **Please, do not leave completed forms with your details on the table.**]*

ENTERTAINMENT: There will be live music. If anyone would like to contribute to the entertainment on the day, please let us know.

RAFFLE: Tickets are available at both entrances to the Church to sell to your family, friends and neighbours. Must be returned not later than Saturday morning 18th May. 1st prize – International Hamper [**donations welcome, as we would like each country to be represented**]; 2nd prize – £50 Cash; 3rd Prize – Last Supper Plaque; 4th Prize – Children's Surprise; 5th Prize – Surprise Prize for those attending; and many other fantastic prizes. To be drawn on Sunday 19th May, 2024.

SATURDAY 18th MAY at 11.00am

***Please come along and help decorate the Church and the Hall.
More hands make light work!***

WEMBLEY EVENT DAYS

Saturday 18th, and **Sunday 19th [International Day]**.

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.

LITURGY FOR THE SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER - Psalter Week 3

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

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

Sunday 12th May: 7th of Easter, B [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 1.15-17,20-26; Psalm: 102; 2nd Reading: 1John 4.11-16; Gospel: John 17.11-19. **Intention:** 10.00am: People of the Parish
11.30am: John Wheaton [RIP, A].

Monday 13th May: Easter Feria [9.30am]: **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 19.1-8; Psalm: 67; John 16.29-33. **Intention:** Rosa Grisostomi [RIP, A].

Tuesday 14th May: 10.30am: Funeral Mass for Barbara Wilson RIP. [The Mass will be live-streamed and recorded]

Wednesday 15th May: Easter Feria [9.30am]: **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 20.28-38; Psalm: 67; Gospel: John 17.11-19. **Intention:** Anna Horton [Intention]

Thursday 16th May: NO SERVICE

Friday 17th May: Easter Feria [9.30am]: **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 25.13-21; Psalm: 102; Gospel: John 21.15-19. **Intention:** Bridie O'Donovan [RIP, A]

Saturday 18th May: Pentecost Sunday, B [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 2.1-11; Psalm: 103; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 12.3-7,12-13; Gospel: John 20.19-23. **Intention:** Margaret Tighe [RIP, A].

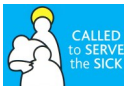
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11.30am: People of the Parish.

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 13TH May 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 31st May between 4.00 – 6.00pm

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Anette Rixon, Martin Geary, Susan Bradley, Helga Ojinmah, Mary Owen, Margaret Beeby, Radwan Naffa, Kathryn McGinnis, Sheila O'Hara, and Yves Remedios.

We remember also those in Kenbrook, Birchwood Grange and Brook House.

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]