

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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PARISH HALL LETS: Suspended until further notice.

THE OFFICE: Closed.



THIRD OF ADVENT, YEAR B

13TH DECEMBER, 2020

THEME: The One You Do Not Know.



Do you want to know Jesus? Do you want to meet him today? Encounter him in people, accompany them on the road of life, especially the poor, the broken-hearted, the downtrodden and those who are not free. Jesus identifies with them. In them we find Jesus. Then he will no longer remain unknown, remote person to us. We will then be with Jesus, and Jesus with us.

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – THE YEAR OF THE WORD

Meditate: John the Baptist appears in today's readings with a specific mission: to bear witness to Jesus, the Light. Given the current situation of uncertainty, many might think they are in darkness. We are called, by being who we are, to point to Jesus, light of the world

Act: Christ is the Light. make sure that at your times of prayer or in your "prayer corner", you light a candle representing Jesus, the Light of the world coming to us.

Prayer: Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us through the Scriptures. Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another. Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. Amen.

Your word is our path and your truth is our light. This day and every day.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Service cards for Advent and Christmas are now available on the parish website or as you leave the Church. Bookings for Mass will be open from **Wednesday 16th December**. Please book only one Mass, so that we can accommodate as many people as possible. Whilst there is no obligation to attend Mass on Christmas Day, many people will want to celebrate the birth of Christ. 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 [6th 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.

If you are returning to Public Mass for the first time since the March Lockdown, you will find everything has changed. Please visit the website for do's & don'ts of attending Mass. We look forward to seeing you.



ADVENT 2020 – 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 readings for Sundays and Feasts are taken from Year B.

THE JESSE TREE

Please visit www.erconwald.org.uk to download the ornaments and colour in. Each week a description of the ornament will be given. [Adapted from: "Jesse Tree Ornaments" by Kathryn Marcellino. Abundant Life Publishing]



ADVENT GIVING CALENDAR



This Calendar gives suggestions for items to collect each day, reaching out to those going hungry, making a food parcel. During the pandemic, this act of generosity will be needed more than ever, as we prepare for a Christmas like no other. Like previous years we will be supporting "The Larder" [formerly known as "St. Lawrence's larder"]. Please bring your "food parcel" when you attend Mass.

All donations must be received **no later than Friday 18th December.**

Please visit: www.erconwald.org.uk to download the Advent Giving Calendar.

REPOSITORY

Last of the Christmas Cards, along with Calendars, Diaries, Cribs and small gifts are available in the Hall [small selection in Church] after Mass, and by appointment. Please ring the office 020 8904 6031 option 2, or email: wembley3@rcdow.org.uk



ADVENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

In view of the Covid-19 Pandemic, there will be a Private Service of Reconciliation on Friday 18th December at 7.00pm.

It will be live streamed and recorded.

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 once the Pandemic is over. [Fr. Anthony]

CAFOD's

Advent parish resources and prayers include [Advent prayer cards](#) (one for each week), a series of daily [Advent reflections](#), [online prayer events](#), an online carol service guide with a carol sheet, a chance to join or organise a fun run and other social events. For more information on all of these please see cafod.org.uk/parishes

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>

COMING TO MASS: COVID-19 SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Booking to come to Mass: Apply using the ticketing system <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad/events/> to reserve a place for you or **places** for your household. When booking please state your full name and in brackets beside it [couple or household]. To cancel the booking, please contact the parish office by phone or email.

Booking by phone if no internet available: to secure spaces you can call the parish office directly on 020 8904 6031 [press option 2 when prompted] and leave details [full name and telephone number, number of places required - please state if booking for individual, couple or household - *please speak clearly*]. We will call you back to confirm booking.

(See website for full details)

Be advised that due to Covid-19, the heating will remain off and doors remain open for ventilation. Please wear warm clothing during this cold spell.

Donations and Collection Money: Offertory Envelopes and other donations: there will be a Collection Box at the entrance of the Church - please put envelopes and donations as you enter the Church to facilitate the one way system. Please no coinage at this time. You can also visit:

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

You can also donate through Virgin Money Giving by visiting:

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

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



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]

WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK 2021

We have a limited number of Westminster Year Book 2021 available for sale.
Price £4.50.

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: wembley3@rcdow.org.uk or when you visit the Church, **not later than Friday 18th December**. These Cards will then be hung on the Christmas tree - placed in the porch. Mass will be offered on the feast of the Holy Family, on the weekend of 26/27th December.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

Evangelisation - For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.



LITURGY FOR THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT, YEAR B

Private Masses: Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays

Public Masses: Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays

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

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

Sunday 13th December: Third of Advent [10.00am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 61.1-2,10-11; Psalm: Luke 1; 2nd Reading: 1Thessalonians 5.16-24; Gospel: John 1.6-8,19-28. **Intention:** Desolina Beltrami [RIP,A].

Monday 14th December: St. John of the Cross [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: 1Corinthians 2.1-10; Psalm 36; Gospel: Luke 14.25-33. **Intention:** Padraic McDonagh [RIP]

Tuesday 15th December: Advent Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Zephaniah 3.1-2,9-13; Psalm: 33; Gospel: Matthew 21.28-32. **Memorial Mass for Iwedi Horst Ojinmah RIP.**

Wednesday 16th December: Advent Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 45.6-8,18,21-26; Psalm: 84; Gospel: Luke 7.19-23. **Intention:** Raymond Rodgers [RIP].

Thursday 17th December: NO SERVICE.

Friday 18th December: Advent Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Jeremiah 23.5-8; Psalm: 71; Gospel: Matthew 1.18-24. **Intention:** Mary and Tom Goldrick [RIP, A]

Saturday 19th December: [11.00am]: First Holy Communion - "Link Mass"

Saturday 19th December: [5.30pm] Readings: 1st Reading: 2Samuel 7.1-5,8-12,14,16; Psalm: 88; 2nd Reading: Romans 16.25-27; Gospel: Luke 1.26-38. **Intention:** Fr. Bernard Crowe [RIP, A]

Sunday 20th December: Fourth of Advent [10.00am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: 2Samuel 7.1-5,8-12,14,16; Psalm: 88; 2nd Reading: Romans 16.25-27; Gospel: Luke 1.26-38. **Intention:** Margaret and Helen Cornish [RIP, A]

PLEASE STAY AT HOME

If you are feeling unwell or if someone you have been in contact with is ick.

RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS - REGISTRATION FORMS

for the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIA [Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults] are now available on the Church's website: www.erconwald.org.uk or from the office [0208 904 6031, option 2].

Registration for First Holy Communion for 2021 is now closed.

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]