



## St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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OFFICE: Closed.



**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY, YEAR A**

**13TH SEPTEMBER, 2026**

### **THEME: A New Lease on Life.**



Most of us have experienced how difficult it is to forgive. It is almost impossible. In Old English it means "give to the uttermost," "extremely," "as far as you can go." Isn't that what it really is, going all the way? Who can forget the hurt? Yet we should. Who doesn't see and feel the scars and keep the memories? And yet we shouldn't. Think of God: when he forgives, the evil belongs to the past. It is gone. God keeps no accounts. He wants us to think only of the future. Jesus did not condemn but gave new chances. During this week, let us ask for the Lord's attitude.

**MEDITATE:** The familiar story of the unforgiving servant is actually a commentary on the earlier passage in Matthew's gospel, the Lord's Prayer in Chapter 6.

**ACT:** Pray for those whom you hold at a distance and begin the process of forgiving them.

### **SEASON OF CREATION**

On the theme of Season of creation for 2026 "Living water" we are facing a crisis with lack of water and drought from the heat waves. Much water is wasted and too much money goes into the pockets of shareholders and not towards fixing our ageing infrastructure.



### **NEXT SUNDAY WE CELEBRATE HOME MISSION DAY**

Theme: "Sharing the beauty and joy of knowing Jesus Christ."  
Focuses on witnessing Christ in daily life and making a home for all who seek God.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

The first parents and children's session will take place on  
**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER**, at 10.30am in the Parish Hall.

### **Rite of Christian Initiation of 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?

Registration Forms will be available from next weekend.



## **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 will be captured on the livestream.

## **TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS IF VISITING ST. ERCONWALD'S**

*There is a School Street in operation in our area from 8am - 9am and 2.30pm - 4pm. If you enter the following streets Carlton Ave. East, Elmstead Ave. and Princess Ave. during these times, you will receive a fine from the Council.*

## **DONATIONS AND COLLECTION OF MONEY**

### **GIVING BY STANDING ORDER IS THE PREFERRED METHOD**

Offertory Envelopes and other donations can be placed in the Collection Box at the entrance or at the exit of the Church.

**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>

### **CONTACTLESS DONATIONS**

Donations, Mass Intentions, Candles and Repository payments can also be made via the Card Readers in Church

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

### **QR CODE**

Don't use cash? Prefer to make your offering by phone?

Scan the QR code with your smartphone.

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



**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALL YOUR DONATIONS,  
HOWEVER YOU CHOOSE TO GIVE.**

## **REPOSITORY**

We have a good selection of miniature statues [3.5 to 5 inches], larger statues, rosary beads, candles both wax and battery, books including children's books, medals and cards for most occasions. You are welcome to browse. If you don't see what you are looking for, please ask a Repository helper for assistance.

### **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October: Christmas Faire**

## **THE LARDER**

*Thank you for your kind donations and continued support.*



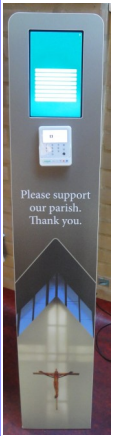
## **SCHOOL OPEN DAYS / FORMS**

For School Open Days please visit the schools' websites for details.

If you need any forms signed please see Fr. Anthony to make an appointment.

**[A gentle reminder that unless you have been practicing regularly at St. Erconwald's, Fr. Anthony will not be able to sign your child's form.]**

## **CONTACTLESS DONATIONS**



We are pleased to say both Payaz Readers are now in place and operable. Last weekend we used the desktop reader [Car Park Exit], and apart from the very small print most people had no problems. These machines are from a different company, which means people that **Gift Aid** will need to put in their details again. Please do not let this put you of **GIFT AIDING** as it is a valuable source of revenue to the church, at no extra cost to donor. You should only need to do this once providing you use the same card. If you wish to have a receipt emailed to you, again you will need to put in your email address. If you are waiting to use the reader, please be patient. Things should speed up in a week or two.

The card reader at the entrance to the church has artwork on it. We chose to use a picture taken on Christmas Day 2025, which shows the reflection of the Cross on the large window as it lined up with the Crucifix behind the Altar. Truly unique to our Church of St. Erconwald's.

## **PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE**

We are in the process of forming a new Finance Committee as per Westminster Guidelines. We hope this Committee will be in place by next weekend. We have been very fortunate to have been served by the members of the old Finance and Parish Council Committees for so many years and we express our gratitude to them. A special word of thanks to Caroline Horan [outgoing Chair of Finance] and Eileen Jozsa [outgoing Chair of the Parish Council] for their dedication and leadership over those years.

## **CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY HARVEST APPEAL**

Is on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**. Please donate to our *Family Fast Day* parish collection. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at: [cafod.org.uk/envelope](https://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call **0303 303 3030**. Envelopes and Prayer Cards will be available nearer to the time.



## **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2026**

For the Care of Water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

## **CHURCH CLEANING**

*If you have any spare time 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 TWENTY-FOURTH WEEK OF YEAR 2 - Psalter Week 4**

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 13th September: 24th Sunday, Year A** [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27.30-28.7; Psalm: 102; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 14.7-9; Gospel: Matthew 18.21-35. **Intention:** 10.00am: Dan Moriarty [RIP]  
11.30am: People of the Parish

**Monday 14th September: Exaltation of the Cross** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Numbers 21.4-9; Psalm: 77; Gospel: John 3.13-17. **Intention:** Matt, Willie and Pat Thompson [RIP, A].

**Tuesday 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. **Intention:** Eucharistic Service.

**Wednesday 16th September: Ss Cornelius and Cyprian** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1Corinthians 12.31-13.13; Psalm: 32; Gospel: Luke 7.31-35. **Intention:** Eucharistic Service.

**Thursday 17th September: NO SERVICE**

**Friday 18th September: Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1Corinthians 15.12-20; Psalm: 16; Gospel: Luke 8.1-3. **Intention:** Joshua Wilson [Intention].

**Saturday 19th September: 25th Sunday, Year A** [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 55.6-9; Psalm: 114; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 1.20-24,27; Gospel: Matthew 20.1-16. **Intention:** Mark Featherstone [RIP, A]

**Sunday 20th September: 25th Sunday, Year A** [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 55.6-9; Psalm: 114; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 1.20-24,27; Gospel: Matthew 20.1-16. **Intention:** 10.00am: Aida Pereira [Intention]  
11.30am: People of the Parish

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



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Theresa Lowman, Sandra Warren, Angela Tora, Sue McGovern, Cathy Singer, Martin Geary, Susan Bradley, Radwan Naffa, Yves Remedios and Moya O'Reilly

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.

## **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]*