

## St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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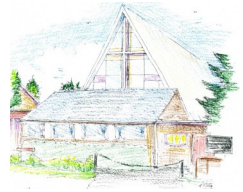
Parish Priest: Fr. Anthony Psaila

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PARISH HALL LETS: Suspended until further notice.

THE OFFICE: Closed.

MICROSITE: [www.parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad](http://www.parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad)



**FOURTH OF LENT, YEAR B**

**14TH MARCH 2021**

### **THEME: Looking Up to the Cross**



In our Churches and in our homes the crucifix is given a place of honour. Does that mean that we have to love crosses? No, but it says that we believe in our crucified Lord and that we love him dearly. He saved us by his cross and resurrection. He is the sign that God loved us so much that he gave his only Son to bring us forgiveness and life and love. It is to Jesus on the cross that we look up for strength to bear the crosses that come to us in the difficulties of life. We also look up to him for joy and happiness on our pilgrim way and for unending life beyond death.

### **THE GOD WHO SPEAKS**

**MEDITATE:** The Old Testament recounts many episodes that took place during the forty years Israel spent in the desert. One such episode is mentioned in today's gospel reading: The chosen people were attacked by poisonous serpents, as punishment for their unfaithfulness [Numbers 21.4-9], and were only saved from death by God's intervention through Moses.

**ACT:** Spend some time in prayer thanking God for the people who brought you to Baptism and the Christian life.

**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.

### **FUNERAL**

With sadness we announce the death of Christopher Pearson. His funeral will take place on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 1.00pm. In accordance with government guidelines this will be a private Mass, and it will be live-streamed and recorded. We offer our sympathy to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

*A Happy Mother's Day  
to all mothers*



## THE SEASON OF LENT



**PRIVATE PRAYER:** The Church will be open for Individual Private Prayer on Wednesdays from 11.00 to 11.30am and from 3.30 to 4.00pm.



### **Cardinal's Lenten Alms Appeal**

For more information please visit [www.CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk](http://www.CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk)

### **"Holy Week Voices from the Holy Land"**

Please visit: [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk)

The reflections for weeks 1 – 4 are on the parish website and the microsite.

### **THE PASSAGE - LENTEN REFLECTIONS**

Please visit: <https://passagereflections.wordpress.com> or the Parish website or the microsite.

### **"THE LARDER"**

Like previous years we will be supporting "The Larder" [formerly known as "St. Lawrence's larder"]. Please bring your "food items" when you attend Mass.

### **LENTEN SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION**

In view of the Covid-19 Pandemic, there will be a Private Service of Reconciliation on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm**. 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 [safely] your own candle. At the end of the "Act of Contrition" we will kiss the cross as a sign that we want to make a perfect contrition.*

### **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 the weekend 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> March**. These Cards will then be placed around the Easter Garden in front of the altar. The Easter Vigil Mass and the 10.00am Mass on Easter Sunday will be offered for those whose names are on the Memorial Cards. If you would like to make a contribution towards the decoration of the Church for Easter please visit:

<https://portal.mydona.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid-268>

### **THE BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE**

Jeff Cavin's course is presented live-streamed by Mauro Ianicelli from Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm [8weekly sessions]. The course is free. Please visit:

[www.comeandsee.org](http://www.comeandsee.org)

### **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>

### **YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH - A JOURNEY WITH ST. JOSEPH Novena to St. Joseph 11<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> March**

*The Novena is available on the website and on the microsite.  
Hard copies are available as you leave the Church.*



**COMING TO MASS: COVID-19 SAFE ENVIRONMENT**  
**PLEASE STAY AT HOME**

You **must not** attend Church if you or someone you live with has cold or flu like symptoms. You **must not** attend Church if you or someone you have had contact with has tested positive for COVID-19. You **must inform** the Parish Office if you or someone you live with/have had contact with someone who tests positive for COVID -19. You **must not** mingle with people you do not live with out-side the Church after Mass.

**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]

**(Visit website for the latest regulations for attending Mas,  
or see notice on Church door)**

**DONATIONS AND COLLECTION OF MONEY**

**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:

1. Standing Order [preferred method]
2. Make a donation via our website:  
<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad/donate/>
3. Via Virgin Money Giving [state reason for donation in the message box].  
<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad/donate/>
4. 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 new card readers in Church

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

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**

The new Planned Giving Envelopes, starting from **11th April**, are now available for collection. If you are attending Mass or the Private Prayer Sessions, can you please collect them from myself or Elizabeth. If you are not attending at the moment, please call or email the office to arrange when you can collect them. If you no longer wish to belong to the scheme, please let us know by email or telephone. [Penny Donetti]

**THE PASSAGE'S**

mission and work is developing to cope with more people becoming homeless it is raising funds through the Big Give from **12 noon Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March – 12 noon Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March** to support **No Night Out** a new initiative to take newly homeless people off the street straight away. Further details of the work is at [www.passage.org.uk](http://www.passage.org.uk).

**Double your Donation, Double your impact.** This is a matched giving scheme for online donations. If someone (can be company, individual or trust) gave £10 online matched giving of £10 would bring the Gift up to £20 (and for individuals to £22.50 with Gift Aid with higher rate tax relief it may cost the donor less than £10). For more information ring Andrew Hollingsworth 020 75921886 [andrew.h@passage.org.uk](mailto:andrew.h@passage.org.uk)

Donate at <https://tinyurl.com/NoNightOut>

## **LITURGY FOR THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT**

*At present, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holydays of obligation remains suspended*

Private Masses: Monday, Tuesday, and Saturday

**Public Masses: Wednesday, Friday and Sunday**

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

**Sunday 14th March: 4th of Lent, B** [10.00am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 2Chronicles 36.14-16,19-23; Psalm: 136; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 2.4-10; Gospel: John 3.14-21. **Intention:** People of the Parish.

**Monday 15th March: 1.00pm: Funeral Mass for Christopher Pearson RIP**

**Tuesday 16th March: Lent Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ezekiel 47.1-9,12; Psalm: 45; Gospel: John 5.1-3,5-16. **Intention:** Josephine Visone [RIP].

**Wednesday 17th March: St. Patrick, Patron of Ireland** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 1.4-9; Psalm: 116; Gospel: Luke 10.1-12,17-20. **Intention:** Mary and Thomas Flaherty [RIP].

**Church open for Individual Private Prayer: 11.00-11.30 and 3.30-4.00pm**

**Thursday 18th March** **NO SERVICE**

**Friday 19th March: St. Joseph** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Samuel 7.4-5,12-14,16; Psalm: 88; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 4.13,16-18,22; Gospel: Matthew 1.16,18-21,24. **Intention:** Ronald Fernando RIP.

**Friday 19th March: 6.30pm: Private Stations of the Cross.**

**[Live-streamed and recorded]**

**Saturday 20th March: 5.30pm** **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 31.31-34; Psalm: 50; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 5.7-9; Gospel: John 12.20-30. **Intention:** James O'Sullivan [RIP, A] and Mary O'Sullivan [Intention].

**Sunday 21st March: 5th of Lent, B** [10.00am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 31.31-34; Psalm: 50; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 5.7-9; Gospel: John 12.20-30. **Intention:** Mary Murphy [RIP, A].



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

*Evangelisation - Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Let us pray that we may experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

### **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]*