



St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A

14TH DECEMBER, 2025

Theme: Joy In the Lord's Coming

Where people hope, there is always a spirit of eager anticipation. The waiting for something great to happen brings with it a lively joy, sometimes greater than the possession of what we had been waiting for. Our joy during this Advent season comes from our awareness that the Lord is already with us and also that, if we let him, he will even become nearer to us, when we let him make us more like him.



MEDITATE: It is fully appropriate that John's question is asked while he is in prison.

ACT: Share some good news with another and be open to receiving the gift of good news from someone.



MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Tuesday 16th December, at 11.00am

[followed by soup and rolls in the Parish Hall.]

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION WITH ABSOLUTION

Friday 19th December: at 7.00pm

LIGHT OF LIFE - REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

Please collect **Memorial Cards** from the back of the Church, complete them with the name of deceased loved one and return them not later than **Saturday 20th December**. These Cards will then be hung on the Christmas tree. Mass will be offered on the feast of the Holy Family, the weekend of 27th/28th December [5.30pm/10.00am Masses]. Please place Memorial Cards and donations in the box available.

Donations go towards the decorating of the Church at Christmas.



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 15th December between 12.00noon - 2.00pm**. COME AND BE SUPPORTED. For further information please contact Frank Arjojo on 07867 903917 (email frankj.arrojo@gmail.com).

Online meeting: **Friday 19th December** between 4.00 – 6.00pm



ADVENT 2025 – JOURNEYING TO THE CRIB

The season of Advent is a time of preparation for the birth of Our Saviour.



ADVENT GIVING CALENDAR



This Advent Giving Calendar gives suggestions for items to collect each day, reaching out to those going hungry, making a food parcel. Like previous years we will be supporting “The Larder”. Available at the back of the Church.

THE PASSAGE CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS - OPTIONS FOR DONATING

Option 1: Gift Bag Contents [x 50]: Hat, Scarf, Gloves, Socks, 2in1 Shampoo/Conditioner; Shower Gel, Deodorant, Flannel, Towel, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Bar of Chocolate. [You can donate all or some of these items].



Option 2: Money Donation: You can donate money to help with the bulk purchase of some of these items for example Scarves or hats this would be helpful. Just put your donation in the envelope marked “Passage Gifts” and place in one of our “Donation Boxes” in Church.

OPTION 3: OTHER WAYS:

A: Knitting: For example, Scarves which are difficult to source - S.O.S. Knitters!

B: If you work in retail could your company give a discount on bulk buying?

You do not need to supply a gift bag.

Please place your items in the basket provided in Church.

NO CHILDREN’S CLOTHES PLEASE

Andrew Hollingsworth will collect the “gifts” next Sunday [21st December] after the 11.30am Mass.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CURRY NIGHT



What a great night. Congratulations to all who helped. Special praise to the cooks, the band *Velvet Touch* and Perry for the entertainment. Thank you to all who supported this event. The grand sum of £1,515.44 was raised for the Church Restoration Fund. We look forward to next year’s celebration.

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.

POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER 2025



For Christians in Areas of Conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war and conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



will be held on **SATURDAY 20th DECEMBER** following the 5.30pm Mass. Refreshments will be served from the bar. Admission by ticket only. Adults £2.00, children free [they need an "Entry Ticket" and **must** be accompanied by their parents/guardians for the duration of the event, and book a place]. *We hope that many of you will come and celebrate this Christmas together as a Parish. Proceeds will go towards the Church Restoration Fund. Tickets on sale after Mass.*

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW **SATURDAY 20th DECEMBER**

*Takes place at the end of the Christmas Celebration. Raffle books are now available for our Christmas Draw. Please return counterfoils and unsold tickets no later than **Saturday 20th December**. There are lots of good prizes: 1st Prize: Nativity Crib; 2nd Prize: £100 Cash, 3rd Prize: Christmas Goodies Hamper, 4th Prize: Children's Prizes, plus many other fantastic prizes. Please do support the Draw which is in aid of the Restoration Fund. Book of 5 tickets cost £5.*



CHRISTMAS INTENTIONS

Those requesting **Christmas Mass Bouquets** please note that due to demand there will be no individual Masses. The Christmas Masses celebrated on Wednesday at 9.30pm and Thursday at 10.30am will be offered for all intentions. Cards are available from the Repository. A donation would be appreciated.

CHRISTMAS CRIB APPEAL 2025



The Catholic Children's Society Crib Appeal helps support children and families in need throughout the diocese. There will be a donation box by the crib for you to contribute. Thank you for your support.

POINSETTIA

As in previous years we intend to decorate the Cribs with Poinsettia, if you like to contribute one, please bring it to the Church no later than the morning of Saturday 20th December

CHURCH DECORATION FOR CHRISTMAS

Saturday 20th at 10.00am. *Please come along and help decorate the Church and the Hall and setting up the Cribs and the Christmas Tree.
More hands make light work!*

SERVICE CARDS

with details of all our Masses etc. are available to take for your family, friends or neighbours who might appreciate an invitation to celebrate Christmas with us.

REPOSITORY

Cribs and other Nativity items now on display, the last of the Christmas cards, 2026 Church Art Calendars and Diaries. If you require something not on display please ask a Repository helper.

CHURCH CLEANING

If you have any spare time please do come along and join us after the 9.30am Mass on Tuesday mornings to help clean God's House.

LITURGY FOR THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT - 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

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Sunday 14th December: Third of Advent, Year A [10.00am/11.30am] Readings:

1st Reading: Isaiah 35.1-6,10; Psalm: 145; 2nd Reading: James 5.7-10;

Gospel: Matthew 11.2-11. **Intention:** 10.00am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Fatima Ferdinando [RIP]

Monday 15th December: Advent Feria [9.30am] Readings:

Numbers 24.2-7,15-17; Psalm: 24; Gospel: Matthew 21.23-27. **Intention:** Bridget

Lowry [RIP]

Tuesday 16th December: 11.00am: Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Wednesday 17th December: Advent Feria [9.30am] Readings:

1st Reading: Genesis 49.2,8-10; Psalm: 71; Gospel: Matthew 1.1-17. **Intention:** Glen Chandrasana [RIP]

[RIP]

Thursday 18th December: NO SERVICE

Friday 19th December: Advent Feria [9.30am] Readings:

1st Reading: Judges 13.2-7,24-25; Psalm: 70; Gospel: Luke 15-25. **Intention:** Fr. Bernard Crowe

[RIP]

Friday 19th December: 7.00pm: Service of Reconciliation with Absolution

Saturday 20th December: Fourth of Advent, Year A [5.30pm] Readings:

1st Reading: Isaiah 7.10-14; Psalm: 24; 2nd Reading: Romans 1.1-7; Gospel: Mat-

thew 1.18-24. **Intention:** John Pereira [RIP].

Sunday 21st December: Fourth of Advent, Year A [10.00am/11.30am] Readings:

1st Reading: Isaiah 7.10-14; Psalm: 24; 2nd Reading: Romans 1.1-7; Gos-

pel: Matthew 1.18-24. **Intention:** 10.00am: Brian Wallace [RIP]

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: Magdalene Davis, 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.

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]