

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

14TH MAY, 2023

THEME: If You Love Me... The Spirit Will Come.



We are Christians, people who follow Christ. What makes us sure that we really love him? Jesus tells us today: "If you love me you will keep my commandments." And we know that his commandment is: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and your neighbour as yourself. Today Jesus promises us the Holy Spirit, who will make us see what we have to do to love God and our neighbour and who will give us the strength to do so. Let us ask Jesus to give us this Spirit of insight and strength.

MEDITATE: There is, perhaps, no greater assurance in times of trouble than the promise, 'I'll be there with you,' from someone we trust.

ACT: In my life experience, when has the Spirit been an advocate for me in times of trouble? In what ways did hope return to me?

HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday 18th May is the feast of the Ascension of the Lord, a Holyday of Obligation. Mass times are as follows:

Vigil Mass: Wednesday 17th at 7.00pm; Day Mass: Thursday 18th at 9.30am. Masses will be live-streamed and recorded.



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 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: Tuesday 16th May between 4.00 – 6.00pm

FUNERAL

With sadness we announce the death of Alice Bozadjian. Her funeral will take place on **Friday 19th May at 10.00am**. 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]

As we have many vulnerable parishioners we ask that you
continue to sanitise your hands when you come to Church.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

DONATIONS AND COLLECTION OF MONEY **IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT GIVING ON-LINE**

GIVING BY STANDING ORDER [Preferred Method]: If you would like to support the parish we would ask you to consider setting up a regular donation in this way.

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

There are also a number of cashless methods now available:

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>

NOW ACCEPTING 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]

THANK YOU for your continued support

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

For church movements and groups

We pray that each day, Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization, placing their own charisms at the service of the world's needs.



PENTECOST NOVENA

The solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord marks the beginning of the nine days spiritual preparation for Pentecost. [Will be recited from Friday at the end of Mass]. Copies of the *Novena Prayer* are available on the website/microsite and at each entrance of the Church.



THE LARDER

*Thank you for your kind donations,
Please leave your donations in the box provided by the Lady Chapel.*



REPOSITORY

Currently in stock: a good selection of First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards, Prayer Books, Rosaries and gifts, all at reasonable prices. If you don't see what you require, please ask as we are unable to display our full stock. You are welcome to have a browse.



PENTECOST SUNDAY: 28th MAY 2023 - INTERNATIONAL DAY



On the feast of Pentecost [28th May] we celebrate our “Unity in Diversity” and the different Nationalities that are part of our Parish. Please come in your National Costume if possible. Tickets on sale after Mass: Adults: £10; Senior Citizens & Children over 12 years: £5. Children under 12 years free. [All children must be accompanied by parent or guardian.] 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: Jerk Chicken, Indian Curry, Ham, Salmon, Noodles, Baked Pasta, and Italian Ice-Cream. 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 2 or 3 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 available at both entrances to the Church to sell to your family, friends and neighbours. Must be returned not later than Saturday morning 27th May. 1st prize – International Hamper [Donations would be welcome, as we would like each country to be represented]; 2nd prize – £50 Cash; 3rd Prize – Icons; 4th Prize – Children’s Surprise; 5th Prize – Surprise Prize for those attending; and many other fantastic prizes, including 2 tickets to Michael McIntyre’s Show, next year. To be drawn on Sunday 28th May, 2023.*

WEMBLEY EVENT DAYS

Sunday 21st May; Saturday 27th, **Sunday 28th [International Day]**, and Monday 29th May.

Just a reminder to those attending the 10.30am First Holy Communion Mass and 5.30pm Evening Mass, that **Saturday 3rd June** is also an Event Day. Those without Parking Permits will need to park in the Car Park. As space is limited, parking will be on a first come basis.

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 SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER

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

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

Sunday 14th May: Sixth of Easter, Year A: [10.00am/11.30am] Readings:

Acts 8.5-8,14-17; Psalm: 65; 2nd Reading: 1Peter 3.15-18; Gospel: John 14.15-21. **Intentions:** 10.00am: Intentions of Eugene Donetti

11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 15th May: Easter Feria [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Acts 16.11-15; Psalm: 149; Gospel: John 15.26-16.4. **Intention:** Bridie O'Donovan [RIP, A]

Tuesday 16th May: Easter Feria [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Acts 16.22-34; Psalm: 137; Gospel: John 16.5-11. **Intention:** John Murphy [RIP]

Wednesday 17th May: Easter Feria: [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Acts 17.15,22-18.1; Psalm: 148; Gospel: John 16.12-15. **Intention:** Eileen Moynahan [RIP] **Followed by Exposition, Rosary and Benediction at 11.00am.**

Wednesday 17th May: Ascension of the Lord: [7.00pm] Readings: 1st Reading: Acts 1.1-11; Psalm: 46; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 1.17-23; Gospel: Matthew 28.16-20. **Intention:** Bridie Stapleton [RIP]

Thursday 18th May: Ascension of the Lord: [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Acts 1.1-11; Psalm: 46; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 1.17-23; Gospel: Matthew 28.16-20. **Intention:** Helen McCarthy [RIP]

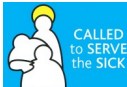
Friday 19th May: 10.00am Funeral Mass for Alice Bozadjian RIP. [The Mass will be live-streamed and recorded]

Saturday 20th May: Seventh of Easter, Year A: [5.30pm] Readings: 1st Reading: Acts 1.12-14; Psalm: 26; 2nd Reading: 1Peter 4.13-16; Gospel: John 17.1-11. **Intention:** Margaret Tighe [RIP, A]

Sunday 21st May: Seventh of Easter, Year A: [10.00am/11.30am] Readings: Acts 1.12-14; Psalm: 26; 2nd Reading: 1Peter 4.13-16; Gospel: John 17.1-11.. **Intentions:** 10.00am: Mary and Michael Faherty [RIP, A]

11.30am: People of the Parish

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Margaret Beeby, Yves Remedios, Denton Allen, Radwan Naffa, and Magdalene Davis. 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]