



## St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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**SIXTH SUNDAY, YEAR A**

**15TH FEBRUARY, 2026**

### **THEME: Beyond the Law**

Laws, orders, commandments, who likes them? Don't they take away our freedom? Yet the word of God tells us: make your free choice between life and death. We see Jesus make his free choice repeatedly, as at his baptism, his temptations, during the agony in the garden. He chose God, his mission, for that was his life. He lives in us; in us and with him he invites us to choose life and love and to go with him far beyond the commandments. Then we will be really free.



**MEDITATE:** Jesus' teaching does not disregard the Law, but looks deeply into the fullness of its meaning.

**ACT:** Pray daily for God's grace to correct or strengthen your inner attitudes concerning others.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

is a day of fasting and abstinence.

Ashes will be blessed and distributed to everyone at both Masses 9.30am and 7.00pm.

[The Masses will be live-streamed and recorded].



### **THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP**

A missionary from Bethlehem, the Holy Land, will visit us next weekend to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood to help and support the poor Christian families, any help you could give them will be highly appreciated.



### **ST. PATRICK'S DAY: BACON & CABBAGE/IRISH STEW** **SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

Doors open at 12.30pm. Food will be served from 12.45pm – 2.00pm. After lunch there will be entertainment by George Harte, and a raffle with some fantastic prizes. Tickets: Adults: £20; Senior: £15; Children: £10; Family Special [2 Adults & 2 Children]: £45. Children need to be accompanied by parent/guardian for the duration of the event. Please choose from Stew or the Bacon & Cabbage Meal. The ticket you purchase will reflect your choice and it will be exchanged for the meal you have chosen on the day. *In aid of the Church Restoration Fund.*



## **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.*

## **"The Chameleons" - Radio Times - Sixty Years Young!**

Join us for the start of our Diamond Anniversary Celebrations! For one night only – **Saturday 28th February at 8.00pm** - The Chameleons kick off our 60th year with a very special event at St Erconwald's Church Hall, Wembley. It's a joyful, creative celebration of six decades of performing, featuring a lively mix of scenes, songs, sketches, and surprise moments inspired by our rich and varied history. With live music adding to the atmosphere, this promises a warm, funny, and nostalgic evening celebrating 60 years of theatre. All tickets are £9.00 with unallocated seating, on site parking and a Licensed Bar. 12+ Parental Discretion advised. For details please visit: [www.thechameleons.co.uk](http://www.thechameleons.co.uk)



## **MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MATRIMONY**

### **Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 23rd May 2026 at 2:30pm.**

The Archbishop is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2026. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please contact the parish office by the **weekend of 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> April**, with the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and contact email (or telephone number, if no email).

## **CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**



This Lent, you can answer Christ's call to love your neighbour by supporting CAFOD's Family Fast Day, helping families in countries like Bangladesh and South Sudan grow food in floating gardens to survive floods, and in places like Zimbabwe use solar-powered pumps to grow crops despite drought. By eating simply and giving generously this Fast Day, you'll help more families put food on the table. Envelopes will be available from next weekend.

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

For children with incurable diseases.



Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

## **SEASON OF LENT - WE DARE TO ASK**

During this Lent, we are once again invited to go on our Lenten journey. For us Christians, Lent is a time of grace, conversion, renewal and healing. Thank you for your support, and have a good Lent.



**Stations of the Cross:** Weekdays [except Thursdays and Saturdays] at 9.15am. Friday evening at 6.30pm followed by Mass.



**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Wednesdays after 9.30am Mass. During the exposition we will follow the booklet "We Dare to Ask" There will be Benediction at 11.00am.

**Rite of Penance:** Every Saturday between 4.30pm and 5.00pm.

**SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION WITH ABSOLUTION**  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm.**

**LENTEN APEAL 2026:** Helps fund vital projects across our Diocese, including: Youth & Evangelisation, Social Action, Marriage & Family Life, and Education.



**LAURENCE'S LARDER:** Please leave your donations in the boxes provided by the Lady Chapel. Thank you for your donations.



**REPOSITORY:** A selection of Lenten Books, Statues, various sizes, Rosaries, Crosses, Cards for all occasions. If you require assistance please ask any of the Repository helpers.

**We Dare To Ask:** As we prepare to renew our baptismal promises at Easter, we are asked to explore the depth of what baptism truly means. During Lent there will be a series of talks looking at new ways of living our baptism, reflecting more on the fact that we are baptized and called to grow daily in becoming more like Christ as we journey towards our heavenly Father. The Lenten Talks will take place on Wednesday evening 7.00 – 8.00pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

### **MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am.** Followed by soup and rolls.

[This Mass is for everyone especially the sick and the elderly  
There will be **NO** 9.30am Mass]

### **LENTEN LEAFLET**

*"A Lenten Journey 2026" is now available at back of the Church and on the Church's website and microsite.*

### **MARY'S MEALS**

would like to thank everyone in the parish for their generosity in response to our Foreign Currency initiative. It raised a terrific **£591.16** which means Mary's Meals will be able to feed 30 children one good meal every school day for a whole year because of your support. Please continue to pray for the work of Mary's Meals. God bless you all.

### **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 SIXTH WEEK OF YEAR 2 - Psalter Week 2

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 15th February: Sixth Sunday, Year A** [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Sirach 15.15-20; Psalm: 119; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Corinthians 2.6-10;

Gospel: Matthew 5.17-37. **Intention:** 10.00am: Michael Donleavy [RIP, A]

11.30am: People of the Parish

**Monday 16th February: Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: James 1.1-11;

Psalm: 118; Gospel: Mark 8.11-13. **Intention:** Theresa Lynch [RIP]

**Tuesday 17th February: Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: James 1.12-

18; Psalm: 93; Gospel: Mark 8.14-21. **Intention:** Bernard Wilson [RIP]

**Wednesday 18th February: Ash Wednesday [9.30am/7.00pm] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup>

Reading: Joel 2.12-18; Psalm: 50; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2Corinthians 5.20-6.2; Gospel:

Matthew 6.1-6,16-18. **Intention:** 9.30am: Frank Morgan [RIP, A]

7.00pm: Jozsa Family Intentions

**Thursday 19th February NO SERVICE**

**Friday 20th February: Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 58.1-9;

Psalm: 50; Gospel: Matthew 9.14-15. **Intention:** Mike Barrett [RIP]

**6.30pm: Meditative Stations of the Cross. Followed by Mass.** **Intention:**

Nicholas Kearns [RIP]

**Saturday 21st February: 1st of Lent, Year A** [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

Genesis 2.7-9,3.1-7; Psalm: 51; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 5.12-19; Gospel: Matthew

4.1-11. **Intention:** Sheila Lewis [RIP].

**Sunday 22nd February: 1st of Lent, Year A** [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup>

Reading: Genesis 2.7-9,3.1-7; Psalm: 51; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 5.12-19; Gos-

pel: Matthew 4.1-11. **Intention:** 10.00am: Mary Foster [RIP, A]

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: Angela Tora, Claudette Roby, 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.

*May the Lord Jesus bless, console and strengthen all the sick,  
and may Mary, health of the sick, intercede for them.*

### 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]*