

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter



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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY, YEAR A **15TH NOVEMBER, 2026**

THEME: Take the Risks of Faith.



It is disheartening to see at times how people with a lot of potentials simply refuse to use their gifts. Are they afraid of committing themselves, of taking risks with people? Perhaps we too are scared to take the risk of putting ourselves into the hands of people. We keep our faith for Sundays but fail to invest it in the goodness of people, in forgiveness when we have been wronged, in speaking out for those who have no voice, in affection that may not be answered. Let us risk ourselves with the Lord. Let us be a *Caritas* people.

MEDITATE: The parables of Jesus are rich with meaning for us, both individually and as a Church.

ACT: Take an inventory of the gifts you have used in this past year. Determine some action you can take to further develop the gifts you have been given.

10th WORLD DAY OF THE POOR 2026

The theme for this year is: "The Lord is the refuge of the poor." [Psalm 14.6].
Pope Leo invites us to an examination of conscience asking: "Are we a sign of a God who is a refuge for the marginalised?"

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 16th November between 12.00noon - 2.00pm**. COME AND BE SUPPORTED. For further information please contact Frank Arrojo on 07867 903917 (email frankj.arrojo@gmail.com).

Sudbury & Wembley Dementia Carers Support Groups

Online meeting: **Friday 27th November** between 4.00 – 6.00pm



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults [RCIA]

The next session will take place on **Wednesday 18th NOVEMBER at 7.00pm.** in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027

The next Session for parents and children will be on **Saturday 21st November** at 10.30am in the Parish Hall.

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.

QUIZ NIGHT



Thank you to all who attended our Quiz Night, your support was greatly appreciated. Thanks to all who helped on the night and a special word of thanks to our Quiz Master Caroline Horan who hosted and complied the questions. We also thank the Blue Oyster for the lovely pipping hot food. A total of £811.76p was raised. Thank you for your continued support.

THE PASSAGE CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS - GIVING TREE



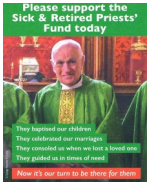
As in previous years, we will be supporting "The Passage" during Advent. We will be offering two main options for donating to this very much appreciated cause.

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.

On the weekend of the **21st/22nd November** Andrew Hollingsworth will be making an appeal on behalf of "The Passage". The "gifts" will be collected on Sunday 20th December, after the 11.30am Mass. Details to follow.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND



The retiring collection this week end will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. Caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a part of the mission of our Diocese. By supporting the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met. Donation envelopes are available at both entrances to the church. You can donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/SRP - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan to give online. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all our clergy; active, retired and ill. Thank you.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



This year's **Celebration** will be held **on Sunday, 6th December 2026** from 12.30pm to 4.00pm in the Church Hall. **Three course traditional home-made food**. Bar available, Raffle and live music from the fantastic *Velvet Touch*. Please see the posters for more details. Tickets on sale from this weekend. Prices: £20 per Adult; £15 Senior Citizens and £10 children. Family Special: £50 [2 Adults & 2 children]. Limited number of tickets available. After last year's runaway success, early booking is advisable.

BENCH PLAQUES.



Following many requests, we are pleased to say that we are now taking bookings for bench plaques "In Loving Memory" of a loved one.
Forms are available at both entrances to the Church. After completing a form, please place it in one of the Wooden Collection Boxes along with your donation (*suggested donation from £150 onwards*). You may also pay by instalments if preferred, if you pick this option, please **do not use** the Card Readers to make your payment. Write "instalments" on the top of the form. **ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO INTO THE CHURCH RESTORATION FUND**. *To comply with Data Protection Regulations*, ***DO NOT*** *leave completed forms on the tables*.
If you have any questions, please speak to Fr. Anthony, Elizabeth or Christopher.

THE LARDER

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

REPOSITORY

THE REAL ADVENT CALENDAR



is available from the Repository. These are religious advent calendars behind each window there is a Fair-Trade chocolate and a Christmas biblical quotation. The pack also contains a small Christmas Story Book which expands on the quotation. Limited availability cost £7.50 each.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER 2026



For the Proper Use of Wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

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 THIRTY-THIRD WEEK OF YEAR 2 - Psalter Week 1

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 November: 33rd Sunday, Year A [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Proverbs 31.10-13,19-20,30-31; Psalm: 127; 2nd Reading: 1Thessalonians 5.1-6; Gospel: Matthew 25. 14-30.
Intention: 10.00am: Mary and Pat Cafferkey [RIP, A]
11.30am: Holy Souls

Monday 16th November: St. Edmund [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Apocalypse 1.1-4,2.1-5; Psalm 1; Gospel: Luke 18.35-43. **Intention:** Holy Souls.

Tuesday 17th November: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Apocalypse 3.1-6,14-22; Psalm: 14; Gospel: Luke 19.1-10. **Intention:** Theresa Hayes [RIP, A].

Wednesday 18th November: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Apocalypse 4.1-11; Psalm: 150; Gospel: Luke 19.1-28. **Intention:** Holy Souls.

Thursday 19th November: NO SERVICE

Friday 20th November: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Apocalypse 10.8-11; Psalm: 118; Gospel: Luke 19.45-48. **Intention:** Holy Souls.

Saturday 21st November: Christ the King, Year A [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Ezekiel 34.11-12,15-17; Psalm: 22; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 15.20-26,28; Gospel: Matthew 25. 31-46. **Intention:** Brian Wallis [RIP, A]

Sunday 22nd November: Christ the King A [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Ezekiel 34.11-12,15-17; Psalm: 22; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 15.20-26,28; Gospel: Matthew 25. 31-46.
Intention: 10.00am: Keith Allyn Defontaine [RIP, A]
11.30am: Holy Souls

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



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Angela Tora, Sue McGovern, Cathy Singer, Martin Geary, Susan Bradley, Radwan Naffa, 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.

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]*