

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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THE OFFICE: Closed for Half-Term.



SIXTH SUNDAY, YEAR A

16TH FEBRUARY, 2020

LITURGY THIS WEEK

THEME: Jesus Himself Is Our Law.

A lot of Christians look upon their faith as a set of commandments to be obeyed and practices to be faithfully kept. Jesus' message to us today is: our faith is much more than rules and observances imposed from outside. Our faith is within us, in our hearts, and that faith tells us what to do; the Spirit is prompting us. But remember we can do nothing without Jesus. He is our model and our strength and we are united with him. We ask him this week to help us see and do what is right.



THE YEAR OF THE WORD

Meditate: Every human action has two levels: the physical acts and the motivations which drive those actions. One flows into the other; they influence each other. Jesus says that evil comes from the heart, from our motivations; hence his message goes deep into the human heart so that the actions get transformed.

Act: Jesus invites us to be true to our words. You might examine the words you use and make sure that they are what you mean.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 118 **[Please pray together]**

They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!
They are happy those who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts.

You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes.

Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law.

Teach me the demands of your statutes
And I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:

you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

PARISH MASS BOOK

The Mass can be found on page 136
The "Order of the Mass" from page 7
Preface of Sunday VII [7], page 70



THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – THE YEAR OF THE WORD

The Catholic bishops of England and Wales announced 2020, as “The God who Speaks: The Year of the Word.” During this year we are called to explore and celebrate the Word of God through the Scriptures, share the Word with others, and respond to the “God who Speaks” in the way that we live.

SCRIPTURE SEEKERS

A series of Reflections [Look In] and Sharing [Look Out] on the Bible.

Next session:

TUESDAY 25th FEBRUARY in the Parish Hall from 7.30 - 8.30pm.

Theme: The Pentateuch: Genesis. All are welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

On **Saturday 29th February** at 10.30am, the First Holy Communion children will be making their First Reconciliation [Confession]. Please remember the children and their families in your prayers. The next “Link Mass” will take place on **Sunday 1st March** at the 11.30am Mass.

CARDINAL’S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, SATURDAY 30th May 2020 AT 3.00PM

The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2020. If you qualify, please fill in the form at the back of the Church and place it in the Internal Pox Box, back of the Church, by not later than the weekend of 21st/22nd March.

REPOSITORY

St. Patrick’s Day cards and badges are on sale in the Repository.

HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION FAIR

will take place in the Church Hall on Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th March.

Details to follow.

PARISH MAGAZINE – EASTER EDITION

Articles need to be in by 21st/22nd March.

PRESTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY - THE MEMORY LOUNGE

Every Monday afternoon from 2.00 – 4.00pm.

For people living with Dementia – Carers and anyone wanting to improve their memory. Poster on noticeboards.

ST. LAURENCE’S LARDER

Many thanks for all your donations. Please leave your donations in the boxes provided at the back of the Church. Updated details on the noticeboard. [Please do NOT leave fresh produce].



ST. PATRICK'S DAY: BACON AND CABBAGE



Food will be served from 12.30pm to 2.00pm. Doors open: 12.30pm. After lunch there will be entertainment, amongst others by *The Waggle Taggle*, and a raffle with some fantastic prizes. Tickets: Adults £10, Senior Citizens & Children 12years and under £6; on sale after all the Masses. Please support this venture as it is in aid of the Church Windows Refurbishment Fund.

WHAT'S YOUR DRAMA

an evening of surprise sketches from various shows will be presented by *The Chameleons* on **Saturday 22nd February**, at 7.30pm. Parish Hall. Tickets are priced at £7 each. Available at www.thechameleons.co.uk or telephone 0208 123 6443 or boxoffice@thechameleons.co.uk or see Elizabeth.



PALM CROSSES



In preparation for the Lenten Season please return your Palm Crosses to the church by the weekend of 15th/16th February for use on Ash Wednesday [26th February].

CARITAS WESTMINSTER ST. BERNADETTE'S FAMILY HOLIDAY CLUB Monday 17th February, from 11.00am - 2.00pm

THE PASSAGE

is a Christian Charity working with homeless people. Please support a St David's Day concert in aid of *The Passage* at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster on Friday 28 February at 7.00pm. The concert features the London Welsh Male Voice Choir with guest soloists Claire Jones (harp) and Aled Wyn Davies (tenor) and Guto Harri (Compère). Please book online through Eventbrite stdavidsday.eventbrite.co.uk
Full details to book are on the website www.passage.org.uk or telephone 020 7592 1856 or email info@passage.org.uk



ST. ERCONWALD'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

As part of our year-long anniversary programme, we have commissioned a special "St. Erconwald Candle" priced at £3. The proceeds go towards the Church Windows Restoration Fund. It would be nice if each family in the Parish purchased a candle.



CLEANING TEAM: Next week: Team 7

A gentle reminder that **Team 7** is the Parish Cleaning Team. If you are free on **Saturday 22nd February** please come and help clean the Church at 11.00am.

TIMES OF LITURGY

SATURDAY 15th February:	4.30 - 5.00pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass: Tony Monteiro [RIP]
SUNDAY 16th February: [6th Sunday, Year A]	9.00am Mass: People of the Parish 11.30am Mass: Delia and Peter Bonner [RIP]
MONDAY 17th February:	9.30am Mass: Family Intentions
TUESDAY 18th February:	9.30am Mass: Intentions
WEDNESDAY 19th February:	9.30am Mass: Tina Timmins [RIP]
THURSDAY 20th February:	NO SERVICE
FRIDAY 21st February:	9.30am Mass: Kathleen Ryan [RIP] NO EVENING MASS
SATURDAY 22nd February:	11.00am: Church Cleaning 4.30 - 5.00pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass: Padraic McDonagh [RIP]
SUNDAY 23rd February: [7th Sunday, Year A]	9.00am Mass: Margaret O'Donoghue [RIP] 11.30am Mass: People of the Parish

DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS

Monday to Friday between 3.00pm-4.00pm in the Church.

ROSARY

Weekdays after 9.30am Mass.
All are welcome.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

Universal - Listen to Migrant's Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.



LITURGY NEXT WEEK

SEVENTH SUNDAY, YEAR A

Leviticus 19. 1-2, 17-18; Psalm 102;
1 Corinthians 3. 16-23;
Matthew 5. 38-48



THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – THE YEAR OF THE WORD

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.

In case you are admitted to hospital.....

In the light of data protection 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. [Fr. Peter]