



St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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THE OFFICE: Closed.

THIRD OF ADVENT, YEAR C

16TH DECEMBER, 2018

LITURGY THIS WEEK

THEME: Called to Joy



On this third Sunday of Advent the liturgy speaks to us, people who are too often so sad, of God as the Lord of the dance: the Lord is happy to come among us: he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival. It is a feast for the Lord to be with us. Is it a feast for us too? Let us open ourselves to the joy of the coming and lasting presence among us of the Lord himself. He comes to us with his peace, his love, and his forgiveness, not only on the great feast of Christmas but in every day when we are willing to make God's love and peace grow in us and in our world.

PARISH MASS BOOK

The Mass can be found on page 87
The "Order of the Mass" from page 7
Preface II [2] of Advent: page 66

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Isaiah [Please pray together]

Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my
song,
he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.

Give thanks to the Lord,
give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to
the peoples,
declare the greatness of his name.

Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for
joy
for great in your midst is the Holy
One of Israel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.
Alleluia!



FUNERALS

With sadness we announce the death of Vincent Masterson. His funeral will take place on Wednesday 19th December at 10.30am. We offer our sympathy to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

With sadness we announce the death of Bernard Wilson. His funeral will take place on Friday 21st December at 10.00am. We offer our sympathy to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

SEASON OF ADVENT

The Advent Wreath is a reminder to us all that we are preparing spiritually for the coming of Christ. The readings for Sundays and Feasts are taken from Year C



GIVING TREE

Andrew will collect the *Gifts* this weekend, the Third Sunday of Advent [16th December], after the 11.30am Mass.

VISITING THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Fr. Anthony is at the moment visiting the sick and housebound. If you know of anyone who is in need of a visit please see Fr. Anthony or contact the Parish Office. [If in hospital, please contact the hospital chaplain].

REPOSITORY

The Repository will close after the 11.30am Mass on Sunday 23rd December and re-opens on Saturday 5th January 2019 for the 5.30pm Mass. Please ensure you purchase any items you require by 23rd December.

Elizabeth and the Repository Staff, would like to thank you for your support during 2018 and wish you and your families a Very Happy and Blessed Christmas and best wishes for 2019.

WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK 2019

There is a limited number of the Westminster Year Book 2019 available in the Repository. Price £4.50 each.

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.

WHEELCHAIR

A big thank you to all who donated plastic bottle tops and we would be grateful for your continued help. [Elizabeth]

ST. LAURENCE'S LARDER

Please leave your donations in the boxes provided at the back of the Church. Updated details on the noticeboard.



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 the morning of **Monday 24th December**. These Cards will then be hung on the Christmas tree. Mass will be offered on the feast of the Holy Family, on the weekend of 29th/30th December. Please place Memorial Cards and donations in the box available. Donations go towards the decorating of the Church at Christmas.

CHRISTMAS CRIB APPEAL 2018

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 Cribbs with Poinsettia, if you like to contribute one, please bring it to the Church no later than the weekend of 22nd/23rd December

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.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS

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

There will be no Divine Mercy Prayers during the Christmas holidays

ROSARY

Weekdays after 9.30am Mass.

All are welcome.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

Christian Unity

That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

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. Also state that you would like the RC Chaplain to visit you. [Fr. Peter]

*There will be **NO** newsletter next week.*

CLEANING TEAM: Next Two Weeks: TEAMS 4 & 5

TIMES OF LITURGY

SATURDAY 15th December:	4.30 - 5.00pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass: Rose Thevathasan [Intention] 9.00am Mass: People of the Parish 11.30am Mass: Delphine De Silva [RIP] ["Link Mass"]
SUNDAY 16th December: [3rd of Advent, C]	
MONDAY 17th December:	9.30am Mass: Glenn Chandrasena [RIP]
TUESDAY 18th December:	9.30am Mass: Liam McGuire [RIP]
WEDNESDAY 19th December:	10.30am Funeral Mass for Vincent Masterson RIP
THURSDAY 20th December:	NON SERVICE
FRIDAY 21st December:	10.00am Funeral Mass for Bernard Wilson RIP NO EVENING MASS
SATURDAY 22nd December:	10.30am Baptism: Ella-Rose Nlate 4.30 - 5.00pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass: May Hamilton [RIP]
SUNDAY 23rd December: [4th of Advent, C]	9.00am Mass: People of the Parish 11.30am Mass: In Thanksgiving [St. Jude]
MONDAY 24th December:	9.30am Mass: Betty Sullivan [Intention]

MONDAY 24th December:	5.30pm: Christmas Family Mass 11.30pm: Carols followed by Midnight Mass
TUESDAY 25th December:	10.30am Mass: People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 26th December:	[Bank Holiday] 10.00am Mass: Family Members RIP
THURSDAY 27th December:	NON SERVICE
FRIDAY 28th December:	9.30am Mass: Bridget Dixon [RIP] NO EVENING MASS
SATURDAY 29th December:	5.30pm Mass: Family members RIP
SUNDAY 30th December: [Holy Family, C]	9.00am Mass: Family Members RIP 11.30am Mass: Family members RIP
MONDAY 31st December:	9.30am Mass: Nora [Jenny] O'Donnell [RIP]
TUESDAY 1st January:	[Bank Holiday] 10.00am Mass: George Shaw [RIP]
WEDNESDAY 2nd January:	9.30am Mass: Gerald Roberts [RIP]

LITURGY NEXT TWO WEEKS

FOURTH OF ADVENT, C

Micah 5. 1-4; Psalm 79;

Hebrews 10. 5-10;

Luke 1. 39-45

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, YEAR C

Ecclesiasticus 3. 2-6, 12-14; Psalm 127;

Colossians 3. 12-21;

Luke 2. 41-52



*Wishing you and your families a Blessed Christmas
and Peaceful New Year*