

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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PARISH HALL LETS: Suspended until further notice.

THE OFFICE: Closed.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY, B

17TH OCTOBER, 2021

THEME: Greatness Through Service



Not those commanding as masters, not those seeking places of honour, promotion, privileges and medals are great according to the standards of Jesus, but those who know how to serve. To serve is the Christian's "career". The servant is at the disposal of all, understands the weakness of others and sees them in himself. To serve is often painful, but only those capable of sacrificing themselves for others and not running away from difficulties have something to contribute to the world. They accept to be like seeds that die to give life. Ask Jesus who is with us to help us serve him.

MEDITATE: James and John's request to sit in positions of glory provides an opportunity for Jesus to teach the twelve about servant leadership.

ACT: Commit yourself to praying daily for someone you know or know about who is suffering or struggling to live out their faith in service to others.

OCTOBER 18th: ST. LUKE



The evangelist Luke was a convert, a second generation Christian. A long time travelling companion of Paul. Were it not for Luke, we would be without the story of the Annunciation, the Visitation, the birth of John the Baptist and the birth of Jesus. We also would be missing many parables such as the lost sheep, the lost coin, the prodigal son, the ten lepers and many others. Luke also wrote an account of the early day of the Church called the "Acts of the Apostles". Luke wants everyone to know that Jesus came to bring salvation to all the nations. His symbol is the OX, the animal of sacrifice, because he begins his gospel with the history of Zechariah the priest offering sacrifice to God.

OCTOBER 22nd: POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II



Karol [Charles] Joseph Wojtyla was born in 1920 in Wadowice, Poland. He became first auxiliary bishop and, in 1964, Archbishop of Krakow and took part in the Second Vatican Council. On October 16th 1978 he was elected pope - the first non-Italian Pope in more than 400 years - and took the name John Paul II. His exceptional apostolic zeal, particularly for families, young people and the sick, led him to numerous pastoral visits throughout the world. He died at the Vatican on April 2nd 2005, the eve of the Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy). He was canonised on 27th April 2014 (Divine Mercy Sunday), together with Pope John XXIII.

COMING TO MASS: COVID-19 SAFE ENVIRONMENT

[Please do NOT attend Mass if you are unwell or have any Covid symptoms]

It is important that we continue to ensure that the Church remains a safe place where people gather to worship.

Full details can be found on the Church's website.

BOOKING TO COME TO MASS

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad/events/>

Booking by phone if no internet available: you can call the parish office on 020 8904 6031 [press option 2 when prompted]

You can also use the QR Code at the Church's entrance or exit.

DONATIONS AND COLLECTION OF MONEY

Offertory Envelopes and other donations can be placed in the Collection Box at the entrance of the Church or at the exit. Please no coinage at this time. There are a number of cashless methods now available:

1. Standing Order [preferred method]
2. Make a donation via our website:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad/donate/>

3. Via Dona [the company who supply our card readers].

<https://portal.mydona.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=268>

Donations, Mass Intentions and Repository payments can also be made via the card readers in Church

[If you are a tax payer, please Gift Aid your donation]

ADVANCE NOTICE

Virgin Money has made the decision to close Virgin Money Giving [VMG]. A subsidiary of Virgin Money, VMG was created 12 years ago when VM began its sponsorship of the London Marathon. This year the sponsorship comes to an end. As a result VMG will stop operating on **30th November 2021** following the race in October. The Diocese have already started working towards a new online payment system. More details next week.

THE PASSAGE

Is grateful to those parishioners who have volunteered to help with its street collection on Tuesday 19th October. There is a final opportunity to volunteer, please contact Andrew Hollingsworth andrew.h@passage.org.uk **020 7592 1886** (07928 703131) by 12 Noon on Monday 18th October. Do look out for Passage collectors on Tuesday if you are in Westminster in Victoria Street or Oxford Street. If you do not carry cash, do donate online at www.passage.org.uk/street



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

Evangelisation - Missionary disciples

We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

ASSISTED DYING BILL

On 22nd October, an 'Assisted Dying' Bill will be debated in the House of Lords. If successful it will allow a terminally ill adult with less than 6 months to live, assistance to commit suicide. The Bishops urge us to **PRAY: From the 14th-22nd, in the lead up to the second reading, we are encouraged to unite in a Novena of prayer, asking the intercession of St John Paul II, as part of the effort to help defeat this attempt to legalise assisted suicide, WRITE: to Peers and MPs expressing concern about this proposed legislation and SHARE** our resources and those of our allies, in the weeks ahead with family and friends, especially via social media.

Resources, which will be updated in the weeks ahead,

visit: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/life-issues/>

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – 24th OCTOBER



Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support *Missio* in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people. Please call **020 7821 9755** (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation, if possible: www.missio.org.uk

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.

THE LARDER

Many thanks for all your donations.

Please leave your donations in the box provided by the Lady Chapel



HOLY SOULS



Sheets for your Mass Intentions for the month of November [Holy Souls] are available on line [you can also make your donation online], You can also collect the sheets/envelopes as you exit the Church. Please place your offerings and sheet in the envelope provided [on your next visit]. The sheets will then be placed in a folder, which will be placed on the display area.

REPOSITORY CHRISTMAS CARD & GIFT FAIR

Takes place in the Parish Hall on the weekend of

Saturday 23rd October from 2.30 – 5.00pm

and Sunday 24th October from 11.00am – 12.30pm.

Also available this week: Memorial Candles: various designs, wax and artificial, and a limited number of Solar Lamps.

We are operating on an appointment, email, or phone call system at present. You can now also pay by card, thanks to the card readers in Church.

LITURGY FOR THE TWENTY-NINTH WEEK OF YEAR 1

At present, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holydays of obligation remains suspended

All services can be followed online: <https://www.churchservices.tv/wembley3>
[Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 10.00am Masses are recorded]

Sunday 17th October: 29th Sunday, B [10.00am] Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 53.10-11; Psalm: 32; 2nd Reading: Hebrew 4.14-16; Gospel: Mark 10.35-45.
Intention: People of the Parish

Monday 18th October: St. Luke [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: 2Timothy 4.10-17; Psalm: 144; Gospel: Luke 10.1-9. **Intention:** Tom Flannery [RIP]

Tuesday 19th October: Feria [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Romans 5.12,17-21; Psalm: 39; Gospel: Luke 12.35-38. **Intention:** Ronald Fernando [RIP].

Wednesday 20th October: Feria [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Romans 6.12-18; Psalm: 123; Gospel: Luke 12.39-48. **Intention:** Richard Evans [RIP].
[Followed by Rosary and Benediction]

Thursday 21st October: NO SERVICE

Friday 22nd October: St. John Paul II [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Romans 7.18-25; Psalm: 118; Gospel: Luke 12.54-59. **Intention:** Mary Govan [RIP]
[Followed by Rosary and Benediction]

Saturday 23rd October: 30th Sunday, B [5.30pm] Readings: 1st Reading: Jeremiah 31.7-9; Psalm: 125; 2nd Reading: Hebrew 5.1-6; Gospel: Mark 10.46-52. **Intention:** People of the Parish.

Sunday 24th October: 30th Sunday, B [10.00am] Readings: 1st Reading: Jeremiah 31.7-9; Psalm: 125; 2nd Reading: Hebrew 5.1-6; Gospel: Mark 10.46-52.
Intention: Gladys D'Souza [RIP, A]

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

If you are looking for a way to engage your children in the gospel from home, join CAFOD for our virtual children's liturgy of the word at 10am GMT this Sunday. Register now to take part here.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5095942131288155403>

CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Provides parish leaders with knowledge and understanding of theology and the Catholic faith. Learn in person, by distance learning or online. Please visit:

www.brs-ccrs.org.uk

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]