

## St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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PARISH HALL LETS: Suspended until further notice.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, C**

**19TH DECEMBER, 2021**

### **THEME: God Visits His People**

Our world is full of humble, ordinary people living in obscure hamlets, and yet some people like these have changed the course of the world. Within the history of the Church we are shown today the first person coming from such an ordinary milieu who by a simple phrase of her YES turned around the course of the world and the Church to be. It is Mary. Her YES to God, her "Here I am," gave to her and to us Jesus, the Son of God. It made possible the "Here I am, I come to do your will," of Jesus. Her YES and the YES of Jesus call us and the whole Church today to give our unconditional YES to God. Let us ask that we may join Jesus and Mary in their YES. Then we can change the course of the world today.



**MEDITATE:** God is present to each of us in a variety of ways. In the Gospel passage, Elizabeth is aware of the presence of God in Mary.

**ACT:** This week, spend time in prayer asking for help in discovering God's will for yourself.

### **CHRISTMAS CRIB APPEAL 2021**

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. You can also donate using the Card-Reader in Church, or on-line. Thank you for your support.

### **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER**

*Evangelisation - Catechists*

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



### **WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK 2022**

We have a limited number of Westminster Year Book 2022 available from the Repository. Please see Elizabeth.

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



## **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** **IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT GIVING ON-LINE**

### **GIVING BY STANDING ORDER [Preferred Method]**

If you would like to support the parish we would ask you to consider setting up a regular donation in this way.

**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:

**Make a donation via our website:**

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

**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]**

### **THANK YOU**

*A huge thank you to everyone who has continued supporting the Parish during the pandemic. We pray that you keep well and that your faith remains strong.*

## **CHRISTMAS INTENTIONS**

Those requesting **Christmas Mass Bouquets** please note that due to demand there will be no individual Masses. Mass will be celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> January for all intentions. Signed cards and envelopes are available from the Repository. A donation would be appreciated.

## **REPOSITORY**

The Repository will close on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December after Mass. Wishing all our customers a very Happy, Holy and Joyous Christmas and every best wish for 2022

## **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://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/5095942131288155403>

## **LITURGY FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON**

*All services can be followed online: <https://www.churchservices.tv/wembley3>*

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> December: Holy Innocents: 9.30am [Bank Holiday] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1John 1.5-2.2; Psalm: 123; Gospel: Matthew 2.13-18. **Intention:** Sheila Wheaton [RIP]

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> December: St. Thomas Becket: 9.30am Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Timothy 2.8-13,3.10-12; Psalm: 33; Gospel: Matthew 16.24-27. **Intention:** Renato Ghirardani [RIP]

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> December – NO SERVICE**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> December: Octave of Christmas: 9.30am Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1John 2.18-21; Psalm: 95; Gospel: John 1.1-18. **Intention:** Paul O'Brien [RIP]

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> December: Mary, Mother of God: 7.00pm [Recorded] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Numbers 6.22-27; Psalm: 67; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Galatians 4.4-7; Gospel: Luke 2.16-21. **Intention:** Those following online

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022: Mary, Mother of God: 10.00am Recorded] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Numbers 6.22-27; Psalm: 67; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Galatians 4.4-7; Gospel: Luke 2.16-21. **Intention:** Christmas Intentions **NO EVENING MASS**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Nativity: 10.00am [Recorded] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Numbers 6.22-27; Psalm: 67; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Galatians 4.4-7; Gospel: Luke 2.16-21. **Intention:** Christmas Intentions

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January: Christmas Feria: 9.30am [Bank Holiday] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1John 2.29-3.6; Psalm: 97; Gospel: John 1.29-34. **Intention:** Mary Milligan [RIP] / Maria Cura [RIP]

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January: Christmas Feria: [9.30am] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1John 3.7-10; Psalm: 97; Gospel: John 1.35-42. **Intention:** Benny Mascarenhas [RIP]

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January: Christmas Feria: [9.30am] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1John 3.11-21; Psalm: 99; Gospel: John 1.43-51. **Intention:** Connie Coughlin [RIP]

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January: Epiphany of the Lord [Holyday of Obligation]: 5.30pm [Recorded] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm: 72; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 3.2-3,5-6; Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12. **Intention:** Nessa Galazka [RIP]

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January: Epiphany of the Lord [Holyday of Obligation]: 9.30am [Recorded] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm: 72; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 3.2-3,5-6; Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12. **Intention:** Janet Mendonca [RIP]

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January: Christmas Feria: 9.30am Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1John 5.14-21; Psalm: 149; Gospel: John 2.1-12. **Intention:** Thomas Hennessy [RIP]

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January: Baptism of the Lord, C: 5.30pm [Recorded] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 42.1-4,6-7; Psalm: 29; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 10.34-38; Gospel: Luke 3. 15-16,21-22. **Intention:** Joseph Long [RIP, A]

*There will be **NO** newsletter for the next two weeks.*

## LITURGY FOR THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

*[Copies of the Statement from the Bishops' Conference, entitled **Honouring Sunday** which covers information about the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holydays of obligation are available on the website and microsite.]*

All services can be followed online: <https://www.churchservices.tv/wembley3>  
[Friday 24<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Masses are recorded]

**Sunday 19th December: Fourth of Advent, C [10.00am] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Micah 5.1-4; Psalm: 79; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 10.5-10; Gospel: Luke 1.39-44. **Intention:** Fr. Bernard Crowe [RIP, A].

**Monday 20th December: Advent Feria [9.30am] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 7. 10-14; Psalm: 23; Gospel: Luke 1. 26-38. **Intention:** Ronald Fernando [RIP]

**Tuesday 21st December: Advent Feria [9.30am] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Song of Songs 2. 8-14; Psalm: 32; Gospel: Luke 1.39-45. **Intention:** Julia and Lawrence Hayes [RIP]

**Wednesday 22nd December: Advent Feria [9.30am] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1Samuel 1.24-28; Psalm: 1Samuel 2.1,4-8; Gospel: Luke 1.46-56. **Intention:** Anne Finn

**Thursday 23rd December: NO SERVICE**

**Friday 24th December: Advent Feria [9.30am] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 2Samuel 7.1-5,8-11,16; Psalm: 88; Gospel: Luke 1.67-79. **Intention:** Bridget Mary Ruane [RIP]

## LITURGY FOR CHRISTMAS

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Eve: 5.30pm Christmas Family Mass**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December: 8.00pm: Carols, followed by Christmas Mass Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 9.1-6; Psalm: 96; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Titus 2.11-14; Gospel: Luke 2.1-14. **Intention:** People of the Parish

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Day: 10.00am Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 52.7-10; Psalm: 98; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 1.1-6; Gospel: Luke 2.1-14. **Intention:** People of the Parish. **[NO EVENING MASS]**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December: Holy Family: 10.00am [Recorded] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Sirach 3.2-6,12-14; Psalm: 128; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Colossians 3.12-21; Gospel: Luke 2.41-52. **Intention:** Deceased Family Members.

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> December: St. John the Apostle: 9.30am [Bank Holiday] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1John 1.1-4; Psalm: 96; Gospel: John 20.2-8. **Intention:** Family Members [RIP]

## 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]*