

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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SEVENTH SUNDAY, YEAR A

19TH FEBRUARY, 2023

THEME: Your Enemy is Your Neighbour

On seeing so much evil in the world, especially when that evil affects us deeply, is our reaction not anger and perhaps revenge? The message of today is this: do not let evil force you to fight it with its own weapons of evil. Fight it with the weapons of God himself: mercy, forgiveness, even love of the evildoer and prayer for the ones who have hurt you. Let us ask that in this we may follow Jesus; then we will surely be his disciples.



MEDITATE: "It is not that Christianity has failed, it is that it has never been tried." [G. K. Chesterton]

ACT: After prayer and reflection, be especially loving toward someone to whom you have been unloving.

ASH WEDNESDAY

is a day of fasting and abstinence.

Ashes will be blessed and distributed to everyone at both Masses
9.30am and 7.00pm.

[The Masses will be live-streamed and recorded].



MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK

TUESDAY 7th MARCH at 11.00am. Followed by soup and rolls.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY – BACON & CABBAGE CELEBRATION SUNDAY 12th MARCH, 12.30 – 3.00pm

Food will be served from 12.30pm – 2.00pm. Doors open 12.30pm. After lunch there will be entertainment by George Harte, and a raffle with some fantastic prizes. Tickets: Adults: £10, Family [2 Adults & 2 Children]: £30. In aid of the Church Refurbishment Fund.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next "Link Mass" will take place on **Saturday 25th February at 5.30pm**,
Theme: Reconciliation

COMING TO MASS: COVID-19 SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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

As we have many vulnerable parishioners we ask that you **continue to wear your mask and sanitise your hands** when you come to Church.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

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 or at the exit of the Church.

There are also 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

NOW ACCEPTING CONTACTLESS DONATIONS

Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. *You can also opt-in for **Gift Aid** to increase your donation by 25%. [If you are a UK taxpayer then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received.]*

Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient.

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

THANK YOU

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

There will be a retiring Offertory Collection at all weekend Masses. Cash only please, no "Planned Giving Envelopes", these should be placed into the boxes provided at the entrance/exit of the Church marked "Offertory" etc.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

For parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.



REPOSITORY

Lenten books are now available from the Repository.

We also have a new delivery of Graveyard Statues and Ornaments.

St. Patrick's Day Cards, badges, candles and gifts.

If you do not see something you would like, please ask one of the Repository Team. You are welcome to browse.

SEASON OF LENT 2023

Lent is a time of grace, conversion, renewal and healing.

[Each Friday we recall the events of Good Friday by fasting in some way.]



Stations of the Cross: Weekdays [except Thursdays and Saturdays] at 9.00am. Friday evening at 6.30pm.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesdays after 9.30am Mass. There will be Benediction at 11.00am.

Rite of Penance: Every Saturday between 4.30pm and 5.00pm.

CARDINAL'S LENTEN ALMS APPEAL

Funds raised this year will be shared between the four pillars of the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal: Marriage & Family Life; Youth & Evangelisation; The Education Service and Caritas Westminster. Cardinal Nichols has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. Please take a donation envelope. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

For more information please visit www.CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk

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].

CAFOD'S BIG LENT WALK

When and where you choose – 200km over 40 days, alone or with others. For details please visit: walk.cafod.org.uk

CAFOD: SYRIA-TURKEY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Please visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/give>

RADIO TIMES 2 – THE SEQUEL



The Chameleons are delighted to return to the St. Erconwald's stage this March with the follow up to our 2014 review show. Come and join us on **4th March at 8.00pm** for a selection of radio themed sketches, monologues, music, laughter and much more! With a licenced bar. A St. Erconwald's discount price of £7. It will be a night to remember. Online sales open shortly at www.thechameleons.co.uk

ANNUAL MASS FOR MATRIMONY

The annual Mass for Matrimony will be celebrated in the Cathedral by Cardinal Vincent Nichols on **Saturday 13th May at 2.30pm** for couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2023. If you qualify, please contact the Parish Office by the weekend 18th/19th March.

CHURCH CLEANING

The Church closes for cleaning after the 9.30am Mass on Tuesdays. If you have any spare time please come along and join us.

LITURGY FOR THE SEVENTH WEEK OF YEAR 1

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

[Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 10.00am/11.30am Masses are recorded]

Sunday 19th February: Seventh Sunday of Year A: [10.00/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Leviticus 19.1-2,17-18; Psalm: 102; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 3.16-23; Gospel: Matthew 5.38-48.. **Intention:** 10.00am: Mary Foster [RIP, A]
11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 20th February: Feria: [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 1.1-10; Psalm: 92; Gospel: Mark 9.14-29. **Intention:** Mary Ridican Intention]

Tuesday 21st February: Feria [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 2.1-11; Psalm: 36; Gospel: Mark 9.30-37. **Intention:** Bernard Deehan [RIP]

Wednesday 22nd February: Ash Wednesday: [9.30am/7.00pm] Readings: 1st Reading: Joel 2.12-18; Psalm: 50; 2nd Reading: 2Corinthians 5.20-6.2; Gospel: Matthew 6.1-6,16-18. **Intention:** 9.30am: Barbara Heenan [RIP]
7.00pm: Tom Cribben [RIP]

Thursday 23rd February: NO SERVICE

Friday 24th February: After Ash Wednesday: [9.30am/7.00pm] Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 58.1-9; Psalm: 50; Gospel: Matthew 9.14-15.

Intention: 9.30am: Rosalind Onyejiuwa [Intention

7.00pm: Bernadette McGavin [RIP]]

6.30pm: Meditative Stations of the Cross.

Saturday 25th February: First of Lent, Year A: [5.30pm] Readings: 1st Reading: Leviticus 19.1-2,17-18; Psalm: 102; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 3.16-23; Gospel: Matthew 5.38-48. **Intention:** Kathleen Fitzpatrick [RIP, A]

Sunday 26th February: First of Lent, Year A: [10.00/11.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Leviticus 19.1-2,17-18; Psalm: 102; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 3.16-23; Gospel: Matthew 5.38-48.. **Intention:** 10.00am: Richard Gavin [RIP, A]
11.30am: People of the Parish

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Bill Gaynor; Margaret Beeby, Yves Remedios, Denton Allen, and Radwan Naffa. 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.

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]