

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C

1ST DECEMBER, 2024

THEME: Watchful, but not afraid

Much of the world is sitting in the dark of hunger and suffering and violence, and yet if we are God's people we keep up the indestructible hope that truth and goodness and justice will prevail. For we believe that Christ our Lord has come and is alive among us. We struggle, we know the road is rough, but the Lord goes with us and he tells us: Come with me, serve with me, love with me, give and share yourself with me and you will be better, and the Church and the world will be better.



MEDITATE: As we begin the liturgical year, we seek to recommit ourselves to be a people who watch as we wait.

ACT: Commit to spending time each day in quiet prayer as a preparation for Jesus' coming.

THE PASSAGE CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS - OPTIONS FOR DONATING



Option 1: Gift Bag Contents [x 150]: Hat, Scarf, Gloves, Socks, Shower Gel, Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Flannel, Towel, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Bar of Chocolate. [You can donate all or some of these items].

Option 2: Money Donation: You can donate money to help with the bulk purchase of some of these items for example Scarves or hats this would be helpful. Just put your donation in the envelope marked "Passage Gifts" and place in one of our "Donation Boxes" in Church. **Example:** £7 would purchase a hat & gloves from some shops; £10 would purchase a Scarf.

Other items that we would accept: Ladies & Gents thermal underwear (New only), Jumpers, Coats, Nightwear [New or good as new condition], Hot Water Bottles, Flasks, Biscuits, Sweets or Chocolate.

You do not need to supply a gift bag. Please place your items in the basket provided in Church [by St. Joseph's Statue].

NO CHILDREN'S CLOTHES PLEASE

Andrew will collect the *Gifts* on the Third Sunday of Advent [15th December] after the 11.30am Mass.

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 **Saturday 21st December**. These Cards will then be hung on the Christmas tree. Mass will be offered on the feast of the Holy Family, the weekend of 28th/29th December. Please place Memorial Cards and donations in the box available.

Donations go towards the decorating of the Church at Christmas.

CHAMELEONS IN PANTO – CINDERELLA

At the Church of the Ascension on 13th-15th December.

Tickets: £14.50, Concessions: £12.50

RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS 2025

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults [RCIA]

We next meet on Wednesday 4th December at 7.00pm. in the Parish Hall.

Theme: "Introduction to the Bible". All are welcome.

Readers are encouraged to attend this meeting.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next "Link Mass" will take place on **Sunday 8th December** at the 11.30am Mass.

CONFIRMATION

Registration Forms are available at the back of the Church.

REPOSITORY

Advent Calendars and candles still available. Christmas Cards, 2025 Church Art Calendars and Diaries, Candles and Cribs are also on display. Larger Cribs are in the Repository, viewing on request – please ask a Repository helper. Payment by Card: using the Repository option, or place money in brown envelope available on the table and post in the box marked Repository.

You are welcome to browse.

IMPORTANT SCAM NOTIFICATION

Emails pretending to be from the Parish Priest are being sent requesting the purchase of gift cards for the Parish Priest.

Please **BE VIGILANT**, we do **NOT** send such emails.

BRENT DEANERY PILGRIMAGE TO ROME: 24th – 28th NOVEMBER 2025

Details on the noticeboard.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

For people with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of society's attention, and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation.



ADVENT 2024 – JOURNEYING TO THE CRIB

The season of Advent is a time of preparation for the birth of Our Saviour. Listed below are activities and devotions to help us prepare for the coming feast of Christmas and its true meaning.



THE ADVENT WREATH



The Advent Wreath [this can be a simple drawing to colour in, or something more elaborate], consisting of a circle of evergreens, symbolising the eternal nature of God and the continuing and everlasting life that comes from God through Christ. The four candles [3 purple – symbolising repentance - and 1 pink – 3rd week, reminds us that we are drawing nearer to Christmas Day], mark the four weeks of Advent, and attest to the truth of Jesus as the Light of the World [John 3. 17-21]. The “Prayer of Blessing” is available at the back of the Church.

THE JESSE TREE

The name Jesse Tree comes from a Bible passage describing the descent of the Messiah from Jesse in Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot will come out of the stock Jesse, and a branch out of his roots will bear fruit." The Gospels in Luke 3:23-38 and in Matthew 1:1-17 have genealogies of Jesus Christ.



The symbols show some important figures and events from Creation to the birth of Jesus Christ. This year it would be nice if we could make our own version of a Jesse Tree. The ornaments to cut out and colour in, are available at the back of the Church. Adapted from: “Jesse Tree Ornaments” by Kathryn Marcellino. Abundant Life Publishing]

ADVENT GIVING CALENDAR



This Advent Giving Calendar gives suggestions for items to collect each day, reaching out to those going hungry, making a food parcel. Like previous years we will be supporting “The Larder”. *Details of when to bring the “food parcels” will be given later.* Available at the back of the Church.

For more Advent resources for all ages please visit: cafod.org.uk/advent

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK

On Friday 6th December, at 11.00am
followed by soup and rolls in the Parish Hall.
This Mass is for everyone especially the sick and elderly.

[There will be no 9.30am Mass]

Brook House: Monday December 2nd 10.30am

Kenbrook: Tuesday December 10th 10.30am

Birchwood Grange: Monday December 16th 3.00pm



SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION WITH ABSOLUTION

Friday 20th December at 7.00pm.

CHURCH CLEANING

Can we please ask if you have any spare time to please come along and join us after the 9.30am Mass on Tuesday mornings to help clean God's House. This is also a good way of meeting others in our parish.

LITURGY FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT - Psalter Week 1

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

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

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Sunday 1st December: First in Advent, Year C [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Jeremiah 33.14-16; Psalm: 24; 2nd Reading: 1Thessalonians 3.12-4.2; Gospel: Luke 21.25-28,34-36. **Intention:** 10.00am: Holy Souls
11.30am: Dominic and Bartholomew Tiernan [RIP, A]

Monday 2nd December: Advent Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 2.1-5; Psalm: 121; Gospel: Matthew 8.5-11. **Intention:** Sean McMenamin [Int]

Tuesday 3rd December: St. Francis Xavier [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: 1Corinthians 9.16-19, 22-23; Psalm: 116; Gospel: Mark 16.15-20. **Intention:** Marie McGarry [RIP]

Wednesday 4th December: Advent Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 25.6-10; Psalm: 22; Gospel: Matthew 15.29-37. **Intention:** Edmund Wilson [RIP]

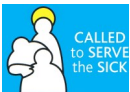
Thursday 5th December **NO SERVICE**

Friday 6th December: 11.00am: Mass with Anointing of the Sick.

Saturday 7th December: Second in Advent, Year C [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Baruch 5.1-9; Psalm: 125; 2nd Reading: Philippians 1.3-6,8-11; Gospel: Luke 3.1-6. **Intention:** Michael McMahon [RIP].

Sunday 8th December: Second in Advent, Year C [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Baruch 5.1-9; Psalm: 125; 2nd Reading: Philippians 1.3-6,8-11; Gospel: Luke 3.1-6. **Intention:** 10.00am: Mary and Eugene Donetti [RIP]
11.30am: People of the Parish

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK - [for those who have asked to be remembered]



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Cathy Singer, Martin Geary, Susan Bradley, Radwan Naffa, Sheila O'Hara, and Yves Remedios.

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.

Sunday - Friday 8.00am - 4.00pm 020 8967 5130. Kindly leave a voicemail including patient's name and ward or e-mail: LNWH-TR.CHAPLAINCY@NHS.NET

*May the Lord Jesus bless, console and strengthen all the sick,
and may Mary, health of the sick, intercede for them.*

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]