



## St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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**FOURTH SUNDAY, YEAR A**

**1ST FEBRUARY, 2026**

### **THEME: Poor and Happy**

Today's message of the beatitudes is perhaps the most upsetting and challenging page of the Good News of Jesus Christ; it is right at the heart of the gospel. The rich, the proud and the mighty are self-satisfied: they have what they want. They are dangerously shut up within themselves and with what they have. The poor and the suffering are not praised because they have nothing or are persecuted, but because the poor and the humble, the gentle and those who weep are aware that they have nothing but themselves to give and so they are people who hope, expecting everything from God and from people. Let us be among those happy ones.



**MEDITATE:** Of all the teachings of Jesus, the Beatitudes are among the most inspiring and the most challenging.

**ACT:** The Beatitudes represent a lifetime process of transformation. Pray for the grace to be so transformed.

### **RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY**

The theme is: *"Whoever loves God must also love his brother" (1 John 4:21): Promoting Racial Justice in our Parishes.*

Racial Justice Sunday is devoted to the promotion of racial justice in our Catholic parishes across England and Wales and society and an encouragement to be conscious of the need for justice in all its forms.



### **TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY – SAINT BLAISE**

There will be "Blessing of Throats" after the 9.30am Mass.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

The next parents and children's session will take place on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**, at 10.30am in the Parish Hall.

### **PALM CROSSES**

In preparation for the Lenten Season please return your Palm Crosses to the church by the beginning of February for use on Ash Wednesday [18<sup>th</sup> February].



## **LIVE STREAMING 24/7 - FOR YOUR AWARENESS**

The sanctuary area is continuously monitored via a 24/7 livestream, serving as a focal point for prayer and contemplation for congregants who are at home. Please be aware that if you are present in this area, your image and actions will be captured on the livestream.

## **TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS IF VISITING ST. ERCONWALD'S**

*There is a School Street in operation in our area from 8am - 9am and 2.30pm - 4pm. If you enter the following streets Carlton Ave. East, Elmstead Ave. and Princess Ave. during these times, you will receive a fine from the Council.*

## **DONATIONS AND COLLECTION OF MONEY**

### **GIVING BY STANDING ORDER IS THE PREFERRED METHOD**

Offertory Envelopes and other donations can be placed in the Collection Box at the entrance or at the exit of the Church.

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>

### **CONTACTLESS DONATIONS**

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

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

### **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES & GIFT AID**

If your circumstances have changed please do inform the Parish Office.

### **QR CODE**

Don't use cash? Prefer to make your offering by phone?

Scan the QR code with your smartphone.

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



## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT**



## **MASS IN THANKSGIVING**

for the Cardinal's ministry as Archbishop of Westminster. This is to take place on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February** at 5.30pm in the Cathedral.

All are welcome.

## **NEW COMMUNITY LIBRARY – LIBRARY HOURS**

Monday and Wednesday: 2.30 – 5.30pm, Saturday: 11.00am – 5.00pm

A huge thank you to all those who made the re-opening of the Community Library possible. Please see poster for details.



## **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY 2026**

For children with incurable diseases.

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



### **THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP**

A missionary from Bethlehem, the Holy Land, will visit us on the weekend of **21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> February** to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood to help and support the poor Christian families, any help you could give them will be highly appreciated.

### **PC/FC MEETING**

The Parish Council and the Finance Committee will be meeting on **WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY** at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.  
It is important that all members attend this meeting.

### **OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

On **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February, at 2.00pm**, Cardinal Vincent will celebrate the Annual Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes at the Cathedral, during which anointing of the sick will be offered.

Whilst a ticket is required, it can only be booked through the Parish. There are three categories of tickets available:

- .. 1. Wheelchair users who require anointing,
- .. 2. Walking sick who require anointing,
- .. 3. Those assisting the sick, who **do not** require anointing.

Time is limited, so we require details ASAP and not later than **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February**.

Please email: [wembley3@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:wembley3@rcdow.org.uk) [including your contact details and what category of ticket] or phone the office: 020 8904 6031.

### **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> July 2026. Registration is now open at

<https://pilgrimates,rcdow.org.uk/registration-form/>

or via the Pilgrimage Office on 0207 798 9173



### **REPOSITORY**

“Day by Day” Lenten books are now available, the “Walk with Me” Lenten booklets are on order. We also have some Lenten material for children on display. Additionally, candles for Candlemas Day, St. Bridget items and Our Lady of Lourdes items are on display. You are welcome to browse, please ask for assistance if you require other items.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MATRIMONY**

will be held on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 2:30pm.**

#### **ST. PATRICK'S DAY: BACON & CABBAGE/IRISH STEW** **SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

### **CHURCH CLEANING**

If you have any spare time please do come along and join us after the 9.30am Mass on Tuesday mornings to help clean God's House.

## **LITURGY FOR THE FOURTH WEEK OF YEAR 2 - Psalter Week 4**

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 February: Fourth Sunday, Year A** [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Zephaniah 2.3,3.12-13; Psalm: 146; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Corinthians 1.26-31; Gospel: Matthew 5.1-12. **Intention:** 10.00am: People of the Parish  
11.30am: Sonia McCarthy [RIP, A]

### **Monday 2nd February: Presentation of the Lord** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup>

Reading: Malachi 3.1-4; Psalm: 23; Gospel: Luke 2.22-40. **Intention:** Roy Brattesani [RIP, A]

### **Tuesday 3rd February: Ss Laurence, Dunstan and Theodore** [9.30am]

**Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 2Samuel 18.9-10,14,24-25,30-19.3; Psalm: 85; Gospel: Mark 5.21-43. **Intention:** Mary Bohin [RIP]

**Wednesday 4th February: Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 2Samuel 24.2,9-17; Psalm: 31; Gospel: Mark 6.1-6. **Intention:** Sarah Deane [RIP].

### **Thursday 5th February** **NO SERVICE**

### **Friday 6th February: St. Paul Miki and Companions** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup>

Reading: Ecclesiasticus 47.2-11; Psalm: 17; Gospel: Mark 6.14-29. **Intention:** Shirley Kingham [RIP, A]

### **Saturday 7th February: Fifth Sunday, Year A** [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Read-

ing: Isaiah 58.6-10; Psalm: 112; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Corinthians 2.1-5; Gospel: Matthew 5.13-16. **Intention:** Sheila O'Hara [RIP].

### **Sunday 8th February: Fifth Sunday, Year A** [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 58.6-10; Psalm: 112; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Corinthians 2.1-5; Gospel: Matthew 5.13-16. **Intention:** 10.00am: Giovanni Marcis [RIP, A]  
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: Claudette Roby, Magdalene Davis, Sue McGovern, Cathy Singer, Martin Geary, Susan Bradley, Radwan Naffa, 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.

## **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]*