



St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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SECOND OF LENT, YEAR A

1ST MARCH, 2026

THEME: A Face Transformed



Lent is for us the privileged season of change, of transformation, transfiguration. Our complacent and guilty faces have to be changed into faces of joy and love and service. The face of our world is to be changed from injustice into integrity, from hatred into kindness and friendship. We are afraid of change, especially at the cost of ourselves. Today Jesus shows us the way. He saw suffering and death waiting for him and so his face and heart were sad. But then the Father made Jesus' face radiant for he would find life and resurrection and his face became radiant with joy and glory. If we follow Jesus and let him transform us our face will become radiant too.

MEDITATE: Jesus' face became as brilliant as the sun, his clothes, as shining as the light. Can you imagine how amazing this was for the apostles?

ACT: Name specific ways you will pray, fast, and give alms during this Lent..

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

ST. PATRICK'S DAY: BACON & CABBAGE/IRISH STEW SUNDAY 15th MARCH

Doors open at 12.30pm. Food will be served from 12.45pm – 2.00pm. After lunch there will be entertainment by George Harte, and a raffle with some fantastic prizes. Tickets: Adults: £20; Senior: £15; Children: £10; Family Special [2 Adults & 2 Children]: £45. Children need to be accompanied by parent/guardian for the duration of the event. Please choose from Stew or the Bacon & Cabbage Meal. The ticket you purchase will reflect your choice and it will be exchanged for the meal you have chosen on the day. *In aid of the Church Restoration Fund.* Tickets on sale after Mass



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH 2026

For disarmament and peace.

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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.



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

NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH: 10th – 18th MARCH

St. Joseph's Church, Maidenhead. You are welcome to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena booklet. Please write to Novena Director, 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead SL6 7GZ or email novenamhm@gmail.com
Please see noticeboard for details.



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The *Mission Today*, Spring edition is now available for collection.
Please do not forget the ongoing needs of the Missions and thank you for your generosity to date.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MATRIMONY

**Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony
Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 23rd May 2026 at 2:30pm.**

The Archbishop is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2026. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please contact the parish office by the **weekend of 11th/12th April**, with the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and contact email (or telephone number, if no email).

THANK YOU FROM THE BETHEHEM NATIVITY GROUP



We would love to thank you by allowing our group to come to your church and sell the olive wood religious articles, the result of which was very beneficial and rewarding for our needy Christian families, which raised **£5,863.50**. Your help is a great support for us, and for our Christian families in the Holy Land. We don't have enough words to thank you and your parishioners, but make sure that you are always in our prayers. If anyone has missed the carvings display, you can place an order online directly from them at www.tbng.co.uk

SEASON OF LENT - WE DARE TO ASK

During this season, the Church calls us to fasting and abstinence; to works of self-denial; to personal and communal worship, and to reach out to those who are less fortunate than us.



Stations of the Cross: Weekdays [except Thursdays and Saturdays] at 9.15am. Friday evening at 6.30pm followed by Mass.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesdays after 9.30am Mass. During the exposition we will follow the booklet "We Dare to Ask" There will be Benediction at 11.00am.

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

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION WITH ABSOLUTION Friday 27th March at 7.00pm.

LENTEN APPEAL 2026: Helps fund vital projects across our Diocese, including: Youth & Evangelisation, Social Action, Marriage & Family Life, and Education. Donation box and envelopes are available on the display by the Blessed Sacrament. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. [Please do **not** use the Card Readers in Church]. Thank you for your generosity.



LAURENCE'S LARDER: Please leave your donations in the boxes provided by the Lady Chapel. Thank you for your donations.



REPOSITORY: A selection of Lenten Books, Statues, various sizes, Rosaries, Crosses, Cards for all occasions. If you require assistance please ask any of the Repository helpers.

WE DARE TO ASK

During Lent there will be a series of talks looking at ways of living our baptism, reflecting on the fact that we are baptized and called to grow daily in becoming more like Christ as we journey towards our heavenly Father. The Lenten Talks will take place on **Wednesday evening 7.00 – 8.00pm in the Parish Hall.** All are welcome.

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Tuesday 10th March at 11.00am. Followed by soup and rolls.
[This Mass is for everyone especially the sick and the elderly
There will be **NO** 9.30am Mass]

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - FRIDAY 27th FEBRUARY



This Lent, you can answer Christ's call to love your neighbour by supporting CAFOD's Family Fast Day, helping families in countries like Bangladesh and South Sudan grow food in floating gardens to survive floods, and in places like Zimbabwe use solar-powered pumps to grow crops despite drought. By eating simply and giving generously this Fast Day, you'll help more families put food on the table. Envelopes are still available at both entrances to the Church.

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 SECOND WEEK OF LENT - Psalter Week 2

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 March: 2nd of Lent, Year A [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st

Reading: Genesis 12.1-4; Psalm: 33; 2nd Reading: 2Timothy 1.8-10; Gospel:

Matthew 17.1-9. **Intention:** 10.00am: Mary and Richard Govan [RIP, A]

11.30am: Teresa Cummins [RIP]

Monday 2nd March: Lent Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Daniel 9.4-10; Psalm: 78; Gospel: Luke 6.36-38. **Intention:** In Thanksgiving

Tuesday 3rd March: Lent Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 1.10,16-20; Psalm: 49; Gospel: Matthew 23.1-12. **Intention:** Claudette Roby [Intention]

Wednesday 4th March: Lent Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Jeremiah 18.18-20; Psalm: 30; Gospel: Matthew 20.17-28. **Intention:** Anne McGovern [RIP]. **Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament , Reflection and Benediction at 11.00am.**

Thursday 5th March NO SERVICE

Friday 6th March: Lent Feria [9.30am/6.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Genesis 37.3-4,12-13,17-28; Psalm: 104; Gospel: Matthew 21.33-43,45-46. **Intention:** Brett and Kilkenny Family Intentions

6.30pm: Meditative Stations of the Cross. Followed by Mass. Intention: Teresa Purcell [RIP].

Saturday 7th March: 3rd of Lent, Year A [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Exodus 17.3-7; Psalm: 95; 2nd Reading: Romans 5.1-2,5-8; Gospel: John 4.5-42. **Intention:** William Donoghue [RIP, A].

Sunday 8th March: 3rd of Lent, Year A [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Exodus 17.3-7; Psalm: 95; 2nd Reading: Romans 5.1-2,5-8; Gospel: John 4.5-42. **Intention:** 10.00am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Patsy and Eddie Murphy [Intention]

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



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Angela Tora, 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.

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]