

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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PARISH HALL LETS: Suspended until further notice.

THE OFFICE: Closed.



FOURTH OF ADVENT, YEAR B

20TH DECEMBER, 2020

THEME: Servant of the Lord



To what extent are we available to God and do we see what he wants to do in us and through us? Today we are shown the marvelous example of Mary. Even if she did not see clearly all it implied, she accepted her mission to become the mother of the Saviour. Jesus wants to be born in our world through us too, with our cooperation. We too have to say our Yes to God and to his plans with us and with the world. Let us say our Yes with Jesus and Mary.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Whilst there is no obligation to attend Mass on Christmas Day, many people will want to celebrate the birth of Christ. In order that more people can participate in the "days of the nativity of the Lord", you can also attend Mass during "Christmastide" up to the feast of the Epiphany [6th January]. If subsequent to booking a place at Mass, you are unable to attend, please ring the office to cancel your booking. Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated and will help prevent disappointment to others.

Please arrive no later than 10 minutes before Mass, otherwise you may lose your booking to someone waiting outside the Church.

If you are returning to Public Mass for the first time since the March Lockdown, you will find everything has changed. Please visit the website for do's & don'ts of attending Mass. We look forward to seeing you.

CHRISTMAS CRIB APPEAL 2020

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 on-line. Thank you for your support.

*There will be **NO** newsletter next week.*

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



LITURGY FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE OCTAVE, YEAR B

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

Thursday 24th December: 5.00pm: Public Christmas Mass

Thursday 24th December: 7.00pm: Private Christmas Mass

Friday 25th December: 10.00am: Public Christmas Mass

1st Reading: Isaiah 9.1-7; Psalm: 95; 2nd Reading: Titus 2.11-14; Gospel: Luke 2.1-14. **Intentions:** For the People of the Parish



Saturday 26th December: Holy Family [5.30pm: Private] Readings: 1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 3.2-6,12-14; Psalm: 127; 2nd Reading: Colossians 3.12-21; Gospel: Luke 2.22-40. **Intention:** Deceased Parishioners.

Sunday 27th December: Holy Family [10.00am: Public] Readings: 1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 3.2-6,12-14; Psalm: 127; 2nd Reading: Colossians 3.12-21; Gospel: Luke 2.22-40. **Intention:** Deceased Parishioners.

Monday 28th December: Holy Innocents [10.00am: Public] Readings: 1st Reading: 1John 1.5-2.2; Psalm 123; Gospel: Matthew 2.13-18. **Intention:** Deceased Family Members.

Tuesday 29th December: St. Thomas Becket [9.30am: Private] Readings: 1st Reading: 2Timothy 2.8-13,3.10-12; Psalm: 34; Gospel: Matthew 16.24-27. **Intention:** Jimmy Sullivan [RIP].

Wednesday 30th December: Octave [9.30am: Private] Readings: 1st Reading: 1John 2. 12-17; Psalm: 95; Gospel: Luke 2.36-40. **Intention:** Renato Ghirardani [RIP, A].

Thursday 31st December: New Year's Eve [7.00pm: Private] Readings: 1st Reading: Numbers 6.22-27; Psalm: 66; 2nd Reading: Galatians 4.4-7; Gospel: Luke 2.16-21. **Intention:** People of the Parish.

Friday 1st January: Mary, Mother of God [10.00am: Public] Readings: 1st Reading: Numbers 6.22-27; Psalm: 66; 2nd Reading: Galatians 4.4-7; Gospel: Luke 2.16-21. **Intention:** Eva and Pat O'Connor [Intentions].

Saturday 2nd January: 2nd After Nativity [5.30pm: Private] Readings: 1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 24.1-2,8-12; Psalm: 147; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 1.3-6,15-18; Gospel: John 1.1-18. **Intention:** Joseph Long [RIP, A].

Sunday 3rd January: 2nd After Nativity [10.00am: Public] Readings: 1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 24.1-2,8-12; Psalm: 147; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 1.3-6,15-18; Gospel: John 1.1-18. **Intention:** Fr. Bernard Crowe [RIP, A]



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

Evangelisation - For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

LIGHT OF LIFE - REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

Memorial Cards - available on-line or as you leave the Church. Please complete with the name of deceased loved one and return them – via email: wembley3@rcdow.org.uk or when you visit the Church.



COMING TO MASS: COVID-19 SAFE ENVIRONMENT

PLEASE STAY AT HOME

If you are feeling unwell or if someone you have been in contact with is sick.

Booking to come to Mass: Apply using the ticketing system <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad/events/> to reserve a place for you or **places** for your household. When booking please state your full name and in brackets beside it [couple or household]. To cancel the booking, please contact the parish office by phone or email.

Booking by phone if no internet available: to secure spaces you can call the parish office directly on 020 8904 6031 [press option 2 when prompted] and leave details [full name and telephone number, number of places required - please state if booking for individual, couple or household - *please speak clearly*]. We will call you back to confirm booking.

(See website for full details)

Be advised that due to Covid-19, the heating will remain off and doors remain open for ventilation. Please wear warm clothing during this cold spell.

Donations and Collection Money: Offertory Envelopes and other donations: there will be a Collection Box at the entrance of the Church - please put envelopes and donations as you enter the Church to facilitate the one way system. Please no coinage at this time. You can also visit:

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

You can also donate through Virgin Money Giving by visiting:

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

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



Please do feel free to share the information in this newsletter with other members of the parish with whom you have contact. With prayerful best wishes. Keep safe. [Fr. Anthony]

We are in this together, let us help one another

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – THE YEAR OF THE WORD

Meditate: The angel of the Lord brought Good News to Mary as he does to us “the Lord is with you”. As we finish this year, we might think that God has forgotten us or perhaps he has been busy with other things. The God who became man through Mary has committed his life to ours, never to let us go. Now we need to look for him, perhaps in a different Christmas to the ones we are used to.

Act: Prompted by the angel’s words, Mary went to visit her cousin; perhaps at this Christmas time you might contact some relation, neighbour or friend, or even visit them, if it is safe to do so.

Prayer: Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us through the Scriptures. Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another. Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. Amen.

Your word is our path and your truth is our light. This day and every day.

ADVENT 2020 – JOURNEYING TO THE CRIB
LITURGY FOR THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT, YEAR B

Private Masses: Monday and Wednesday; **Public Mass: Tuesday.**

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

Sunday 20th December: Fourth of Advent [10.00am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: 2Samuel 7.1-5,8-12,14,16; Psalm: 88; 2nd Reading: Romans 16.25-27; Gospel: Luke 1.26-38. **Intention:** Margaret and Helen Cornish [RIP, A]

Monday 21st December: Advent Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Song of Songs 2.8-14; Psalm 32; Gospel: Luke 1.39-45. **Intention:** Seamus Ruddy [RIP]

Tuesday 22nd December: Advent Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: 1Samuel 1.24-28; Psalm: 1Samuel 2; Gospel: Luke 1.46-56. **Intention:** Helen Grassie [RIP].

Wednesday 23rd December: Advent Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Malachi 3.1-4,23-24; Psalm: 24; Gospel: Luke 1.57-66. **Intention:** Mary Govan [RIP].

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://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5095942131288155403>

REPOSITORY

Last of the Christmas Cards, along with Calendars, Diaries, Cribbs and small gifts are available in the Hall [small selection in Church] after Mass, and by appointment. Please ring the office 020 8904 6031 option 2, or email: wembley3@rcdow.org.uk The Repository will close on Tuesday 22nd December after Mass.

Wishing all our customers a very Happy, Holy and Joyous Christmas and every best wish for 2021

RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS - REGISTRATION FORMS

for the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIA [Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults] are now available on the Church's website: www.erconwald.org.uk or from the office [0208 904 6031, option 2].

Registration for First Holy Communion for 2021 is now closed.

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]