

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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PARISH HALL LETS: Suspended until further notice.

THE OFFICE: Closed.

MICROSITE: www.parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad



FIFTH OF LENT, YEAR B

21ST MARCH 2021



THEME: Like a Grain of Wheat

It is not reasonable to look for pain and suffering, yet we know that in life there are certain pains we have to accept in line with our tasks in life - a woman has to pass through birth pangs to bring a child into the world, parents sacrifice themselves for their children, nurses dedicate themselves to lighten the pains of the sick. Yes, the seed has to die in the furrows to give new life to a new plant. Today Jesus invites us to follow him in accepting the pain, the efforts needed in carrying out our tasks in life.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Service cards for Holy Week and Easter are now available on the parish website, microsite, or as you leave the Church. Whilst there is no obligation to attend the Masses/Services during Holy Week and Easter many will want to participate in these services. If you wish to attend Mass/Service you **MUST BOOK A PLACE**, please do not just turn up. Booking for all Masses/Services opens on **SATURDAY 27th MARCH, 2021**. You can book on-line or by telephone [details on newsletter]. You may leave a message by **clearly** stating your full name, number of places [individual, couple or household] and phone number. We will ring back to confirm booking. For Good Friday, please book only one Service, so that we can accommodate as many people as possible. Same with the Easter Vigil and the Easter Sunday Mass, please book only one Mass. If subsequent to booking a place at Mass/Service, 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.

If you are returning to Public Mass for the first time since the March 2020 Lock-down, you will find everything has changed. Please visit the website for do's & don'ts of attending Mass. We look forward to seeing you.

FUNERAL

With sadness we announce the death of Mary Foster. Her funeral will take place on Monday 22nd March, 2021 at 10.00am. In accordance with government guidelines this will be a private Mass, and it will be live-streamed and recorded. We offer our sympathy to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.



THE SEASON OF LENT

Cardinal's Lenten Alms Appeal

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



"Holy Week Voices from the Holy Land"

Please visit: www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

The reflections for weeks 1 – 5 are on the parish website and the microsite.

THE PASSAGE - LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Please visit: <https://passagereflections.wordpress.com> or the Parish website or the microsite.

"THE LARDER"

Like previous years we will be supporting "The Larder" [formerly known as "St. Lawrence's larder"]. Please bring your "food items" when you attend Mass.

LENTEN SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

In view of the Covid-19 Pandemic, there will be a Private Service of Reconciliation on **Friday 26th March at 6.30pm**. It will be live-streamed and recorded.

Please set up a table with a cross and a candle. During the Examination of Conscience I will be lighting a candle, at that moment you are invited to light [safely] your own candle. At the end of the "Act of Contrition" we will kiss the cross as a sign that we want to make a perfect contrition.

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: wem-bley3@rcdow.org.uk or when you visit the Church, **not later than the weekend 27th/28th March**. These Cards will then be placed around the Easter Garden in front of the altar. The Easter Vigil Mass and the 10.00am Mass on Easter Sunday will be offered for those whose names are on the Memorial Cards. If you would like to make a contribution towards the decoration of the Church for Easter please visit any of the donation sites on the website or microsite'

THE PASSAGE

is raising funds through the Big Give from **12 noon Tuesday 16th March – 12 noon Wednesday 24th March** to support **No Night Out**. Further details of the work is at www.passage.org.uk.

Double your Donation, Double your impact. This is a matched giving scheme for online donations. If someone (can be company, individual or trust) gave £10 online matched giving of £10 would bring the Gift up to £20 (and for individuals to £22.50 with Gift Aid with higher rate tax relief it may cost the donor less than £10). For more information ring Andrew Hollingsworth 020 75921886 andrew.h@passage.org.uk

Donate at <https://tinyurl.com/NoNightOut>

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>

COMING TO MASS: COVID-19 SAFE ENVIRONMENT
PLEASE STAY AT HOME

You **must not** attend Church if you or someone you live with has cold or flu like symptoms. You **must not** attend Church if you or someone you have had contact with has tested positive for COVID-19. You **must inform** the Parish Office if you or someone you live with/have had contact with someone who tests positive for COVID -19. You **must not** mingle with people you do not live with out-side the Church after Mass.

Booking to come to Mass:

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

Booking by phone if no internet available: you can call the parish office on 020 8904 6031 [press option 2 when prompted]

**(Visit website for the latest regulations for attending Mas,
or see notice on Church door)**

DONATIONS AND COLLECTION OF MONEY

Offertory Envelopes and other donations can be placed in the Collection Box at the entrance of the Church or at the exit. Please no coinage at this time. There are a number of cashless methods now available:

1. Standing Order [preferred method]
2. Make a donation via our website:
<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad/donate/>
3. Via Virgin Money Giving [state reason for donation in the message box].
<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad/donate/>
4. 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 new card readers in Church

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

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The new Planned Giving Envelopes, starting from **11th April**, are now available for collection. If you are attending Mass/Private Prayer, can you please collect them from myself or Elizabeth. If you are not attending at the moment, please call or email the office to arrange when you can collect them. If you no longer wish to belong to the scheme, please let us know by email or telephone. [Penny Donetti]

We will shortly be completing our Gift Aid Return for the tax year 2020 - 2021. If you belong to this scheme, please ensure that you have paid enough tax to the U.K. government during this period to cover the Gift Aid that we will be claiming on your donations for that year. If you have not, please inform us as soon as possible. If you have recently moved, can you also please notify us of your new address.

ANNIVERSARY

A National Day of Reflection on the first anniversary of the first coronavirus lock-down takes places on **Tuesday 23rd March 2021**. The Mass at 9.30am will be a public Mass and will be offered for those who died during the Pandemic. The Church will be open for private prayer from 11.00 - 11.30am and from 3.30 - 4.00pm. Those attending will have the opportunity, as they enter the Church, to light a candle in memory of someone who passed away during the Pandemic.

LITURGY FOR THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

At present, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holydays of obligation remains suspended

Private Masses: Monday, Wednesday and Saturday

Public Masses: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday

All services can be followed online: <https://www.churchservices.tv/wembley3>
[Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 10.00am Masses are recorded]

Sunday 21st March: 5th of Lent, B [10.00am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Jeremiah 31.31-34; Psalm: 50; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 5.7-9; Gospel: John 12.20-30.
Intention: Mary Murphy [RIP, A].

Monday 22nd March: 10.00am: Funeral Mass for Mary Foster RIP

Tuesday 23rd March: In Time of Pandemic [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Romans 8.31-39; Psalm: 122; Gospel: Mark 4.35-41. **Intention:** Those who died during the Pandemic.

Church open for Individual Private Prayer: 11.00 - 11.30 and 3.30 - 4.00pm

Wednesday 24th March: Lent Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Daniel 3.14-20,24-25,28; Psalm: Daniel 3.52-56; Gospel: John 8.31-42. **Intention:** Mary Mahoney [RIP].

Thursday 25th March: Annunciation of the Lord [9.30am] 1st Reading: Isaiah 7.10-14; Psalm: 39; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 10.4-10; Gospel: Luke 1.26-38. **Intention:** Jim O'Reilly [RIP]

Friday 26th March: Lent Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Jeremiah 20.10-13; Psalm: 17; Gospel: John 10.31-42. **Intention:** Mary Hennessy RIP.

Friday 26th March: 6.30pm: Private Penitential Service.
[Live-streamed and recorded]

Saturday 27th March: 5.30pm **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 50.4-7; Psalm: 21; 2nd Reading: Philippians 2.6-11; Gospel: Mark 14.1-15.47. **Intention:** Bridie and Peter O'Kelly [RIP, A].

Sunday 28th March: Palm Sunday, B [10.00am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 50.4-7; Psalm: 21; 2nd Reading: Philippians 2.6-11; Gospel: Mark 14.1-15.47. **Intention:** People of the Parish.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

Evangelisation - Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

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]