

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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PARISH HALL LETS: Suspended until further notice.

THE OFFICE: Closed.

CHRIST THE KING, B

21ST NOVEMBER, 2021

*Today marks the end of reading from the gospel of Mark and John.
Next Sunday we will be recalling the mystery of Jesus our Saviour through the
listening to the gospel of Luke - Year C.*

THEME: A King Unlike Any Other

Kings [Queens] stand for power, riches, splendour. On today's feast of Christ the King what kind of king is shown us? A man wearing a crown of thorns, in a purple mantle to mock him as a fake king, and standing as an accused criminal before Pilate who represents the world's power. Where is true power to be found? It is in the truth of the power of God's love to which Jesus came to testify by going all the way of serving love. God loves us totally in his Son Jesus. This is why Jesus is our Lord and King.



MEDITATE: In this passage from John's Gospel, Jesus stands up to Pilate's questioning with calm and conviction, rejecting the idea that he is a political threat to Caesar or to any other worldly power.

ACT: Determine what attitudes or actions you would like to embrace during the coming seasons of Advent and Christmas.

HONOURING SUNDAY

The Gift of the Sunday Eucharist

...The Sunday Eucharist is a gift; as God's holy people we are called to praise and thank God in the most sublime way possible. When the Church speaks of the Sunday obligation, it reminds us that attending Mass is a personal response to the selfless offering of Christ's love.

At this time, we recognise that for some people there may be certain factors which hinder attendance at Sunday Mass. The pandemic is clearly not over. The risk of infection is still present. For some, there is legitimate fear in gathering together. As your bishops, we recognise that these prevailing circumstances suggest that not everyone is yet in the position to fulfil the absolute duty to attend freely Sunday Mass.....

[Copies of the Statement from the Bishops' Conference, entitled Honouring Sunday is available on the website, microsite and as you leave the Church]

COMING TO MASS: COVID-19 SAFE ENVIRONMENT

[Please do NOT attend Mass if you are unwell or have any Covid symptoms]

It is important that we continue to ensure that the Church remains a safe place where people gather to worship.

Full details can be found on the Church's website.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

NO child should go to the toilet facilities on their own. Parents **MUST** accompany them to comply with Child Protection Policy. The use of toilet facilities during COVID is on the understanding that the user cleans the facilities [ie anything they touch]. **Parents need to do this for their children.** During the week the single toilet facility will be in operation.

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]

You can also use the QR Code at the Church's entrance or exit.

DONATIONS AND COLLECTION OF MONEY **IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT GIVING ON-LINE**

During the pandemic online giving has become increasingly important for our parish and we are fortunate to receive many donations online. Virgin Money Giving - the online donation platform used throughout the diocese - is to close on **30th November 2021**, and the diocese is working towards alternative online donation systems.

GIVING BY STANDING ORDER [Preferred Method]

Regular giving is the financial bedrock of our parish. It also costs the parish less to manage than online giving so your money goes further. If you would like to support the parish we would ask you to consider setting up a regular donation in this way.

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:

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>

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

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

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who has continued supporting the Parish during the pandemic. We pray that you keep well and that your faith remains strong.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

"Link Mass" Celebration on **Saturday 27th November**, at 10.30am in the Church. Please visit the website to register your attendance.

ADVENT 2021 – 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]. Please visit www.erconwald.org.uk to download the “Prayer of Blessing”.



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. Please visit www.erconwald.org.uk to download the ornaments and colour in. Each week a description of the ornament will be given. [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” [formerly known as “St. Lawrence’s Larder”]. *Details of when to bring the “food parcels” will be given later.* Please visit: www.erconwald.org.uk to download the Advent Giving Calendar.



ADVENT GIVING TREE

will shortly be in place to receive your gifts for homeless people. Andrew Hollingsworth will make an appeal on behalf of “The Passage” on the First Sunday of Advent [27th/28th November] and will collect the *Gifts* on the Fourth Sunday of Advent [19th December] after the 10.00am Mass.



REPOSITORY

Christmas Cards, individual and boxed, as well as Christmas Candles, Cribs and Advent Calendars, Church Diaries and Calendars 2022 now available from the Repository. You may order by email or telephone, and we will arrange a pickup time or visit the Repository after Mass.

POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

Universal Intention - People of suffer from depression

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.



LITURGY FOR THE THIRTY-FOURTH WEEK OF YEAR 1

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

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

Sunday 21st November: Christ the King, B [10.00am] Readings: 1st Reading: Daniel 7.13-14; Psalm: 92; 2nd Reading: Apocalypse 1.5-8; Gospel: John 18.33-37. **Intention:** Felix D'Souza [RIP, A]

Monday 22nd November: St. Cecilia [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Hosea 2.16-17,21-22; Psalm: 44; Gospel: Matthew 25.1-13. **Intention:** Holy Souls

Tuesday 23rd November: FERIA [9.30am] 1st Reading: Daniel 2.31-45; Psalm: Daniel 3.57-61; Gospel: Luke 21.5-11. **Intention:** Mary & Tom Goldrick [RIP]

Wednesday 24th November: SS Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Daniel 5.1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28; Psalm: Daniel 3.62-67; Gospel: Luke 21.12-19. **Intention:** Mae Donachie [RIP]

Thursday 25th November: NO SERVICE

Friday 26th November: FERIA [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Daniel 7.2-14; Psalm: Daniel 3.75-81; Gospel: Luke 21.29-33. **Intention:** Holy Souls

Saturday 27th November: First of Advent, C [5.30pm] Readings: 1st Reading: Jeremiah 33.14-16; Psalm: 24; 2nd Reading: 1Thessalonians 3.12-4.2; Gospel: Luke 21.25-28,34-36. **Intention:** People of the Parish.

Sunday 28th November: First of Advent, C [10.00am] Readings: 1st Reading: Jeremiah 33.14-16; Psalm: 24; 2nd Reading: 1Thessalonians 3.12-4.2; Gospel: Luke 21.25-28,34-36. **Intention:** Margaret & Helen Cornish [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>

THE LARDER

*Thank you for your kind donations.
Please leave your donations in the box provided by the Lady Chapel.*



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]