



# St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A 21ST DECEMBER, 2025

### Theme: Emmanuel: God with us

God is with us. God is among us. God is one of us in Jesus. God in human form is alive among us and he comes to make us really and fully human the way God intended and wants us to be fully and perfectly human. Here is Jesus, our model of deep humanity. We have only to look at him and to let him shape and form us by his spirit. Then we will also be fully and thoroughly the sons and daughters of our loving God.



This is the beautiful message of today. Look at Jesus here among us. Let his word and his Eucharist transform us, that we may become blood of his blood.

**MEDITATE:** What's in a name? In the ancient world everything. One's name was one's identity. And the one who names another is equally important.

**ACT:** When speaking to someone, use his/her name, speak it with reverence, realizing each person is named by God.



### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER 2025

For Christians in Areas of Conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war and conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2026

For prayer with the Word of God.

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

### CHRISTMAS CRIB APPEAL 2025

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. Thank you for your support.



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



## LITURGY FOR THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT - 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 21st December: Fourth of Advent, Year A [10.00am/11.30am] Readings:

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 7.10-14; Psalm: 24; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 1.1-7; Gospel: Matthew 1.18-24. **Intention:** 10.00am: Brian Wallace [RIP]

11.30am: People of the Parish

### Monday 22nd December: Advent Feria [9.30am] Readings:

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Samuel 1.24-28; Psalm: 1 Samuel 2; Gospel: Luke 1.46-56. **Intention:** John Willy Kilkenny [RIP]

### Tuesday 23rd December: Advent Feria [9.30am] Readings:

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Malachi 3.1-4,23-24; Psalm: 24; Gospel: Luke 1.57-66. **Intention:** Julia and Lawrence Hayes [RIP, A]

### Wednesday 24th December: Advent Feria [9.30am] Readings:

2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7.1-5,8-11,16; Psalm: 88; Gospel: Luke 1.67-79. **Intention:** Robbie Lane [RIP]

### Wednesday 24th December: Christmas Eve, Family Mass [5.30pm] Readings:

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 9.1-7; Psalm: 95; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Titus 2.11-14; Gospel: Luke 2.1-14. **Intention:** People of the Parish.

### Wednesday 24th December: Carols followed by Christmas Mass [9.30pm] Readings:

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 9.1-7; Psalm: 95; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Titus 2.11-14; Gospel: Luke 2.1-14. **Intention:** Christmas Intentions.

### Thursday 25th December: Christmas Day Mass [10.30am] Readings:

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 52.7-10; Psalm: 97; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 1.1-6; Gospel: Luke 2.15-20. **Intention:** Christmas Intentions.

### Friday 26th December: St. Stephen [10.00am]: [Bank Holiday] Readings:

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 6.8-10,7.54-59; Psalm: 30; Gospel: Matthew 10.17-22. **Intention:** Bridie Hughes and Sean McDonagh [Intentions]

### Saturday 27th December: Feast of the Holy Family: [5.30pm] Readings:

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ecclesiasticus 3.2-6,12-14; Psalm: 127; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Colossians 3.12-21; Gospel: Matthew 2.13-15,19-23. **Intention:** Deceased Family Members

### Sunday 28th December: Feast of the Holy Family: [10.00/11.30am] Readings:

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ecclesiasticus 3.2-6,12-14; Psalm: 127; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Colossians 3.12-21; Gospel: Matthew 2.13-15,19-23.

**Intention:** 10.00am: Deceased Family Members.

11.30am: Teresa Cummins [RIP, A]

### Monday 29th December: St. Thomas Becket [10.00am]: Readings:

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 John 2.12-17; Psalm: 95; Gospel: Luke 2.36-40. **Intention:** Damiano Guidi [RIP, A]

*There will be NO newsletter for the next two weeks.*

**Tuesday 30th December: Christmas Octave** [10.00am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 John 2.12-17; Psalm: 95; Gospel: Luke 2.36-40. **Intention:** Hazel Wilson [Intention]

**Wednesday 31st December: Christmas Octave:** [10.00am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 John 2.18-21; Psalm: 96; Gospel: John 1.1-18. **Intention:** Sheila O'Hara [RIP]

**Wednesday 31st December: Mary, Mother of God:** [7.00pm] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Numbers 6.22-27; Psalm: 66; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Galatians 4.4-7; Gospel: Luke 2.16-21. **Intention:** Michael Doherty [Intention]

**Thursday 1st January 2026: NO SERVICE**

**Friday 2nd January: Christmas Feria:** [10.00am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 John 2.22-28 Psalm: 97; Gospel: John 1.19-28. **Intention:** Sheila O'Hara IRIP

**Saturday 3rd January: 2nd after Nativity:** [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Sirach 24.1-2,8-12; Psalm: 147; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 1.3-6,15-18; Gospel: John 1.1-18. **Intention:** Christina and Joseph Long [RIP]

**Sunday 4th January: 2nd after Nativity:** [10.00/11.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Sirach 24.1-2,8-12; Psalm: 147; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 1.3-6,15-18; Gospel: John 1.1-18. **Intention:** 10.00am: Paschal Duffy [RIP]  
11.30am: People of the Parish.

**Monday 5th January: Christmas Feria** [10.00am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 John 3.11-21; Psalm: 100; Gospel: John 1.43-51. **Intention:** Special Intention

**Monday 5th January: Epiphany of the Lord** [7.00pm] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm: 72; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 3.2-3,5-6; Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12. **Intention:** Joan and Sean Cunnane [Intentions]

**Tuesday 6th January: Epiphany of the Lord** [10.00] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm: 72; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 3.2-3,5-6; Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12. **Intention:** Kathleen O'Dea [RIP, A]

**Wednesday 7th January: Christmas Feria** [10.00am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 John 3.22-4.6; Psalm: 2; Gospel: Matthew 4.12-17,23-25. **Intention:** Holy Souls.

**Thursday 8th January** **NO SERVICE**

**Friday 9th January: Christmas Feria** [10.00am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 John 4.11-18; Psalm: 72; Gospel: Mark 6.45-52. **Intention:** Mary and Patrick McGovern [RIP, A]

**Saturday 10th January: Baptism of the Lord, Year A** [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 42.1-4,6-7; Psalm: 28; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 10.34-38; Gospel: Matthew 3.13-17. **Intention:** Margaret Walsh [RIP, A].

**Sunday 11th January: Baptism of the Lord, Year A** [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 42.1-4,6-7; Psalm: 28; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 10.34-38; Gospel: Matthew 3.13-17.

**Intention:** 10.00am: People of the Parish  
11.30am: Lila Horgan [RIP]



## CHRISTMAS TREE



A big **THANK YOU** to G. Saville & Son Ltd (Incorporating L. J. Butler & Son Ltd, Kenton) for sponsoring our Christmas Tree.

*We would like to take this opportunity to thank Saville's and congratulate them on their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, serving the people of Wembley and Harrow.*

## REPOSITORY

Thank you all for your support over the past year, we hope you liked the range of goods this year. The Repository will close on Wednesday morning after the 9.30am Mass for the Christmas Celebrations.

*We wish all our customers a very happy, blessed & peaceful Christmas and best wishes & prayers for 2026.*



## THE LARDER



*Thank you for your kind donations.*

*Please leave your donations in the box provided by the Lady Chapel.*

## 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.*

## CHURCH CLEANING

If you have any spare time please do come along and join us after the 10.00am Mass on Tuesday mornings to help clean God's House.

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



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: 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]*