

## St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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PARISH HALL LETS: No lets

THE OFFICE: Closed.



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A**

**22ND MARCH, 2020**

### **LITURGY THIS WEEK**

**THEME: Open Our Eyes, Lord**



One of the most irritating things in life, in ourselves as well as in others, is when we and people seem blind to what is evident: Why don't they see? Why didn't I see this? We are Christians, people with faith, and in baptism Christ has given us eyes of faith. Yet too often we are blind to God, to people, to the things we should see about ourselves. We ask our Lord to touch and open our eyes to the deeper and beautiful realities of our faith.

### **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]*

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 22** **[Please pray together]**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and  
your staff;  
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness  
shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I  
dwell  
for ever and ever.

*A Happy Mother's Day  
to all mothers*





The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have decided that public Masses and other services will be suspended from Friday evening, 20<sup>th</sup> March, until further notice. The last Mass which parishioners attended was Friday morning at 9.30am. I will continue to say private Mass, with the Intentions indicated in the weekly newsletter and you are invited to join spiritually. As a help in this regard there is a hand out available at the back of the Church [and on the website] entitled "No one is alone!" (The obligation to attend Sunday Mass and on Holy Days is suspended.)

The Church will be open during the day for personal, private, silent prayer during the following times: Monday - Wednesday and Friday: 9.00am - 10.00am; Saturday 5.00pm - 6.00pm; and Sunday 9.00am - 12noon. Please do observe with great care the practices of hygiene and the guidance on social distancing.

Reception of Sacraments:

**Baptisms** will be deferred until such time that the public health advice is that congregations can gather safely. There will be no further sessions for **First Holy Communion preparation** until further notice. The celebration of First Holy Communion will be postponed until a time that allows for the families and friends to gather safely within our Church.

There is more work to be done on how we as a Catholic community respond to this situation but the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales suggest we develop our prayer life, including following Mass online using the internet, - something the Parish is working on. In the meantime a list of Churches that are streamlining is available on the noticeboard and on the website; making spiritual communion, and thinking about how we can look out for and help our neighbours.

There is a Pastoral Letter this weekend from Cardinal Vincent addressing these matters, again copies are available at the back of the Church and on the website.

As at this time we cannot celebrate Mass as a parish community, we can join one another in prayer [wherever we are] by reciting the Angelus at 12noon and at 6.00pm.

**Weekly Offerings:** Please leave your offerings in the box provided at the back of the Church. Perhaps now might be an appropriate time to consider a Standing order to support the parish.

Please do feel free to share the information in this newsletter with other members of the parish with whom you have contact (one way in which we can help our neighbours).

Thank you all for all that you do, and please help the parish continue to be a caring, loving and prayerful community during these difficult times.

With prayerful best wishes. May God bless you and your families.

[Fr. Anthony]

## **COVID19 - CORONAVIRUS**

Please use the sanitisers provided before entering the Church and adhere to the markings on the benches to ensure correct social distancing.

Please touch as little as possible to prevent the spread of the Virus.

## **WEMBLEY DEMENTIA CARERS SUPPORT GROUP**

Until further notice the Wembley Dementia Carers Support group and the Preston Community Library - The memory Lounge, have been suspended. For further information contact Frank on 07867 903917 (email [frankj.arrojo@gmail.com](mailto:frankj.arrojo@gmail.com)).



## **ST. LAURENCE'S LARDER**

Many thanks for all your donations. Please leave your donations [**NO** fresh produce] in the boxes provided at the back of the Church. In light of the uncertainty over the Coronavirus, please do not forget the *Larder*.

## **THE ANGELUS PRAYER**

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary  
R. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit  
Hail Mary ....

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
R. Be it done to me according to your word.  
Hail Mary ....

V. [*with head bowed*] And the word was made flesh  
R. And dwelt among us.  
Hail Mary....

V. Pray for us O holy Mother of God.  
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that, we whom the incarnation of Christ your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



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>

## ***In case you are admitted to hospital.....***

In the light of data protection 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. [Fr. Peter]

**CLEANING TEAM: Next week: Team 5**

## THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent is a time of grace, conversion, renewal and healing. 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.



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

### LITURGY

<b>SATURDAY 21st March:</b>	Fr. Bernard Crowe [RIP]
<b>SUNDAY 22nd March:</b> [4th of Lent, A]	Eddie Molloy [RIP] Ellen & Edward Thompson [RIP]
<b>MONDAY 23rd March:</b>	Christopher Quinn [RIP]
<b>TUESDAY 24th March:</b>	In Thanksgiving [Faye & Ethan Afonso]
<b>WEDNESDAY 25th March:</b> [Annunciation]	Loreen Kelly [RIP]
<b>THURSDAY 26th March:</b>	<b>NO SERVICE</b>
<b>FRIDAY 27th March:</b>	Dermot Clancy [RIP]
<b>SATURDAY 28th March:</b>	Michael Moss [RIP]
<b>SUNDAY 29th March:</b> [5th Lent, Year A]	Joe McElduff [RIP] People of the Parish

### LITURGY NEXT WEEK

#### **FIFTH OF LENT, YEAR A**

Ezekiel 37. 12-14; Psalm 129;  
Romans 8. 8-11;  
John 11. 1-45

### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

*Evangelisation - Catholics in China*

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.



## THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – THE YEAR OF THE WORD

**Meditate:** Certain people think that evil happens to others as a way of punishment for previous misdemeanour. Jesus has a different outlook on life. Illnesses and health issues happen so that God's glory may be manifested. He might not cure us but the greatest miracle is to accept a sickness and bear it patiently.

**Act:** The blind man was presented to Jesus by his disciples. Think of someone in difficulty you could present to Jesus or even invite them to trust in God

**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.

At 7pm this Sunday, light a candle in the windows of your homes as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, our source and hope in prayer.