

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

112 Carlton Avenue East, Wembley, Middlesex HA9 8NB

Telephone: 020 8904 6031;

Email: wembley3@rcdow.org.uk

Website: <http://www.erconwald.org.uk>

Parish Priest: Fr. Anthony Psaila

Safeguarding Services Designated Persons: Lesley Gaynor and Margaret Nichols

PARISH HALL LETS: Suspended until further notice.

THE OFFICE: Closed.



CHRIST THE KING, YEAR A

22ND NOVEMBER, 2020

THEME: The Stranger Was You, Lord.



Today we conclude the Church Year with the celebration of Christ, our Shepherd King. He came as our Good Shepherd and entrusted us to one another. When he will come to evaluate our life and how much it is worth in his eyes and in ours, he will ask us: Have you cared for one another, have you served, especially the poor and the weak? This is not only a matter of serving other people; it is also serving God, for the neighbour in need is no other than Christ himself. It is therefore an act of deep faith. This week we ask the Lord for generous love and faith.

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – THE YEAR OF THE WORD

Meditate: How do we reign with Christ? St John of the Cross, the Spanish mystic, gives an answer when he said “In the evening of life, we will be judged on love alone.” That love expresses itself by the way we treated the weakest members of society: the hungry, the thirsty, the foreigner, the naked, the housebound, the imprisoned or those who are frail around. This is so because Jesus is present in them. We reign by serving the others.

Act: The gospel suggests some physical works of mercy. Perhaps pick up one and try to put it into practice.

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.

PLEASE STAY AT HOME

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

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

Universal - Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.



OPENING OF ST. ERCONWALD'S FOR PRIVATE PRAYER



A big thank you to the Stewards and Cleaners without whom we could not stay open for Public Worship and now for Private Prayer.

This week, we will be open for private prayer on the following days: Monday: 11.00 to 12noon; Tuesday: 10.30am to 11.30am; Wednesday: 12noon to 1.00pm; and Saturday 10.30am to 11.30am.

Please do not stay more than 15 minutes maximum. [If busy please be considerate!] I will continue to say Mass in private and this will be live streamed on: <https://www.churchservices.tv/wembley3>

Please read the arrangements below carefully before coming and then please follow the guidelines.

- ♦ **Feeling Unwell:** If you display "cold or flu like symptoms or have a loss of taste or smell" you are asked not to enter the Church.
- ♦ **Entering and leaving the Church - one way system**
- ♦ Enter the Church via main entrance on Carlton Avenue East and whilst in Church follow the one way system [follow the arrows] exiting through the car park door.
- ♦ Sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the Church [this is not an option].
- ♦ **Use of face coverings is mandatory. Please cover mouth and nose while in Church**
- ♦ Please keep to social distancing [2mtrs] from anyone else who may be there at the same time, as in other public places.

In Church:

- ♦ Please sit in places marked by "SIT HERE" notice, and stay at your place while praying. You may sit or stand. [No kneeling]
- ♦ Toilets, "crying room" and Baby-changing facilities will be closed at all times.
- ♦ Lighting of Candles: Please follow the Candle Notices.
- ♦ Touch as little as possible and do not touch the statues. [Whatever you touch has to be sanitised].

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/>

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]

ADVENT 2020 – JOURNEYING TO THE CRIB

The season of Advent is a time for preparation for the birth of Our Saviour. To help us prepare please find details of devotions and activities which will help us focus on Christmas and its true meaning.

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

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].

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



On 15th November we marked the fourth annual World Day of the Poor. Pope Francis has given us the theme "Stretch forth your hand to the poor". This Advent Giving Calendar gives suggestions for items to collect each day, reaching out to those going hungry, making a food parcel. During the pandemic, this act of generosity will be needed more than ever, as we prepare for a Christmas like no other. 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.

REPOSITORY

We have Advent Calendars, candles, etc. Also Christmas Cards, Church Art Calendars, Cribs etc. available. Please phone: 020 8904 6031 [option 2] or email: wembley3@rcdow.org.uk to see the latest update on when the Repository can be accessed or arrange collection of items.

JANET PEARSON RIP

David and the family would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support following Janet's death. They are much appreciated and a great comfort and we will be arranging for a Mass to be offered to thank everyone.

LITURGY FOR THE THIRTY-FOURTH WEEK OF YEAR A

The thirty-fourth week will be celebrated as indicated below but the Church will not be open and all are encouraged to participate at home with prayer or following the services online: <https://www.churchservices.tv/wembley3>

[Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 10.00am Masses are recorded]

Sunday 22nd November: Christ the King [10.00am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Ezekiel 34. 11-12, 15-17; Psalm: 22; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 15.20-26,28; Gospel: Matthew 25.31-46. **Intention:** Mary and Pat Cafferkey [RIP, A].

Monday 23rd November: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Apocalypse 14.1-5; Psalm 23; Gospel: Luke 21.1-4. **Intention:** Maureen Donoghue [RIP].

Tuesday 24th November: St. Andrew Dung-Lac [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: 1John 3.14-18; Psalm: 33; Gospel: Luke 6.27-38. **Intention:** Jimmy O'Brien [RIP]

Wednesday 25th November: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Apocalypse 15.1-4; Psalm: 97; Gospel: Luke 21. 12-19 **Intention:** Holy Souls.

Thursday 26th November: NO SERVICE.

Friday 27th November: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Apocalypse 20.1-4,11-21.2; Psalm: 83; Gospel: Luke 21.29-33. **Intention:** Loretta Kelly [RIP]

Friday 27th November: 7.00pm: Memorial Mass for Bereaved Parishioners

Saturday 28th November: [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 63.16-17,64.1,3-8; Psalm: 79; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 1.3-9; Gospel: Mark 13.33-37. **Intention:** Holy Souls

Sunday 29th November: First of Advent [10.00am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 63.16-17, 64.1,3-8; Psalm: 79; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 1.3-9; Gospel: Mark 13.33-37. **Intention:** Bernard Wilson [RIP, A].

RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS - REGISTRATION FORMS

for the Sacraments of Baptism, 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].

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>

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]