

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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OFFICE: Closed.



PASSION [PALM] SUNDAY OF YEAR B

24TH MARCH, 2024

THEME: Come, Let Us Go with Him

Today and in the days of Holy Week we see Jesus in all his human weakness, so much like ours, except for sin, but also in his determination of love and courage to accomplish the mission for which he had come. We finally see Jesus in his triumph: first, in a very provisional and fickle triumph when the crowds acclaim him as the Messiah but turn against him a few days later, then in the triumph of the resurrection. We see how he is with us in the depths of distress and loneliness. We can understand and feel with him. He invites us to overcome all fears and evil and death itself. Come, let us go with him.



MEDITATE: The Passion, for Mark, is the final expression of the confrontation that Jesus has been having with the forces of evil.

ACT: Take time to pray the Stations of the Cross.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

For New Martyrs

Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

REPOSITORY

A selection of Easter cards, statues and gifts are on display in the Repository. Also, some First Holy Communion cards.

The Repository will be closed from Holy Thursday until Easter Tuesday. Wishing all our customers a very Happy and Holy Easter.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION CARD & GIFT FAIR

Takes place on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th April, 2024



Easter Blessings to you and your families
Fr. Anthony



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Please do NOT attend Services if you are unwell or have any Covid symptoms

As we have many vulnerable parishioners we ask that you continue to sanitise your hands when you come to Church. There will be no standing allowed. Once we have reached capacity, there will be no further admittance.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

LITURGY FOR HOLY WEEK - Psalter Week 2

[All services can be followed online: <https://www.churchservices.tv/wembley3>]

Sunday 24th March: Palm Sunday, Year B: [10.00/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st

Reading: Isaiah 50.4-7; Psalm: 21; 2nd Reading: Philipians 2.6-11; Gospel: Mark 14.1-15.47. **Intention:** 10.00am: Donald Coyle [RIP]

11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 25th March: [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 42.1-7; Psalm: 26; Gospel: John 12.1-11. **Intention:** Joe Moran [RIP, A].

Tuesday 26th March: [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 49.1-6; Psalm: 70; Gospel: John 13.21-33,36-38. **Intention:** Julia and Lawrence Hayes [RIP, A].
12 noon Chrim Mass at the Cathedral

Wednesday 27th March: [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 50.4-9; Psalm: 68; Gospel: Matthew 26.14-25. **Intention:** Dorothy Barber [RIP, A].

MAUNDY THURSDAY 28th MARCH



7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper with washing of the feet.

Readings: 1st Reading: Exodus 12.1-8,11-14; Psalm: 115; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 11.23-26; Gospel: John 13.1-15. **Intention:** Eugene Donetti [RIP].

Followed by *Watching* at the Altar of Repose until 10.00pm.

GOOD FRIDAY 29th MARCH [Day of Fasting and Abstinence]

To help with numbers and to facilitate those who can't be in crowds in addition to the 3.00pm Service we have two other services.

There will be a retiring collection for the Holy Places after each Service.

9.45am: Family Service: Reading of John's Passion – Stations – Veneration – Communion.

10.45am: *Walk of Witness*.

3.00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion [Recorded]

6.30pm: Service: Reading of the John's Passion – Stations – Veneration – Communion.



HOLY SATURDAY 30th MARCH

10.00am: Morning Prayer. Followed by the setting up of the Easter Garden, and decorating and cleaning of Church.

No Newsletter Next Week

LITURGY FOR EASTER & THE OCTAVE

All services can be followed online: <https://www.churchservices.tv/wembley3>

Easter Vigil 30th MARCH: 7.30PM: Blessing of Fire / lighting of Easter Candle.
The Easter Proclamation is sung.

Readings: 1st Reading: Genesis 1.1-2.2; Psalm 103; 2nd Reading: Exodus 14.15-15.1; Response: Exodus 15.3; 3rd Reading: Ezekiel 36.16-28; Psalm 41; 4th Reading: Romans 6.3-11; Psalm: 117; Gospel: Mark 16. 1-7.

Blessing of water and Confirmation. The Mass continues with the Liturgy of the Eucharist. **Intention:** Deceased Family members.

EASTER SUNDAY 31st MARCH: [10.00am & 11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 10.34,37-43; Psalm 117; 2nd Reading: Colossians 3.1-4; Gospel John 20.1-9. **Intention:** Deceased Family members.

MONDAY 1st APRIL: Octave [Bank Holiday] [10.00am]: **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 2.14,22-32; Psalm: 15; Gospel: Matthew 28.8-15. **Intention:** Donald Coyle [RIP]

Tuesday 2nd April: Octave [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 2.36-41; Psalm: 32; Gospel: John 20.11-18. **Intention:** Mary Farrell and Margaret Fallon [RIP, A]

Wednesday 3rd April: Octave [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 3.1-10; Psalm: 104; Gospel: Luke 24.13-35. **Intention:** Francesca Satti [Intention]

Thursday 4th April: NO SERVICE

Friday 5th April: Octave [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 4. 1-12; Psalm: 117; Gospel: John 21.1-14. **Intention:** Michael Wheaton [RIP]

Saturday 6th April: 2nd of Easter, B [Sunday of Divine Mercy]: [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 2.42-47; Psalm: 117; 2nd Reading: 1Peter 1.3-9; Gospel: John 20.19-31. **Intention:** Easter Intentions.

Sunday 7th April: 2nd of Easter, B [Sunday of Divine Mercy]: [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 2.42-47; Psalm: 117; 2nd Reading: 1Peter 1.3-9; Gospel: John 20. 19-31. **Intention:** 10.00am: Easter Intentions; 11.30am: John Pereira [RIP, A].

"SILENT WALK OF WITNESS"

Help required: 2 Stewards [to assist with crossing roads], Cross Bearers, Readers, 2 Volunteers to hand out leaflets at Preston Road Station. Please see Fr. Anthony or Elizabeth.

ANNUAL MASS FOR MATRIMONY

The annual Mass for Matrimony will be celebrated in the Cathedral by Cardinal Vincent on **Saturday 25th May at 2.30pm** for couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2024. If you qualify, please contact the Parish Office not later than the weekend 6th/7th April.

THE LARDER

Thank you for your kind donations,

ST. PATRICK'S BACON AND CABBAGE CELEBRATION



A huge thank you to all who supported this event either by attending/donating or by the raffle. We also thank George Harte and his daughter for entertaining us. Thank you to Fr. Anthony and all who helped stage the event, those who cooked, and those who stayed behind to clear away. The total raised was: £741.00.

EASTER REMEMBRANCE

The Easter Vigil and the Easter Sunday Masses will be offered for the repose of the souls of our deceased relatives and friends. If you would like to have your loved ones, family members, and friends included in the intentions of these Masses, please complete the Form provided - together with a donation - and place in the box marked "Easter Remembrance". Completed forms need to be returned by the **morning of Saturday 30th March**. Donations go towards the Church decoration at Easter.



EASTER MASS BOUQUET

Signed Easter Mass Bouquet cards are now available on the table near the Car Park exit door. It is not possible to have individual Mass requests. If you wish to send an Easter Mass Bouquet to family and friends you can purchase a signed card and use the envelope provided to make a donation. All recipients will be included in the Mass Intentions on Saturday 6th April at 5.30pm and Sunday 17th April at 10.00am [Divine Mercy Sunday]. The Masses will be live streamed and recorded.

EASTER RAFFLE – 31st March

Tickets on sale after Mass. In addition to the prizes on display, there will be an Easter Hamper and a number of other prizes. Please support the raffle, the money raised goes towards the Church Refurbishment Fund. The draw takes place after the 11.30am Mass on Easter Sunday.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Martin Geary, Susan Bradley, Helga Ojinmah, Mary Owen, Margaret Beeby, Radwan Naffa, Kathryn McGinnis, Sheila O'Hara, 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.

May the Lord Jesus bless, console and strengthen all the sick, and may Mary, health of the sick, intercede for them.

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]