

## St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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**CHRIST THE KING, YEAR B**

**24TH NOVEMBER, 2024**

### **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.

*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.*

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

The next "Link Mass" will take place on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December** at the 11.30am Mass.

### **RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS 2025**

#### **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults [RCIA]**

Commences on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm. in the Parish Hall.

*All are welcome.*

Instruction in the use of the New Lectionaries – which come into effect on the First Sunday of Advent – will be covered. For that reason, I would like all Readers to attend please. [Fr. Anthony]

### **CONFIRMATION**

*Registration Forms are available at the back of the Church.*

## **IMPORTANT SCAM NOTIFICATION**

It has been brought to our attention that parishioners are being targeted by email scanners. Emails pretending to be from the Parish Priest are being sent requesting the purchase of gift cards for the Parish Priest. Please **BE VIGILANT**, we do **NOT** send such emails. Please see the noticeboards for details.

## **BRENT DEANERY PILGRIMAGE TO ROME: 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2025**

A pilgrimage to Rome is being organised in Brent deanery to enable us to go to Rome during the Holy Year of 2025. The cost (at the time of writing) will be £1,130 for a twin/double room on a half board basis. This price does not include lunch or baggage in the hold. For further details and payment of deposit, please visit the website at [www.pilgrimagepeople.org](http://www.pilgrimagepeople.org) Then click on the tab marked "Book". There is a drop down menu asking where you would like to go, select "Italy" and then select the Brent Deanery pilgrimage. Complete the booking form. When arriving at the payment page, **be sure to tick "deposit"** at the top of the page otherwise it will ask for the whole amount. Alternatively, you can phone Pilgrimage People on 0800 612 3423.

*Please contact Pilgrimage People directly.*

*Bookings will **not** be made through the parish office.*

## **CHAMELEONS IN PANTO – CINDERELLA**

At the Church of the Ascension on 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> December.

Tickets: £14.50, Concessions: £12.50

## **ADVENT RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS [18-30s]**

with the Assumption Sisters on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024 10am – 6pm**. Venue: Milleret House, 20 Kensington Square, London, W8 5HH (closest tube station: High Street Kensington). Donations only. Register by emailing to: [rebecca@assumpta-eu.org](mailto:rebecca@assumpta-eu.org)

## **REPOSITORY**

Church Art Calendars [£1.20 each] and Advent Calendars and Advent Candles. You are welcome to browse.

## **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER**

For those who have lost a child

Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community, and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.



## **SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND**

Thank you for supporting the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund last weekend. Donation envelopes are at the entrance and exit of the church. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. You can donate online at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations) - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan to give online.



## **ADVENT 2024 – 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 “Prayer of Blessing” is available at the back of the Church.

### **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. The ornaments to cut out and colour in, are available at the back of the Church. 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”. *Details of when to bring the “food parcels” will be given later.* Available at the back of the Church.

For more Advent resources for all ages please visit: [cafod.org.uk/advent](http://cafod.org.uk/advent)

### **MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December, at 11.00am

followed by soup and rolls in the Parish Hall.

This Mass is for everyone especially the sick and elderly.

[There will be no 9.30am Mass]

Brook House: Monday December 2<sup>nd</sup> 10.30am

Kenbrook: Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup> 10.30am



### **SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION WITH ABSOLUTION**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm.**

### **CHURCH CLEANING**

Can we please ask if you have any spare time to please come along and join us after the 9.30am Mass on Tuesday mornings to help clean God's House. This is also a good way of meeting others in our parish.

## **LITURGY FOR THE 34TH WEEK OF YEAR 2 - Psalter Week 2**

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 24th November: Christ the King, Year B** [10.00am/11.30am] **Read-**

**ings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Daniel 7.13-14; Psalm: 92; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Apocalypse 1.5-8;

Gospel: John 18.33-37. **Intention:** 10.00am: Keith Allyn Defontaine [RIP]

11.30am: Theresa and Pat O'Brien [Intention]

**Monday 25th November: Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Apocalypse 14.1-5; Psalm: 23; Gospel: Luke 21.1-4. **Intention:** Holy Souls [RIP]

**Tuesday 26th November: Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Apocalypse 14.14-19; Psalm: 95; Gospel: Luke 21.5-11. **Intention:** Eileen Condon [RIP]

**Wednesday 27th November: Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Apocalypse 15.1-4; Psalm: 97; Gospel: Luke 21.12-19. **Intention:** Holy Souls

**Thursday 28th November** **NO SERVICE**

**Friday 29th November: Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Apocalypse 20.1-4,11-21.2; Psalm: 83; Gospel: Luke 21.29-33. **Intention:** Bernard Wilson [RIP, A]

**Saturday 30th November: First in Advent, Year C** [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 33.14-16; Psalm: 24; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Thessalonians 3.12-4.2; Gospel: Luke 21.25-28,34-36. **Intention:** Patrick O'Hara [RIP, A].

**Sunday 1st December: First in Advent, Year C** [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 33.14-16; Psalm: 24; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Thessalonians 3.12-4.2; Gospel: Luke 21.25-28,34-36. **Intention:** 10.00am: Holy Souls  
11.30am: Dominic and Bartholomew Tiernan [RIP, A]

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



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Cathy Singer, Martin Geary, Susan Bradley, Radwan Naffa, 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.**

Sunday - Friday 8.00am - 4.00pm 020 8967 5130. Kindly leave a voicemail including patient's name and ward or e-mail: [LNWH-TR.CHAPLAINCY@NHS.NET](mailto:LNWH-TR.CHAPLAINCY@NHS.NET)

*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]*