

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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OFFICE: Closed.



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY, YEAR B

25TH AUGUST, 2024

THEME: We Have Made a Choice



Ever since we were baptised we belong to Christ as our Lord and Saviour and brother. Have we ever made our baptismal choice a conscious, personal option for Christ? Our presence here at the Eucharist implies that we have done so. Do we confirm that choice by our everyday Christian living, in our dealings with those around us in love and justice and forgiveness? When our faith is put to the test do we renew our choice and say: "Lord, to whom else shall we go? You are the Lord of my life."

MEDITATE: Today's gospel is the final part of Jesus' instruction about the Living Bread from heaven. He said some very difficult things that have not been well received. Today, it is the disciples' murmurings that draw Jesus' attention.

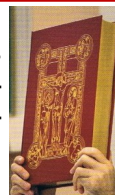
ACT: If you know of someone in your family or circle of friends who is facing a particular challenge of faith, make an effort to be supportive.

NEW LECTIONARY

The new edition of the Lectionary for Mass, will be published in October, and mandated for use from 1st December 2024 [1st Sunday of Advent, Year C]. From that date the ones we currently use in Church cannot be used anymore.

The total costs involved have now been covered.

A huge *Thank You* to all those who contributed towards the costs.



SEASON OF CREATION [September 1st – October 4th]

The theme is "To hope and act with Creation" and the symbol is "The first fruits of hope", inspired by Romans 8:19-25.

In the letter of St. Paul to the Romans, the biblical image pictures the Earth as a Mother, groaning as in childbirth (Rom 8:22). Francis of Assisi understood this when he referred to the Earth as our sister and our mother in his Canticle of Creatures. The times we live in show that we are not relating to the Earth as a gift from our Creator, but rather as a resource to be used.

And yet, there is hope and the expectation for a better future. Just as in childbirth, we go through a period of intense pain, but new life springs forth.

COMING TO MASS: COVID-19 SAFE ENVIRONMENT

[Please do NOT attend Mass 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.
Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

DONATIONS AND COLLECTION OF MONEY

GIVING BY STANDING ORDER IS THE PREFERRED METHOD

Offertory Envelopes and other donations can be placed in the Collection Box at the entrance or at the exit of the Church.

Make a donation via our website:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad/donate/>

Via Dona [the company who supply our card readers].

<https://portal.mydona.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=268>

CONTACTLESS DONATIONS

Donations, Mass Intentions, Candles and Repository payments can also be made via the card readers in Church

[If you are a tax payer, please Gift Aid your donation]

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT



LAURENCE'S LARDER

*Thank you for your kind donations,
Please leave your donations in the box provided by the Lady Chapel.*

THE "ANGELUS"

[The Angelus Promise is a spiritual exercise created to assist you to embrace the message of Our Lady, as expressed in the Angelus. It invites you to "share in the joy of the Annunciation" by following Mary's openness to God's call, through her faith-filled "yes". Through your own faith-filled "yes", the Lord will work wonders in your life.]

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 to 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.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES - REGISTRATION FORMS **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION [2025]**

available at the back of the Church. The forms need to be returned by the beginning of September. Forms arriving after this date will not be accepted.

Registration Forms for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** [May 2025] will be available later in the year.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults [RCIA]

Are you, or is someone you know, interested in becoming a Catholic, wishing to be Confirmed, married to, or about to marry a Catholic, or just wishing to know more about the Catholic faith?

Registration Forms will be available later in the year.

PRE-BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

will take place on **Saturday 21st September from 10.30am – 11.30am.**

Registration forms are available at the back of the Church.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

For Political Leaders

Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday/Sunday

12th/13th October: Bishop John Parish Visitation

Saturday/Sunday

19th/20th October: Christmas Card Fair

Saturday

26th October: 10.00am: Mass for Bereaved Parents

Friday

8th November: 7.00pm: Mass for Bereaved Parishioners

Sunday

10th November: 10.00am: For our Benefactors.

Sunday

1st December: New Edition of the Lectionary

RELIEF APPEAL

A huge **THANK YOU** to all those who have donated towards the relief package sent to the island of Grenada. It is really appreciated.

If you would like to donate, we are still accepting donations [Karen]



REPOSITORY

We have a good selection of reasonably priced religious goods in stock, some of which are suitable as small gifts. Cards for all occasions.

If you don't see what you require, please ask a repository helper as we are unable to display our full stock. You are welcome to have a browse.

CHURCH CLEANING

As some of our regular cleaners are away on holiday, if you have any spare time please come along and join us after the 10.00am 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 TWENTY-FIRST WEEK OF YEAR 2 - Psalter Week 1

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 25th August: Twenty-first Sunday, Year B [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:**

1st Reading: Joshua 24.1-2,15-18; Psalm: 33; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 5.21-32; Gospel: John 6.60-69. **Intention:** 10.00am: Eileen Dowse [RIP, A]

11.30am: People of Parish

Monday 26th August: Feria [10.00am]: **Readings:** 1st Reading: 2Thessalonians 1.1-5,11-12; Psalm: 95; Gospel: Matthew 23.13-22. **Intention:** Martin Doyle [RIP]

[RIP]

Tuesday 27th August: St. Monica [10.00am]: **Readings:** 1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 26.1-4,13-16; Psalm: 130; Gospel: Luke 7.11-17. **Intention:** Jimmy McCrimmon [RIP]

[RIP]

Wednesday 28th August: St. Augustine [10.00am]: **Readings:** 1st Reading: 1John 4.7-16; Psalm: 118; Gospel: Matthew 23.8-12. **Intention:** Martin Doyle [RIP]

[RIP]

Thursday 29th August: NO SERVICE

Friday 30th August: Feria [10.00am]: **Readings:** 1st Reading: 1Corinthians 1.17-25; Psalm: 32; Gospel: Matthew 25.1-13. **Intention:** John Reagan [RIP]

[RIP]

Saturday 31st August: Twenty-second Sunday, Year B [5.30pm] **Readings:**

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4.1-2,6-8; Psalm: 14; 2nd Reading: James 1.17-18,21-22,27; Gospel: Mark 7.1-8,14-15,21-23. **Intention:** Janice Moss [Intention].

Sunday 1st September: Twenty-second Sunday, Year B [10.00am/11.30am]

Readings: 1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4.1-2,6-8; Psalm: 14; 2nd Reading: James 1.17-18,21-22,27; Gospel: Mark 7.1-8,14-15,21-23.

Intention: 10.00am: Claire Casey [RIP]

11.30am: People of Parish

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Cathy Singer, Annette Rixon, Martin Geary, Susan Bradley, Mary Owen, 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.

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]