

## St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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OFFICE: By appointment.



## PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, YEAR C 2ND FEBRUARY, 2025

### THEME: Mary Gives Her Child to God.



Today we join Jesus, Joseph and Mary at the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. For it is our celebration too. With joy we acclaim Jesus as the light of our lives and we are willing to follow him all the way, as Joseph and Mary did. We feel also apprehension that with him, Joseph and Mary we will also have to accept the crosses of life that will come to us, for that is the way of Christian faith, the way of those who follow the light of Christ.

**Meditate:** Christianity is better described as a meeting with God. Today we are presented with a young couple meeting two elderly people. This meeting is possible because Simeon and Anna were waiting for God to act. Our God belongs to those who look for him.

**Act:** God is present in the people we meet. Perhaps you could greet someone in the parish you've never spoken to before.

### **MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY – SAINT BLAISE**

There will be "Blessing of Throats" after the 9.30am Mass.

## **OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

On **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February, at 2.00pm**, Cardinal Vincent will celebrate the Annual Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes at the Cathedral, during which anointing of the sick will be offered.

### **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

25<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025 - Pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent.

Please contact Elizabeth Uwalaka on 0207 798 9173 or

[lourdes@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@rcdow.org.uk) or [www.rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes)



## **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY 2025**

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

## **LIVE STREAMING 24/7 - FOR YOUR AWARENESS**

The sanctuary area is continuously monitored via a 24/7 livestream, serving as a focal point for prayer and contemplation for congregants who are at home. Please be aware that if you are present in this area, your image and actions will be captured on the livestream.

## **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]**

### **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES & GIFT AID**

If your circumstances have changed please do inform the Parish Office.

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT**

## **PARISH REGISTER**

It is important that we have your contact details on the Parish Register. Have you changed address or telephone number? Have you filled out a Parish Registration Form? When we need to speak to someone we try to do so after Mass but occasionally we need to make contact urgently. Therefore, we ask that you fill out a Parish Registration Form. **WE DO NOT GIVE OUT YOUR DETAILS.** In order to comply with Data Protection please ensure any completed forms are posted into the boxes provided at both exits. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE COMPLETED FORMS ON THE TABLES.** Thank you for your co-operation.

## **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 will be £1,130 for a twin/double room on a half board basis. There are very few single rooms at £100 supplement. 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) and quote **BRENT01** when booking. 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. **Closing date 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025.** See posters on noticeboards for details.

Please contact Pilgrimage People directly. Bookings will **not** be made through the parish office.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**  
**CONFIRMATION 2025**

The next session for the candidates will take place on  
**TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> February, at 7.00pm** in the Parish Hall.  
The "Mass of Enrolment" will take place on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February**  
at the 5.30pm Mass.

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

Next meeting: **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm, in the Parish Hall.**  
*All are welcome.*

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

The next parents and children's session will take place on  
**SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> February**, at 10.30am in the Parish Hall.

**ANNUAL MASS FOR MATRIMONY**

The annual Mass for Matrimony will be celebrated in the Cathedral by Cardinal Vincent on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm** for couples celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> and 60+ wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2025. If you qualify, please contact the Parish Office with these details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, number of years married, postal address, email (or phone number, if no email). not later than the weekend 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> April.

**REPOSITORY**

This weekend we celebrate Candlemas Day,  
there is a selection of candles on sale for those who require one.

**FEAST OF ST. BRIGID – 1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY**

Limited number of St. Brigid's Crosses, books and lapel badges.

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES – 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

Limited number of statues, candles and other religious objects available.  
*You are welcome to browse.*

**WESTMINSTER WAY PILGRIM WALK**

Available online are resources to walk the 'Westminster Way', including a Leader's Guide and Pilgrim Passport. This pathway takes pilgrims through Central London, in the steps of the saints as 'beacons of hope'. Starting at English Martyrs, Tower Hill and ending at Westminster Cathedral, pilgrims are invited to look closely at different expressions of sainthood and the saints who embody them. Find out more at <https://rcdow.org.uk/jubilee-2025/westminster-way/>.



**LAURENCE'S LARDER**

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

**CHURCH CLEANING**

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 FOURTH WEEK OF YEAR 1 - Psalter Week 4**

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 2nd February: Presentation of the Lord, Year C** [10.00am/11.30am]

**Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Malachi 3.1-4; Psalm: 24; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 2.14-16; Gospel: Luke 2.22-40. **Intention:** 10.00am: Christina McHugh [RIP]  
11.30am: People of the Parish

**Monday 3rd February: Ss Lawrence, Dunstan and Theodore** [9.30am] **Readings:**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Hebrews 11.32-40; Psalm: 30; Gospel: Mark 5.1-20. **Intention:** Joseph Tomusange [RIP, A]

**Tuesday 4th February: Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Hebrews 12.1-4; Psalm: 21; Gospel: Mark 5.21-43. **Intention:** Julia Hayes [RIP, A]

**Wednesday 5th February: St. Agatha** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Hebrews 12.4-7, 11-15; Psalm: 39; Gospel: Mark 3.31-35. **Intention:** Hygino Rocha [RIP]

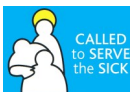
**Thursday 6th February: NO SERVICE**

**Friday 7th February: Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Hebrews 13.1-8; Psalm: 26; Gospel: Mark 6.14-29. **Intention:** Mary Connolly [RIP]

**Saturday 8th February: 5th Sunday, Year C** [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 6.1-2a, 3b; Psalm: 138; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Corinthians 15.1-11; Gospel: Luke 5.1-11. **Intention:** People of the Parish.

**Sunday 9th February: 5th Sunday, Year C** [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 6.1-2a, 3b; Psalm: 138; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Corinthians 15.1-11; Gospel: Luke 5.1-11. **Intention:** 10.00am: Michael Donleavy [RIP, A]  
11.30am: Susan Turkstra [Intention]

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



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Sue McGovern, Cathy Singer, Martin Geary, Susan Bradley, Radwan Naffa, 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)

## **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]*