

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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PARISH HALL LETS: Suspended until further notice.

THE OFFICE: Closed.



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF YEAR A

30TH AUGUST, 2020

It is Risky to Follow the Lord



Do we have to seek suffering and death? Not at all! Jesus himself gives us the answer. He begged his Father to take suffering away from him. Yet he accepted death and the cross. Why? Because he loved the Father and he loved the people and wanted to save them. If he did that work and proclaimed his message, the religious leaders would turn against him and seek his death, to get rid of the nuisance he was. Yet he remained faithful to his mission, faithful until death. He is now asking us to remain faithful even at the cost of suffering and death.

LITURGY FOR THE TWENTY-SECOND WEEK OF YEAR A

Public Mass: Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays

Private Mass: Saturdays

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

Twenty-Second Sunday 30th August: [10.00am] **Readings:** Jeremiah 20.7-9; Psalm: 62; 2nd: Romans 12.1-2; Gospel: Matthew 16.21-27. **Intention:** Loretta Appleyat [RIP].

Monday 31st August: **NO SERVICE**

Tuesday 1st September: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st: 1Corinthians 2.10-16; Psalm 144; Gospel: Luke 4.31-37. **Intention:** Sonia McCarthy [RIP].

Wednesday 2nd September: **NO SERVICE**

Thursday 3rd September: **NO SERVICE.**

Friday 4th September: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st: 1Corinthians 4.1-5; Psalm: 36; Gospel: Luke 5.33-39. **Intention:** In Thanksgiving

Saturday 5th September: [6.00pm] **Readings:** 1st: Ezekiel 33.7-9; Psalm: 94; 2nd: Romans 13.8-10; Gospel: Matthew 18.15-20. **Intention;** Michael McMahon [RIP, A]

Twenty-Third Sunday 6th September: [10.00am] **Readings:** 1st: Ezekiel 33.7-9; Psalm: 94; 2nd: Romans 13.8-10; Gospel: Matthew 18.15-20. **Intention:** For the People of Parish. [Maria Fennessy {RIP} and Margaret Heffernan {RIP}]

PLEASE STAY AT HOME:

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

COMING TO MASS: COVID-19 SAFE ENVIRONMENT AT ST. ERCONWALD'S



Welcome home, but please continue to keep safe!

Stewards & Cleaners: we cannot operate without these: Please would those aged between 20 - 65 male or female and not in any of the vulnerable categories volunteer for these roles. We need people to assist at the two weekday Masses and at the Sunday Mass, including cleaning the church afterwards. Please contact the Parish through email wembley3@rcdow.org.uk or phone on 020 8904 6031 [press option 2 when prompted], leaving your contact details ASAP. **Public Masses can only be celebrated if we have sufficient stewards and cleaners. If not, the Mass will be celebrated without congregation, which can happen at short notice.** So please, volunteer your time and help St. Erconwald's stay open.

Live Streaming of Mass: will continue for those who cannot attend Mass especially those classed as clinically vulnerable [over 70's or with specific pre-existing health conditions], self-isolating or shielding should **not** come to Church.

Arrangements at Church:

Capacity of the Church: Maximum capacity of 33 parishioners at one time, but this can rise to 56 by utilizing designated "household" or "couples" pews. **Social distancing** of 2 meters applies in church, and the areas surrounding the building. Please adhere to the **yellow markings** in the Church grounds and the **One way system** in the Church. **Opening and closing:** the church will open **20 minutes** before weekday and Sunday Masses, and will be closed **5 minutes** after the end of Mass. **Once** Mass has started there will be **no** further admittance. Doors will remain open for ventilation. **Hand sanitisers:** Use those provided or your own as you enter and leave. **Toilets, "Crying Room" and Baby Changing Facilities** are all closed. **Holy Water stoups** will continue to be dry, but small bottles are available [on request to take home].

Parish stewards are here to help and direct you to your place. Be polite to them. They can ask you to leave the church if you do not comply with present government and diocesan regulations.

Moving around: Please do not move from one place to another in Church. Only touch what is necessary. **No** touching of statues or images please. Please read candle notice.

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/>

Booking to come to Mass:

Apply using the ticketing system link: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad/events/> to reserve a place for you or **places** for your household. If using this you will notice that when booking you are asked to register for a **place**. **One place** is equivalent to one person. However a household [4-5 people] can occupy a whole pew, in this instance please book **two places** only. When booking please state your full name and in brackets beside it [couple or household]. Please tick box if you want your contact details being passed on to the NHS in the event of a suspected case of Covid-19 at the parish. To cancel the booking, please contact the parish office by phone or email.

Booking by phone if no internet available: to secure spaces you can call the parish office directly on 020 8904 6031 [press option 2 when prompted] and leave details [full name and telephone number, number of places required - please state if booking for individual, couple or household - *please speak clearly*], and we will call you back to confirm the booking. In response to Government guidance and for your safety, we are asking for your contact details so that individuals can be notified in the event of any suspected Covid-19 case. Full details of the Privacy Notice can be found at www.rcdow.org.uk/privacy-policy.

Helping others to attend: If you can come to Mass on weekdays, please be generous and refrain from coming to Sunday Mass so that those who are busy during the week can attend Mass too, as there is no obligation to attend Mass at present.

Newsletters and other documents: Take a copy of the Newsletter as you leave along with any other documents being distributed. Having touched any piece of paper do not put it back but take it with you. We have a "**leave no trace**" policy.

Face Coverings: Are currently mandatory on public transport, hospitals and clinics and in shops and supermarkets, and also in places of worship.

Covid-19 still presents many challenges to us all. It can seem at times overwhelming. Despite all the restrictions let us be thankful that we can once again gather together, despite social distancing, as God's people. Let us rejoice and be glad.

Please do feel free to share the information in this newsletter with other members of the parish with whom you have contact. We all hope that these regulations will be temporary. Patience will still be required of all of us. With prayerful best wishes. Keep safe.

Fr. Anthony

We are in this together, Let us help one another

Urgent Appeal for Stewards & Cleaners

Male and female volunteer's aged between the **ages of 20-65** and not in any vulnerable categories, urgently required for 9.30am Masses on Tuesday and Friday and 10 am Mass on Sunday. Thank you to all who have volunteered in these roles since re-opening of Church, however many have now to return to work or university. **Can you help?** In order to celebrate Mass, Funerals, Baptisms and First Communions we **MUST** have Stewards and Cleaners in place. **Contact** Elizabeth for further details.

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – THE YEAR OF THE WORD

Meditate: The prophet Jeremiah complains against God, for his mission brings him only trouble. Yet he keeps trusting God and continues his task. In the Gospel Jesus predicts his passion and resurrection. Then he asks his disciples to follow him on his road of the cross to life.

Act: Jesus says: "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me." What crosses has I taken up in my life? How have they changed over the years?

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.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

Universal - The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

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>

In case you are admitted to hospital.....

In the light of data protection 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. [Fr. Peter]

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]