



St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY, YEAR A

30TH AUGUST, 2026

THEME: 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.

MEDITATE: This is one of those times when Jesus is giving us a "secret" to the kingdom of God.

ACT: What does taking up the cross mean in my life? In what concrete way does this gospel invite me to carry the cross?

OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE

[A Catholic Church Bishops' Conference of England and Wales Notice]

A Private Members' Bill has been reintroduced to parliament seeking to legalise assisted suicide - the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill. There will be a **crucial vote on Friday, 11 September**. Please contact your MP to make your voice heard to oppose this Bill.

ACT NOW!

Use your smartphone camera to scan the **QR code on poster** or visit the Bishops' Conference website. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide> There you will find resources to help you **contact your MP**, read the reasons why we oppose assisted suicide, explore FAQs, and more.



WELCOME BACK

*We hope that you all had a lovely summer break.
Welcome back to all who have been away and
welcome to St. Erconwald's Parish any
newly-arrived parishioners.*



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.

TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS IF VISITING ST. ERCONWALD'S

There is a School Street in operation in our area from 8am - 9am and 2.30pm - 4pm. If you enter the following streets Carlton Ave. East, Elmstead Ave. and Princess Ave. during these times, you will receive a fine from the Council.

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]

QR CODE

Don't use cash? Prefer to make your offering by phone?

Scan the QR code with your smartphone.

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



**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALL YOUR DONATIONS,
HOWEVER YOU CHOOSE TO GIVE.**



THE LARDER

Thank you for your kind donations and continued support.

SEASON OF CREATION

running from September 1 to October 4, 2026 - centers on the theme "**Living Water,**" inspired by the prophet Ezekiel's vision (Ezekiel 47:9, 12). Additionally, the Vatican announced the specific World Day of Prayer theme: "They shall beat their swords into plowshares" (Isaiah 2:4), focusing on the link between war and environmental harm.

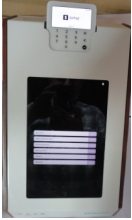


The Biblical text for this year portrays God's life-giving water flowing from the temple of God. The river grows deeper and deeper restoring barren land, reviving waters, and sustaining flourishing ecosystems. The vision invites human responsibility: recognising ecological damage, embracing interconnectedness. We are called to immerse ourselves in the water, and actively safeguarding and working for the renewal of creation so that environmental healing and human well-being may flourish together.

MASS TIMES

From Tuesday 1st September the weekday Masses will be at 9.30am.

CONTACTLESS DONATIONS



Our current Dona Card Readers are coming to the end of their life span, so we are in the process of replacing them with *Payaz* Readers. The first machine to be installed is located at the Car Park entrance/exit. As they operate differently and the headings are quite small, we will have someone on hand to help. Please be patient if the person in the queue ahead of you is taking a little longer than usual to make their payment, as it will take a little time to get used to the new reader. We are still waiting on the delivery of the other card reader.

REPOSITORY

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th October: Christmas Faire

COLLECTION BOX

We seemed to have lost one of the collection boxes used during our offertory collection following Mass. The box was empty, as it was misplaced during the period between being emptied after the 10.00am Mass and before the collection at the end of the 11.30am Mass. The collection box is of sentimental value having been used in the old Church as well as in the current Church. Please keep an eye out in case it has been left in an unusual place. As it is part of the history of the Church, we would love to see it back in action again.

Rite of Christian Initiation of 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 from next weekend.



SCHOOL OPEN DAYS / FORMS

For School Open Days please visit the schools' websites for details.

If you need any forms signed please see Fr. Anthony to make an appointment.

[A gentle reminder that unless you have been practicing regularly at St. Erconwald's, Fr. Anthony will not be able to sign your child's form.]



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST 2026

For Evangelisation in the City

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

CHURCH CLEANING

If you have any spare time please come along and join us after the 9.30am Mass on Tuesday mornings to help clean God's House.

LITURGY FOR THE TWENTY-SECOND 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 30th August: 22nd Sunday, Year A [10.00am/11.30am] Readings: 1st

Reading: Jeremiah 20.7-9; Psalm: 63; 2nd Reading: Romans 12.1-2; Gospel:

Matthew 16.21-27. **Intention:** 10.00am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Margaret and John Pereira [RIP]

Monday 31st August: Feria [10.00am] Readings: 1st Reading: 1Corinthians 2.1-5; Psalm: 118; Gospel: Luke 4.16-30. **Intention:** Special Intention.

Tuesday 1st September: Feria [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: 1Corinthians 2.10-16; Psalm: 144; Gospel: Luke 4.31-37. **Intention:** Joe De Souza [Intention]

Wednesday 2nd September: Feria [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: 1Corinthians 3.1-9; Psalm: 32; Gospel: Luke 4.38-44. **Intention:** Dominic and Bartholomew Tiernan [RIP, A].

Thursday 3rd September: NO SERVICE

Friday 4th September: Feria [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: 1Corinthians 4.1-5; Psalm: 36; Gospel: Luke 5.33-39. **Intention:** In Thanksgiving. *[There will be tea/coffee in the Hall after Mass]*

Saturday 5th September: 23rd Sunday, Year A [5.30pm] Readings: 1st Reading: Ezekiel 33.7-9; Psalm: 95; 2nd Reading: Romans 13.8-10; Gospel: Matthew 18.15-20. **Intention:** Aileen Bommer [RIP, A]

Sunday 6th September: 23rd Sunday, Year A [10.00am/11.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Ezekiel 33.7-9; Psalm: 95; 2nd Reading: Romans 13.8-10; Gospel: Matthew 18.15-20. **Intention:** 10.00am: People of the Parish
11.30am: Reg Fobler [RIP, A]

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



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Theresa Lowman, Sandra Warren, Angela Tora, 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.

*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]