

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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PARISH HALL LETS: Suspended until further notice.

THE OFFICE: Closed.



PENTECOST SUNDAY, YEAR A

31ST MAY, 2020

The Breath of Fire



Who does not dream of a day to come when he or she will no longer be afraid to do the things so long postponed because the courage to do them was lacking? Who is not hoping for more enthusiasm to do the everyday tasks with joy, to take the risk of deeply loving God and people without conditions and without hesitation? Who does not wish to be much more inspired and dynamic and creative in life? Today is the day on which this can begin to happen, for today is Pentecost, the day of the Spirit, the day the storm-wind renews our love, the day of the fire that brings us joy and freedom, the day of the Holy Spirit. May Jesus breathe his Spirit on us and make our hearts aflame with his light and life.

*Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,
and enkindle in them the fire of your love.*

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like a Mass offered for a specific intention please book this via email to: wembley3@rcdow.org.uk giving the name for whom Mass is intended; reason [RIP, Intention, other]; Name of person requesting and contact number. Mass offerings can be made through: Virgin Money Giving by visiting <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad/donate/> [suggested donation £10.00] or leave in an envelope in the internal post box when the Church reopens. These arrangements will remain in place whilst the Church and Office are closed and to avoid dropping envelopes through the presbytery door. This will help you to stay safe, in not taking unnecessary excursions outside. It will also avoid the risk of the virus being transmitted on the envelopes and currency. We are booked up to the end of July.

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]

NINTH WEEK OF YEAR A

The ninth week of Year A will be celebrated as indicated below but the Church will not be open and all are encouraged to participate at home with prayer or following the services online: [https://](https://www.churchservices.tv/wembley3)

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31st May: Pentecost Sunday: [10.00am] For the People of Parish. **Readings:** 1st: Acts 2.1-11; Psalm 103; 2nd: 1st Corinthians 12.3-7,12-13; Gospel: John 20.19-23.

Monday 1st June: Mary, Mother of the Church [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st: Genesis 3.9-15,20; Psalm 87; Gospel: John 19.25-34. Intention: Wojciech Zimmermann [RIP].

Tuesday 2nd June: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st: 2nd Peter 3.11-15,17-18; Psalm 89; Gospel: Mark 12.13-17. Intention: Eric D'Souza [RIP]

Wednesday 3rd June: St. Charles Lwanga & Comp. [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st: 2nd Maccabees 7.1-2,9-14; Psalm 123; Gospel: Matthew 5.1-12. Intention: Kate Calvey [RIP]

Thursday 4th June: NO SERVICE.

Friday 5th June: St. Boniface [9.30am] **Readings:** Acts 26.19-23; Psalm 116; Gospel: John 10.11-16. Intention: Sean Power [Intention]

Saturday 6th June: [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st: 2nd Timothy 4.1-8; Psalm 70; Gospel: Mark 12.38-44. Intention: Nicholas Sheung Choi Ng [RIP, A]

7th June Trinity Sunday: [10.00am] For the People of Parish. **Readings:** 1st: Exodus 34.4-6,8-9; Psalm: Daniel 3.52-56; 2nd: 2nd Corinthians 13.11-13; Gospel: John 3. 16-18.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Please keep the children who were due to make their First Holy Communion the weekend of 6th/7th June, and their families, in your prayers. Due to the current situation regarding COVID-19, the celebration of Sacraments have been postponed until such time that the public health advice is that congregations can gather safely.

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>

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE

Evangelisation - The Way of the Heart

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.



MAKING A DONATION

We have been asked: "How can I make my weekly contribution at this time?" Please do not drop envelopes through the presbytery door. This will help you to stay safe, in not taking unnecessary excursions outside. It will also avoid the risk of the virus being transmitted on the envelopes and currency. Also, the Text Giving through your Mobile Phone has now been suspended, please do not use this service. The best way to donate is by visiting <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad/donate/>. You can also donate through **Virgin Money Giving** by visiting: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad/donate/> All the details are on there.

THE ANGELUS PROMISE

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

THE ANGELUS PRAYER

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: O Holy Mother of God, pray for us, and assist us as we dedicate ourselves this day. Your Yes at the Annunciation brought our Saviour Jesus into the world, and you invite us to contemplate the great mystery of the Incarnation, sharing your joy in announcing that "the Word was made flesh and lived among us." May our yes, this day, open our hearts to serve our sisters and brothers in this your Dowry, that they too may share our joy in the Good News that God walks among us. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.



If you have a particular intention for which you'd like me to light a votive candle for you, please let me know [via email: wembley3@rcdow.org.uk] and I'll gladly do so. [Fr. Anthony]

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]

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – THE YEAR OF THE WORD

Meditate: As we are experiencing at the moment, fear is our greatest enemy because it immobilises us and closes us in. On the contrary, the life of God within us, which we call Holy Spirit, opens doors and our own heart to others, hence making us share the message of the Gospel with those around us. Some of the walls we build around us are created by our sins, our judgments and resentments. Thus the first work of those who receive the Spirit of God is to forgive and reconcile.

Act: St. Francis prayed that he be an instrument of God's peace bringing peace, reconciliation and love to situations of hatred, discord and misunderstanding. See if any of such situations are present around you and try to amend it, through prayer or some practical action.

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.

CAFOD APPEAL

The effects of coronavirus on developing countries where CAFOD works are likely to be devastating. Your prayers and gifts are needed now more than ever to help protect the lives of those in poor communities. You can donate as individuals at www.cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal

The PASSAGE

The outbreak of Coronavirus has completely changed the landscape for *The Passage*. Our priority is to ensure that homeless people have somewhere safe to stay, are well fed and do not return to the streets. It costs £10 to provide a food parcel to a homeless person. To help raise the funding we need to pay for the Food Hub, we have created a new campaign called Donate Your Dinner. Please take a look at our website: www.passage.org.uk/dinner or call 0207 592 1886 for more information. [Andrew Hollingsworth]

Join us on the **Friday 5th June, from 6pm**, to commemorate 40 years of *The Passage* and its work helping people to overcome homelessness. Hosted by BBC Gardener's World's, Adam Frost, live from his spectacular back garden, spend a peaceful summer's evening with us as we celebrate gardening and mark our anniversary. Sit back and enjoy gardening tips and secrets from Adam, while tucking in to a suggested menu at home from The Passage's very own Head Chef, Claudette Dawkins; which you can pair with a refreshing gin cocktail, recommended by HMS Spirits, who are offering 20% off their products for all attendees. To sign up and for more details visit <https://passage.org.uk/get-involved/events/virtual-garden-party/>
There is no charge for this event but of course donations are most welcome.



Please do feel free to share the information in this newsletter with other members of the parish with whom you have contact.
With prayerful best wishes. Keep safe. [Fr. Anthony]