

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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SIXTH OF EASTER OF YEAR B

5TH MAY, 2024

THEME: A Love without Boundaries



We are again reminded today that the heart of Christianity is love: love of God, love of one another. Jesus tells us that we have to love one another as he has loved us. This is a very demanding love, for it commits us to love not only those we like and who love us or like-minded fellow Christians, but also the difficult ones, the “unlovable,” people far from perfect, outsiders ... That is not so easy, and this is probably why he calls it a commandment. Let us ask our Lord that we may grow in this openness of genuine love.

MEDITATE: This reading [John 15. 9-17] is set in the context of John's Last Supper discourse, which is Jesus' farewell address to his disciples.

ACT: Examine your gifts and talents and determine what ministry can best use them.

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION - HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

Mass times: Vigil Mass: Wednesday 8th May at 7.00pm. Day Mass: Thursday 9th May at 9.30am. The Masses will be life-streamed and recorded.

PENTECOST NOVENA

The solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord marks the beginning of the nine days spiritual preparation for Pentecost. [Will be recited from Friday at the end of Mass]. Copies of the *Novena Prayer* are available on the website/microsite and as you leave the Church.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

There will be a rehearsal for the children preparing to receive their First Holy Communion in church on **Saturday 18th May at 10.30am**. Please be Prompt. The children will go on to receive the Eucharist on Saturday 25th May at 10.30am. Please keep the children, their families and catechists in your prayers

FUNERAL

With sadness we announce the death of Mary Loftus. Her funeral will take place on Friday 10th May at 10.00am. The Mass will be live-streamed and recorded. We offer our sympathy to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

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.

QUIZ AND CHIP SUPPER – 1st JUNE, 7.30PM

Yes it's back once again, the chance to pit your wits in a battle of General Knowledge, whilst you cheerfully munch on tasty fish and chips, sausage and chips, or veggie burger and chips.

With free parking and a licensed bar, all that remains for you to do is book your ticket and decide which of your bathrooms you're going to keep the trophy in....

Tables of up to 8 encouraged, either come with friends or we can facilitate teams on the night! Tickets are available in the normal place of <https://www.thechameleons.co.uk/tickets/> or via our box office on 020 8123 6443



REPOSITORY

A limited number of First Holy Communion and Confirmation goods are on display in the Repository. Please ask if you do not see something you require as it is impossible to display all items. We have a selection of sterling silver medals and crosses which may be viewed on request. Also, available Marian items for the month of May.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

For the formation of men and women Religious and Seminarians
Let us pray that men and women religious and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

REGINA CAELI

["Queen of Heaven" is a prayer addressed to the Blessed Virgin Mary that is used during the Easter Season, from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. During this season, the Marian Prayer takes the place of the traditional Angelus.]

V. O Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia

R. For He Whom you were worthy to bear. Alleluia

V. Has risen as He said. Alleluia

R. Pray for us to our God. Alleluia

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.

R. For the Lord has risen indeed, Alleluia.

Let us pray:

God our Father, you give joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



INTERNATIONAL DAY - PENTECOST SUNDAY - 19th MAY 2024



On the feast of Pentecost we celebrate our "Unity in Diversity" and the different cultures, food and traditions that are part of our Parish. Following the 11.30am Mass we will assemble in the Parish Hall and Car Park for the Celebration. Please come in your National Costume if possible. This event is a wonderful, joyous celebration, and it requires a lot of work. **We need as much help as possible.** Tickets on sale after Mass: Adults £10; AOP's: £5.00 and children 12 years and under free [and must be accompanied by an adult]. The money raised will go towards the Church Refurbishment Fund.

FLAGS: *A sheet is provided [at the back of the Church] for you to write your country of origin. We will use the information to ensure that we have flags representing all the different parts of the world that make up our community.*

INTERNATIONAL CUISINE: As in the past, we are asking people to provide National Dishes. Currently, we have Indian Curry, Jerk Chicken, Home cooked Ham, and Salmon. If, your country is not covered by the above perhaps you might consider making a dish, we also need desserts and nibbles [i.e. prawn crackers etc.]

We need enough of each dish to serve 10 or more people, perhaps two or more people could cook the same dish. We would like people to volunteer to co-ordinate the food. Please complete the food sheet form at the back for the Church.

*[Due to Data Protection Laws, we can no longer leave out lists as in the past, so if you could complete the forms at the back of the church to indicate your donation of food/drink. Then post these forms into the box provided, we would be most grateful. **Please, do not leave completed forms with your details on the table.**]*

ENTERTAINMENT: There will be live music. If anyone would like to contribute to the entertainment on the day, please let us know.

RAFFLE: Tickets are available at both entrances to the Church to sell to your family, friends and neighbours. Must be returned not later than Saturday morning 18th May. 1st prize – International Hamper [**donations welcome, as we would like each country to be represented**]; 2nd prize – £50 Cash; 3rd Prize – Last Supper Plaque; 4th Prize – Children's Surprise; 5th Prize – Surprise Prize for those attending; and many other fantastic prizes. To be drawn on Sunday 19th May, 2024.

SATURDAY 18th MAY at 11.00am

***Please come along and help decorate the Church and the Hall.
More hands make light work!***

WEMBLEY EVENT DAYS

Saturday 18th, and **Sunday 19th [International Day]**.

CHURCH CLEANING

The Church closes for cleaning after the 9.30am Mass on Tuesdays, if you have any spare time please come along and join us.

LITURGY FOR THE SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER - 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]

Sunday 5th May: 6th of Easter, B [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 10.25-26,34-35,44-48; Psalm: 97; 2nd Reading: 1John 4.7-10; Gospel: John 15.9-17. **Intention:** 10.00am: People of the Parish
11.30am: Bridie and Eddie Thompson [RIP, A].

Monday 6th May: Easter Feria [9.30am]: **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 16.11-15; Psalm: 149; John 15.26-16-4. **Intention:** Trish Lonergan [RIP].

Tuesday 7th May: Easter Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 16.22-34; Psalm: 137; Gospel: John 16.5-11. **Intention:** Frank Custy [RIP]

Wednesday 8th May: Easter Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 17.15,22-18.1; Psalm: 148; Gospel: John 16.12-15. **Intention:** Ben O'Donoghue [RIP]

Wednesday 8th May: Ascension of the Lord [7.00pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 1.1-11; Psalm: 46; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 1.17-23; Gospel: Mark 16.15-20. **Intention:** Rose Lally [RIP]

Thursday 9th May: Ascension of the Lord: [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 1.1-11; Psalm: 46; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 1.17-23; Gospel: Mark 16.15-20. **Intention:** Mollie and Leo Hannigan [RIP, A]

Friday 10th May: 10.00am: Funeral Mass for Mary Loftus RIP. [The Mass will be live-streamed and recorded]

Saturday 11th May: 7th of Easter, B [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 1.15-17,20-26; Psalm: 102; 2nd Reading: 1John 4.11-16; Gospel: John 17.11-19. **Intention:** Arthur Murphy [RIP].

Sunday 12th May: 7th of Easter, B [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 1.15-17,20-26; Psalm: 102; 2nd Reading: 1John 4.11-16; Gospel: John 17.11-19. **Intention:** 10.00am: People of the Parish
11.30am: John Wheaton [RIP, A].

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Anette Rixon, Martin Geary, Susan Bradley, Helga Ojinmah, Mary Owen, Margaret Beeby, Radwan Naffa, Kathryn McGinnis, Sheila O'Hara, and Yves Remedios.

We remember also those in Kenbrook, Birchwood Grange and Brook House.

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]