



## St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A 7TH DECEMBER, 2025

### Theme: Baptised With the Spirit of Fire



On this Second Sunday of Advent we are preparing for the fuller coming of Christ in our community and in the world. We need to be people full of the Spirit of Christ. The Saviour was announced by Isaiah and John the Baptist as a man completely filled with God's Spirit. He would baptise us with the Spirit of Fire. To us, too, John says: Let this Spirit of fire change your mentality, your attitudes, your ways, so that Jesus can really live among us to make this world a place of unity and integrity, of justice and peace. Let Jesus pour out this Spirit among us.

**MEDITATE:** John the Baptist speaks the truth without fear.

**ACT:** What in this gospel calls me to look into my heart and see where the Holy Spirit is inviting me to repentance?

### LIGHT OF LIFE - REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

Please collect **Memorial Cards** from the back of the Church, complete them with the name of deceased loved one and return them not later than **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December**. These Cards will then be hung on the Christmas tree. Mass will be offered on the feast of the Holy Family, the weekend of 27th/28<sup>th</sup> December [5.30pm/10.00am Masses]. Please place Memorial Cards and donations in the box available.

*Donations go towards the decorating of the Church at Christmas.*



### CHRISTMAS CRIB APPEAL 2025



*The Catholic Children's Society Crib Appeal helps support children and families in need throughout the diocese. There will be a donation box by the crib for you to contribute. Thank you for your support.*

### FUNERAL

With sadness we announce the death of John Smith [previously of Wembley]. His funeral will take place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 10:30am at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Rickmansworth, WD3 1HU and then burial at Woodcock Hill Cemetery, WD3 1PD. We offer our sympathy to his family and friends. May he rest in peace. <https://www.churchservices.tv/rickmansworth>

## **ADVENT 2025 – JOURNEYING TO THE CRIB**

The season of Advent is a time of preparation for the birth of Our Saviour. Listed below are activities and devotions to help us prepare for the coming feast of Christmas and its true meaning.



### **ADVENT GIVING CALENDAR**



This Advent Giving Calendar gives suggestions for items to collect each day, reaching out to those going hungry, making a food parcel. Like previous years we will be supporting “The Larder”. Available at the back of the Church.

*For more Advent resources for all ages please visit: [cafod.org.uk/advent](http://cafod.org.uk/advent)*

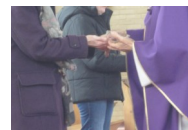
### **MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

*On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, at 11.00am  
followed by soup and rolls in the Parish Hall.*

*This Mass is for everyone especially the sick and elderly.*

*[There will be no 9.30am Mass]*

*Kenbrook: Tuesday December 9<sup>th</sup> 10.30am*



### **SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION WITH ABSOLUTION**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm.**

### **THE PASSAGE CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS - OPTIONS FOR DONATING**

**Option 1: Gift Bag Contents [x 50]:** Hat, Scarf, Gloves, Socks, 2in1 Shampoo/Conditioner; Shower Gel, Deodorant, Flannel, Towel, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Bar of Chocolate.  
[You can donate all or some of these items].



**Option 2: Money Donation:** You can donate money to help with the bulk purchase of some of these items for example Scarves or hats this would be helpful. Just put your donation in the envelope marked “Passage Gifts” and place in one of our “Donation Boxes” in Church.

### **OPTION 3: OTHER WAYS:**

**A:** Knitting: For example, Scarves which are difficult to source - S.O.S. Knitters!

**B:** If you work in retail could your company give a discount on bulk buying?

You do not need to supply a gift bag.

Please place your items in the basket provided in Church.

### **NO CHILDREN’S CLOTHES PLEASE**

Andrew Hollingsworth will collect the “gifts” on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent [21<sup>st</sup> December] after the 11.30am Mass.

## **THANK YOU**

The family of Sheila O’Hara would like to thank everyone for their messages of sympathy, Mass cards and kindness shown following her recent death. May She rest in peace.



### **POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER 2025**

For Christians in Areas of Conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war and conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

## **PARISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**



will be held on **SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER** following the 5.30pm Mass. Refreshments will be served from the bar. Admission by ticket only. Adults £2.00, children free [they need an "Entry Ticket" and **must** be accompanied by their parents/guardians for the duration of the event, and book a place]. Your ticket can be exchanged for a glass of mulled wine or fruit punch and a mince pie. In addition to all this, we will hold our **Grand Christmas Draw**. *We hope that many of you will come and celebrate this Christmas together as a Parish. Proceeds will go towards the Church Restoration Fund. Tickets on sale after Mass.*

## **CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW** **SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

Takes place at the end of the Christmas Celebration. Raffle books are now available for our Christmas Draw. Please return counter-foils and unsold tickets no later than **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December**. There are lots of good prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Nativity Crib; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: £100 Cash, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Christmas Goodies Hamper, 4<sup>th</sup> Prize: Children's Prizes, plus many other fantastic prizes. Please do support the Draw which is in aid of the Restoration Fund. Book of 5 tickets cost £5.



## **CHRISTMAS INTENTIONS**

Those requesting **Christmas Mass Bouquets** please note that due to demand there will be no individual Masses. The Christmas Masses celebrated on Wednesday at 9.30pm and Thursday at 10.30am will be offered for all intentions. Cards are available from the Repository. A donation would be appreciated.

## **POINSETTIA**

*As in previous years we intend to decorate the Cribs with Poinsettia, if you like to contribute one, please bring it to the Church no later than the morning of Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December*

## **CHURCH DECORATION FOR CHRISTMAS**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am**. *Please come along and help decorate the Church and the Hall and setting up the Cribs and the Christmas Tree.*  
*More hands make light work!*

## **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.*

## **CHURCH CLEANING**

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

## **LITURGY FOR THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT - 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 7th December: Second of Advent, Year A [10.00am/11.30am] Readings:**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10; Psalm: 71; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 15.4-9; Gospel: Matthew 3.1-12. **Intention:** 10.00am: John McAree [RIP, A]

11.30am: People of the Parish

### **Monday 8th December: Immaculate Conception [9.30am] Readings:**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 3.9-15,20; Psalm: 98; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 1.3-6,11-12; Gospel: Luke 1.26-38. **Intention:** Michael Loughrey [RIP]

**Tuesday 9th December: Advent Feria [9.30am] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 40.1-11; Psalm: 95; Gospel: Matthew 18.12-14. **Intention:** John, Ruth, Michael and Christopher Pearson [RIP]

**Wednesday 10th December: Advent Feria [9.30am] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 40.25-31; Psalm: 102; Gospel: Matthew 11.28-30. **Intention:** John Willie Kilkenny [RIP].

### **Thursday 11th December: NO SERVICE**

**Friday 12th December: Advent Feria [9.30am] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 48.17-19; Psalm: 1; Gospel: Matthew 11.16-19. **Intention:** Esse Doherty and Danny Connor [RIP]

**Saturday 13th December: Third of Advent, Year A [5.30pm] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 35.1-6,10; Psalm: 145; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: James 5.7-10; Gospel: Matthew 11.2-11. **Intention:** Terry Clark [RIP].

**Sunday 14th December: Third of Advent, Year A [10.00am/11.30am] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 35.1-6,10; Psalm: 145; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: James 5.7-10; Gospel: Matthew 11.2-11. **Intention:** 10.00am: People of the Parish  
11.30am: Fatima Ferdinando [RIP]

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



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Magdalene Davis, 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.**

## **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]*