

## St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C 8TH DECEMBER, 2024

### THEME: Remove the Obstacles from the Road

Tremendous amounts of money are spent to build better roads, to have better communications, but there still remain a lot of obstacles among people and nations to communicate with one another. In the same way there are still many obstacles to the coming of our Saviour in our world. People put up roadblocks and we have to remove them, so that his mercy and freedom, his justice and love may reach all people. If only all could encounter the Saviour and experience God's salvation in him and at work in us too! We ask Jesus our Lord in this Advent Season that we may be the road to him and that we may bring him near to people.

**MEDITATE:** John the Baptist is the last of the prophets of the old law who announced the arrival of the new law in Christ.

**ACT:** In what ways do I experience the forgiveness of God? How does my forgiveness of others reflect that forgiveness.

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

**Option 1: Gift Bag Contents [x 150]:** Hat, Scarf, Gloves, Socks, Shower Gel, Shampoo, Conditioner, 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.

You do not need to supply a gift bag. Please place your items in the basket provided in Church [by St. Joseph's Statue]. **NO CHILDREN'S CLOTHES PLEASE**

Andrew will collect the *Gifts* on the Third Sunday of Advent [15<sup>th</sup> December] after the 11.30am Mass.



## **RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS 2025** **CONFIRMATION**

*Registration Forms are available at the back of the Church.*

## **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 21<sup>st</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 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> December. Please place Memorial Cards and donations in the box available.

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

## **PARISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

Takes place in the Parish Hall on **SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER, after the 5.30pm Mass**. This is a Free Ticketed event. Tickets will be available after Mass, limited places - first come first served. If you wish, there will be a donation box at the entrance to the Hall on the day. This a chance to get together as a Parish over mulled wine/soft drink and mince pies. During the Celebration we will have the Christmas Raffle – in aid of the Refurbishment Fund. Children **MUST** be accompanied by a parent/guardian for the duration of the event.

## **CHRISTMAS INTENTIONS**

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

## **CHRISTMAS CRIB APPEAL 2024**

*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.*

## **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 21<sup>st</sup> December*

## **CHURCH DECORATION FOR CHRISTMAS**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> at 10.30am**. 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!*

## **IMPORTANT SCAM NOTIFICATION**

Emails pretending to be from the Parish Priest are being sent requesting the purchase of gift cards for the Parish Priest.

Please **BE VIGILANT**, we do **NOT** send such emails.



## **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER**

For people with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of society's attention, and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation.

## **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 may be captured on the livestream.

## **ADVENT 2024 – JOURNEYING TO THE CRIB**

### **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". *Details of when to bring the "food parcels" will be given later.*

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

### **MASSES WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Birchwood Grange: Monday December 16<sup>th</sup> 3.00pm



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

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm.**

## **THE PASSAGE**

the **Big Give** is now live and will be open until 12pm on December 10<sup>th</sup>. The Big Give is a matched funding campaign which effectively doubles your donation to *The Passage*, so for every £1 you donate *The Passage* will receive £2. We are hoping to raise a very ambitious target of £650,000 so that we can continue to do all we can to prevent people becoming street homeless this winter, and for those that are homeless, to help them move away from the street quickly and safely. Please visit the Big Give website.

## **REPOSITORY**

Advent Calendars and candles still available. Christmas Cards, 2025 Church Art Calendars and Diaries, Candles and Cribs are also on display. Larger Cribs are in the Repository, viewing on request – please ask a Repository helper. Payment by Card: using the Repository option, or place money in brown envelope available on the table and post in the box marked Repository.

You are welcome to browse.

## **BRENT DEANERY PILGRIMAGE TO ROME: 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2025**

Details on the noticeboard.

## **CHAMELEONS IN PANTO – CINDERELLA**

At the Church of the Ascension on 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> December.

Tickets: £14.50, Concessions: £12.50

## **CHURCH CLEANING**

Can we please ask if you have any spare time to please come along and join us after the 9.30am Mass on Tuesday mornings to help clean God's House. This is also a good way of meeting others in our parish.

## **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 8th December: Second in Advent, Year C** [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Baruch 5.1-9; Psalm: 125; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 1.3-6,8-11; Gospel: Luke 3.1-6.

**Intention:** 10.00am: Mary and Eugene Donetti and Rosa Grisostomi [RIP]  
11.30am: People of the Parish

**Monday 9th December: Immaculate Conception of BVM** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 3.9-15,20; Psalm: 97; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 1.3-6,11-12; Gospel: Luke 1.26-38. **Intention:** Carlo de Rosa [RIP]

**Tuesday 10th December: Advent Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 40.1-11; Psalm: 95; Gospel: Matthew 18.12-14. **Intention:** Agnes Tiernan [Intention]

**Wednesday 11th December: Advent Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 40.25-31; Psalm: 102; Gospel: Matthew 11.28-30. **Intention:** David Hodgins [RIP]

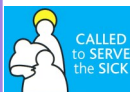
**Thursday 12th December NO SERVICE**

**Friday 13th December: Advent Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1Isaiah 48.17-19; Psalm: 1; Gospel: Matthew 11.16-19. **Intention:** John Pereira [RIP]

**Saturday 14th December: Third in Advent, Year C** [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Zephaniah 3.14-18; Psalm: Isaiah 12; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 4.4-7; Gospel: Luke 3.10-18. **Intention:** Annette Rixon [RIP].

**Sunday 15th December: Third in Advent, Year C** [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Zephaniah 3.14-18; Psalm: Isaiah 12; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 4.4-7; Gospel: Luke 3.10-18. **Intention:** 10.00am: People of the Parish  
11.30am: Bartley McDonagh [RIP]

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



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: 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]*