



## St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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**FIFTH SUNDAY, YEAR A**

**8TH FEBRUARY, 2026**

### **THEME: Light Should Shine: Salt Should Make Tasty.**



What is striking in today's message is how much trust Christ puts in us, perhaps more than we do in him. He entrusts to us the mission of being his light shining in the world, the salt that preserves and spices the world with the aroma of the gospel, the mission of being a city of light that attracts people to the Lord. What a responsibility. This week, let us ask Jesus to kindle his light in us.

**MEDITATE:** The words following the beatitudes are a more earthy and more understood challenge, offering guidance to his followers.

**ACT:** Let someone who has been a light in your life know how much his or her light, have meant to you.

The International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking is held annually on February 8th, the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, a Sudanese saint and trafficking survivor. This day encourages global prayer, reflection, and action to support victims and combat modern slavery.



### ***We Dare To Ask***

is a resource on the theme of our Baptismal Vocation. As we prepare to renew our baptismal promises at Easter, we are asked to explore the depth of what baptism truly means. During Lent there will be a series of talks based on "*We dare to ask*", looking at new ways of living our baptism, reflecting more on the fact that we are baptized and called to grow daily in becoming more like Christ as we journey towards our heavenly Father. The Lenten Talks will take place on Wednesday evening 7.00 – 8.00pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

### **ST. PATRICK'S DAY: BACON & CABBAGE/IRISH STEW** **SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH**



Doors open at 12.30pm. Food will be served from 12.45pm – 2.00pm. After lunch there will be entertainment by George Harte, and a raffle with some fantastic prizes. Tickets: Adults: £20; Senior: £15; Children: £10; Family [2 Adults & 2 Children]: £45. Children need to be accompanied by parent/guardian for the duration of the event. *In aid of the Church Restoration Fund.*

## **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]**

### **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES & GIFT AID**

If your circumstances have changed please do inform the Parish Office.

### **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 FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT**



## **PALM CROSSES**

In preparation for the Lenten Season please return your Palm Crosses to the church by next weekend for use on Ash Wednesday [18<sup>th</sup> February].

## **THANK YOU**

to all those who supported the Quiz Night.  
£523.44 was raised towards the Church Restoration Fund



## **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY 2026**

For children with incurable diseases.

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



### **THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP**

A missionary from Bethlehem, the Holy Land, will visit us on the weekend of **21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> February** to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood to help and support the poor Christian families, any help you could give them will be highly appreciated.

### **THE LARDER**

*Thank you for your kind donations.*

*Please leave your donations in the box provided by the Lady Chapel.*



### **MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MATRIMONY**

#### **Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 23rd May 2026 at 2:30pm.**

The Archbishop is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2026. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please contact the parish office by the weekend of 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> April, with the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and contact email (or telephone number, if no email).

### **CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY**



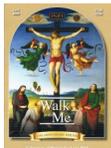
This Lent, you can answer Christ's call to love your neighbour by supporting CAFOD's Family Fast Day, helping families in countries like Bangladesh and South Sudan grow food in floating gardens to survive floods, and in places like Zimbabwe use solar-powered pumps to grow crops despite drought. By eating simply and giving generously this Fast Day, you'll help more families put food on the table. Details to follow.

### **"The Chameleons" - Radio Times - Sixty Years Young!**

Join us for the start of our Diamond Anniversary Celebrations! For one night only – Saturday 28th February at 8.00pm - The Chameleons kick off our 60th year with a very special event at St Erconwalds Church Hall, Wembley. It's a joyful, creative celebration of six decades of performing, featuring a lively mix of scenes, songs, sketches, and surprise moments inspired by our rich and varied history. With live music adding to the atmosphere, this promises a warm, funny, and nostalgic evening celebrating 60 years of theatre. All tickets are £9.00 with unallocated seating, on site parking and a Licensed Bar. 12+ Parental Discretion advised.



### **REPOSITORY**



"Day by Day" and "Walk With Me" Lenten books are now available. We also have some Lenten material for children on display. Additionally, Our Lady of Lourdes items are also on display. You are welcome to browse, please ask for assistance if you require other items.

### **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 FIFTH WEEK OF YEAR 2 - Psalter Week 1**

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 February: Fifth Sunday, Year A** [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 58.6-10; Psalm: 112; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Corinthians 2.1-5; Gospel: Matthew 5.13-16. **Intention:** 10.00am: Giovanni Marcis [RIP, A]  
11.30am: People of the Parish

**Monday 9th February: Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1Kings 8.1-7,9-13; Psalm: 131; Gospel: Mark 6.53-56. **Intention:** Pauline Mooney [RIP]

**Tuesday 10th February: St. Scholastica** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1Kings 8.22-23,27-30; Psalm: 83; Gospel: Mark 7.1-13. **Intention:** Julia Hayes [RIP, A]

**Wednesday 11th February: Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1Kings 10.1-10; Psalm: 36; Gospel: Mark 7.14-23. **Intention:** Lorraine Regan [Intention].

**Thursday 12th February** **NO SERVICE**

**Friday 13th February: Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1Kings 11.29-32,12.19; Psalm: 80; Gospel: Mark 7.31-37. **Intention:** Elizabeth and John Sullivan [Intention]

**Saturday 14th February: Sixth Sunday, Year A** [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Sirach 15.15-20; Psalm: 119; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Corinthians 2.6-10; Gospel: Matthew 5.17-37. **Intention:** Jimmy Forkan [RIP].

**Sunday 15th February: Sixth Sunday, Year A** [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Sirach 15.15-20; Psalm: 119; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Corinthians 2.6-10; Gospel: Matthew 5.17-37. **Intention:** 10.00am: Michael Donleavy [RIP, A]  
11.30am: People of the Parish

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



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Claudette Roby, 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]*