

St Erconwald Coronavirus Parish Guidance as at 21 March 2020

Current Situation

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have decided that public Masses and other services will be suspended from Friday evening, 20th March, until further notice. The last Mass which parishioners attended was Friday morning at 9.30am. The Bishops have made clear that in these emergency circumstances, and for as long as they last, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is removed.

The following arrangements will operate:

- **Fr. Anthony will offer Mass** each day privately with the Intentions indicated in the weekly newsletter and you are invited to join spiritually. As a help in this regard there is a hand-out available at the back of the Church (and on our website) entitled "No one is alone!"
- **St Erconwald's Church will be open during the day for personal, private, silent prayer** during the following times: **Monday - Wednesday and Friday: 9.00am - 10.00am; Saturday 5.00pm - 6.00pm; and Sunday 9.00am - 12noon.** You can also leave offerings for St Laurence's Larder. Please do observe with great care the practices of hygiene and the guidance on social distancing. Please note only the front entrance will be available and the car park will be closed.
- **Fr. Anthony will be available for help and support via telephone or email.** Baptisms will be deferred until such time that the public health advice is that congregations can gather safely. There will be no further sessions for First Holy Communion preparation until further notice. The celebration of First Holy Communion will be postponed until a time that allows for the families and friends to gather safely within our Church.
- We will keep in touch with the sick and housebound in our parish with a weekly phone call
- **There will be a weekly newsletter** available in hard copy from the entrance to the Church and also on the parish website. If you are not online and would like the weekly newsletter posted out to you, please phone the Parish Office
- As at this time we cannot celebrate Mass as a parish community, we can **join one another in prayer** (wherever we are) by reciting the Angelus at 12noon and at 6.00pm and, **if we wish to attend Mass remotely** online using the internet, details of parishes offering streaming of their Masses are on the reverse of this sheet and up to date details can be found on the Diocese of Westminster website (details below). CAFOD are also providing online Children's liturgy (details below).
- **Weekly Offerings:** Please leave your offerings in the box provided at the back of the Church. Perhaps now might be an appropriate time to consider a Standing order to support the parish. For all enquiries about Gift Aid and how to set up a Standing Order please contact the Parish Office.
- **Mass Intentions** can still be requested via the Parish Office and the Presbytery letter box.
- With the cancellation of all of our spiritual and social activities, please **stay in touch with each other**, at least by phone, especially with those who may be particularly vulnerable in these circumstances

Contacts and Resources

St Erconwald's Parish Website	http://www.erconwald.org.uk/
Westminster Diocese Website details of Mass Streaming Services	https://rcdow.org.uk/news/how-to-participate-in-mass-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/
Catholic Bishops Coronavirus (COVID-19) Guidelines	https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/
Cardinal Vincent's Video	https://vimeo.com/398532027
Masses and Prayer Resources Online (ICN)	https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/39170
No One Is Alone leaflet	http://www.erconwald.org.uk/Prayer-not-alone-Westminster-bw-200321.pdf
CAFOD Children's Online Liturgy	https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy
Catholic Newspapers online	http://www.churchpaper.co.uk/

MASS ONLINE

The following churches in the diocese are live streamed and can be visited online at any time using the relevant website address. Mass will be celebrated for online participation at the times listed below:

Sunday Mass

6.00pm (Sat.)	St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Borehamwood	www.churchservices.tv/borehamwood
6.30pm (Sat.)	Our Lady of Lourdes, New Southgate	www.churchservices.tv/newsouthgate
7.45am	St Monica, Palmers Green	www.churchservices.tv/palmersgreen
9.00am	St Joseph and English Martyrs, Bishops Stortford	www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford
10.00am	St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Borehamwood	www.churchservices.tv/borehamwood
10.00am	Our Lady of Lourdes, New Southgate	www.churchservices.tv/newsouthgate
10.30am	Holy Apostles, Pimlico	www.churchservices.tv/pimlico
10.30am	St James, Spanish Place	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_QES_fHotyQ0tA0pH8dTsg
11.00am	Our Lady and St Vincent, Potters Bar	www.churchservices.tv/pottersbar
11.30am	St Mary, Hampstead	www.churchservices.tv/hampstead
12 noon	St Anselm and St Cecilia, Lincoln's Inn Fields	www.churchservices.tv/lincolnsinnfields
12.30pm	Holy Apostles, Pimlico (Spanish Mass)	www.churchservices.tv/pimlico
3.30pm	St Monica, Palmers Green (Polish Mass)	www.churchservices.tv/palmersgreen
6.30pm	St Thomas More, Swiss Cottage	www.churchservices.tv/swisscottage

Weekday Mass

Monday to Friday:

7.00am	St Thomas More, Swiss Cottage	www.churchservices.tv/swisscottage
9.15am	St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Borehamwood	www.churchservices.tv/borehamwood
9.30am	St Monica, Palmers Green	www.churchservices.tv/palmersgreen
10.00am	Our Lady and St Vincent, Potters Bar	www.churchservices.tv/pottersbar
10.00am	Our Lady of Lourdes, New Southgate	www.churchservices.tv/newsouthgate
12.30pm*	St Anselm and St Cecilia, Lincoln's Inn Fields	www.churchservices.tv/lincolnsinnfields
6.00pm	St Anselm and St Cecilia, Lincoln's Inn Fields	www.churchservices.tv/lincolnsinnfields

* *Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only*

Saturday:

10.00am	St Thomas More, Swiss Cottage	www.churchservices.tv/swisscottage
10.00am	Our Lady of Lourdes, New Southgate	www.churchservices.tv/newsouthgate

OTHER WEBSITES

There are many websites offering information and support at this time. Among them are:

The Diocese of Westminster	rcdow.org.uk
The Bishops' Conference	cbcew.org.uk
The National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham	walsingham.org.uk
Lent in Isolation	lentinisolation.com