

## St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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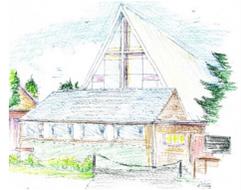
Microsite: [www.parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad](http://www.parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad)

Parish Priest: Fr. Anthony Psaila

Safeguarding Services Designated Persons: Margaret Nichols

PARISH HALL LETS: Suspended until further notice.

THE OFFICE: Closed.



**PENTECOST SUNDAY, YEAR B**

**23RD MAY 2021**

### **THEME: The Spirit of Unity**



On this beautiful day of Pentecost God lets his Spirit bring together again all that has been divided: our own selves, so often broken and ripped apart, our Church and its communities, nations. The Spirit unites in their diversity masters and servants, rich and poor, free people and those enslaved in any way, citizens and strangers, people of every race and tongue and colour. All of us are called to hear in our own language the marvels God is doing among us. Wonder at all this, rejoice and celebrate the feast of the Spirit.

### **THE GOD WHO SPEAKS**

**MEDITATE:** The Gospel reading taken from Jesus' farewell discourse to his disciples at the Last Supper is one of several in Joh's Gospel devoted to the role and function of the Holy Spirit.

**ACT:** Witness to and glorify God's truth and blessings in your midst by celebrating the many different gifts and the cultural diversity present in your community.

**PRAYER:** Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us through the Scriptures. Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another. Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. Amen.  
Your word is our path and your truth is our light. This day and every day.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Please keep the children who will be making their First Holy Communion on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am, and their families and catechists in your prayers. It will be a private Mass and it will be live-streamed and recorded.

### **PFIZER VACCINE**

If you are a **Brent resident, 37 years and above** and, would like a first dose Pfizer vaccine please call **03000 339950 between 9am and 4pm** to book an appointment. Anyone who had a first vaccine at least 9 weeks ago can also book their 2<sup>nd</sup> vaccine on the same phone number between the same hours. You will need to present your NHS number and date of birth.

## **COMING TO MASS: COVID-19 SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

You **must not** attend Church if you or someone you live with has cold or flu like symptoms. You **must not** attend Church if you or someone you have had contact with has tested positive for COVID-19. You **must inform** the Parish Office if you or someone you live with/have had contact with someone who tests positive for COVID -19. You **must not** mingle with people you do not live with out-side the Church after Mass.

## **BOOKING TO COME TO MASS**

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad/events/>

**Booking by phone if no internet available: you can call the parish office on 020 8904 6031 [press option 2 when prompted]**

**(Visit website for the latest regulations for attending Mass, or see notice on Church door)**

## **DONATIONS AND COLLECTION OF MONEY**

**Offertory Envelopes and other donations** can be placed in the Collection Box at the entrance of the Church or at the exit. Please no coinage at this time. There are a number of cashless methods now available:

1. Standing Order [preferred method]
2. Make a donation via our website:  
<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad/donate/>
3. Via Virgin Money Giving [state reason for donation in the message box].  
<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad/donate/>
4. Via Dona [the company who supply our card readers].  
<https://portal.mydona.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=268>

Donations, Mass Intentions and Repository payments can also be made via new card readers in Church

**[If you are a tax payer, please Gift Aid your donation]**

## **UPDATE ON GUIDELINES**

We have reviewed our guidance about opening and attending the Church in the light of the latest updating of the rules. The overriding principles continue to be that we need to maintain preventative practices to stop the spread of the disease: these include taking account of the prevailing local conditions, continuing to use sanitisers and wearing face masks, general cleaning to a good standard (with attention to frequent touchpoints), maintaining 2 metre separation and good ventilation and registration of track and trace details. For us that means continuation with booking system [as before supporting track and trace] continuation of stewards at Mass, sign of Peace remaining suspended and Holy Communion still under one kind only, in the hand. There are some relaxations within the Mass itself but overall we need to maintain our current practices. These can be found in our current guidance which can be downloaded from the website.

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

*Universal Intention - The world of finance*

We pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.



## **PRE-BAPTISM PREPARATION**

The next session will take place on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June, from 10.30am – 11.30am** in the Parish Hall. Registration forms are available online [parish website or microsite]. To book a place please visit <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad/events/> [please scroll down to “Pre-Baptism Preparation”].

## **THE MONTH OF MAY AND THE ROSARY**

*On the Wednesdays in May, there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 11.00am, followed by meditative Rosary, Individual prayer time and Benediction at 11.30am. You can also follow us on-line.*



## **THE PASSAGE**

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Patron of The Passage, will celebrate the 5.30 Mass at Westminster Cathedral on **Tuesday 25 May 2021** to mark 40 years of service to homeless people. The Mass will be broadcast live online, so if you would like to follow the service from home, the link is: <https://www.westminstercathedral.org.uk/>

If you would like to attend the Mass in person, this may be possible. Please register your interest with us and we will let you know on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May if a place is available. Please contact [andrew.h@passage.org.uk](mailto:andrew.h@passage.org.uk)

## **CAFOD'S INDIA APPEAL**



As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, *Caritas India*, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help

*Caritas India* distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. You can donate online: [cafod.org.uk/give](https://cafod.org.uk/give). Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

## **REPOSITORY**

A good selection of First Holy Communion and Confirmation Cards and gifts, all at reasonable prices. As well as candles, cards, etc. A selection of St. Joseph's statues, pictures, medals and prayer cards. Various statues of Our Lady, wide range of prices. Also, “Candle of Hope” price £1.60, with Pope Francis' “Prayer for Protection from Coronavirus” on the reverse of the candle.



*We continue to operate on an appointment, email, or phone call order system.*

## ***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. [Fr. Peter]



Please do feel free to share the information in this newsletter with other members of the parish with whom you have contact.  
With prayerful best wishes. Keep safe. [Fr. Anthony]

## **LITURGY FOR THE EIGHTH WEEK OF YEAR 1**

*At present, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holydays of obligation remains suspended*

Private Masses: Monday, Wednesday and Saturday

**Public Masses: Tuesday, Friday and Sunday**

All services can be followed online: <https://www.churchservices.tv/wembley3>  
[Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 10.00am Masses are recorded]

**Sunday 23rd May: Pentecost, B** [10.00am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 2.1-11; Psalm: 103; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Corinthians 12.3-7,12-13; Gospel: John 20.19-23.  
**Intention:** People of the Parish

**Monday 24th May: Mary, Mother of the Church** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 3.9-15,20; Psalm: 87; Gospel: John 19.25-34. **Intention:** Joyce Bacchus [RIP, A].

**Tuesday 25th May: St. Bede** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1Corinthians 2.10-16; Psalm: 118; Gospel: Matthew 7.21-29. **Intention:** Sadie Horan and Anne Joyce [RIP, A].

**Wednesday 26th May: St. Philip Neri** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Philipians 4.4-9; Psalm: 33; Gospel: John 17.20-26. **Intention:** Veronica Mascarenhas [RIP].

**Church open for Individual Prayer: 11.00 - 11.30am [with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Benediction: Live-streamed and recorded]**

**Thursday 27th May: NO SERVICE**

**Friday 28th May: Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ecclesiasticus 44.1,9-13; Psalm: 149; Gospel: Mark 11.11-26. **Intention:** Fr. Brian Ward [Intention].

**Saturday 29th May 10.30am: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION**

**Saturday 29th May: Easter Feria [5.30pm]** **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Deuteronomy 4.32-34,39-40; Psalm: 32; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 8.14-17; Gospel: Matthew 28.16-20. **Intention:** Benny/Susan Callaghan & Margaret/Michael Moss [RIP,A].

**Sunday 30th May: Trinity, B** [10.00am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Deuteronomy 4.32-34,39-40; Psalm: 32; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 8.14-17; Gospel: Matthew 28.16-20. **Intention:** People of the Parish

## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

*If you are looking for a way to engage your children in the gospel from home, join CAFOD for our virtual children's liturgy of the word at 10am GMT this Sunday. Register now to take part here.*

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5095942131288155403>

## **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]*