

## St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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PARISH HALL LETS: Suspended until further notice.

THE OFFICE: Closed.

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY, B**

**22ND AUGUST, 2021**

### **THEME: We Have Made a Choice**



Ever since we were baptised we belong to Christ as our Lord and Saviour and brother. Have we ever made our baptismal choice a conscious, personal option for Christ? Our presence here at the Eucharist implies that we have done so. Do we confirm that choice by our everyday Christian living, in our dealings with those around us in love and justice and forgiveness? When our faith is put to the test do we renew our choice and say: "Lord, to whom else shall we go? You are the Lord of my life."

**MEDITATE:** Today's gospel is the final part of Jesus' instruction about the Living Bread from heaven. He said some very difficult things that have not been well received. Today, it is the disciples' murmurings that draw Jesus' attention.

**ACT:** If you know of someone in your family or circle of friends who is facing a particular challenge of faith, make an effort to be supportive.

**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.

### **CAFOD RESPONDING TO MULTIPLE EMERGENCIES**

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working With local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website:

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>.

Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

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

**[Please do NOT attend Mass if you are unwell or have any Covid symptoms]**

### **NEW MASS SCHEDULE**

As from September all Masses will be public, it is important that we continue to ensure that the Church remains a safe place where people gather to worship. 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 [unless you are unable to do so for medical reasons], general cleaning to a good standard (with attention to frequent touchpoints), maintaining 1metre+ separation, good ventilation [**doors will remain open during Mass and the heating has to remain off**], registration of track and trace details [**we are still obliged to keep record of people attending**], and continuation of stewards at Mass. Full details can be found on the Church's website.

### **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]**

You can also use the QR Code at the Church's entrance or exit.

### **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]**

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

As we are fully booked up until October/November, once again we need to address the number of Mass Intentions. As the majority of Parishioners who request a Mass wish to attend the Mass, from September we will return to a joint Mass Intention system. These will be listed on the Newsletter as before. Should you need to be notified of the date of Mass, please add your telephone number on the "Mass Intentions Envelope" provided as you leave the Church.

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

*Evangelisation - The Church*

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.



## **PRE-BAPTISM PREPARATION**

The next session will take place on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September, 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/sterconwald>

## **RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS - REGISTRATION FORMS**

Registration forms for the **Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation** are available on the Church's website: [www.erconwald.org.uk](http://www.erconwald.org.uk) or microsite or from Fr. Anthony after public Mass.

## **CONFIRMATION**

*Bishop John Sherrington will be administering the Sacrament of Confirmation in our Parish in November 2021. Preparation sessions will start beginning of October. If you are 13/14 years of age or year 9/10 at school [or above] please [if you have not done so already] do fill in a registration form which can be found on the website, the microsite or collect as hard copy when you come to Church.*

## **MASS FOR HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS AND THEIR CARERS**

On **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 5.30pm**, there will be a Mass for housebound/shielding parishioners and their carers. This Mass is by invitation only. If you do not receive an invitation by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> and you are housebound/shielding please either email: [wembley3@rcdow.o.org.uk](mailto:wembley3@rcdow.o.org.uk) or phone the office on 0208904 6031. We kindly ask all other parishioners to join us online on: <https://churchservices.tv/wembley3> Thank you for your cooperation.



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]

## ***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]

## **THE "ANGELUS"**

- V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary  
R. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary ....  
V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
R. Be it done to me according to your word. Hail Mary ....  
V. [with head bowed] And the word was made flesh  
R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary....  
V. Pray for us O holy Mother of God.  
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.



Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that, we whom the incarnation of Christ your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **LITURGY FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST WEEK OF YEAR 1**

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

Private Mass: 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 22nd August: 21st Sunday, B [10.00am] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Joshua 24.1-2,15-18; Psalm: 33; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 5.21-32; Gospel: John 6.60-69. **Intention:** Margaret Brenda Sotos [RIP, A].

**Monday 23rd August: NO SERVICE**

**Tuesday 24th August: St. Bartholomew [9.30am] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Apocalypse 21.9-14; Psalm: 144; Gospel: John 1.45-51. **Intention:** John Pereira [RIP].

**Wednesday 25th August: NO SERVICE**

**Thursday 26th August: NO SERVICE**

**Friday 27th August: St. Monica [9.30am] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ecclesiasticus 26.1-4,13-16; Psalm 130; Gospel: Luke 7.11-17. **Intention:** Elizabeth Patten [Intention].

**Saturday 28th August: 22nd Sunday, B [5.30pm] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Deuteronomy 4.1-2,6-8; Psalm: 14; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: James 1.17-18,21-22,27; Gospel: Mark 7.1-8,14-15,21-23. **Intention:** People of the Parish.

**Sunday 29th August: 22nd Sunday, B [10.00am] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Deuteronomy 4.1-2,6-8; Psalm: 14; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: James 1.17-18,21-22,27; Gospel: Mark 7.1-8,14-15,21-23. **Intention:** John O'Reilly [RIP, A].

### **AUGUST 27<sup>th</sup>: ST. MONICA**

*Monica was born in North West Africa, present day Algeria, and is most famous for the tears she shed for members of her family, including that of her wayward son Augustine. Those prayers were answered. Parents can guide their children up to a point. There comes a moment when responsibility for one's spiritual life shifts from parent to child. From that point parents can only pray and allow the seed they have sown to take root.*

### **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]*