St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter



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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY, YEAR C 4TH SEPTEMBER, 2022

THEME: Conscious Discipleship



At first sight it looks contradictory that on the one hand Jesus presents his message and even himself as an invitation, a free offer that we can either accept or reject; and on the other hand as a strict demand. Today's gospel sheds light on this paradox: Yes, what he offers us is a present, and no one is forced to accept it. We remain free, but if we accept it, it will be demanding, Jesus and his kingdom are to be put above even our dearest relationships and desires. So, we have to think twice before we accept. But we must know that with him and by his strength we can answer his call, however difficult, and we will be happy.

MEDITATE: Today's gospel serves as just one more wake-up call in a series of such calls we have heard these past weeks.

ACT: In what concrete way does this gospel invite me to carry the cross?

Pause for Thought: *Even though we enjoy relative comfort and freedom, we must be willing to give witness to Jesus and his gospel.*

QUIZ NIGHT



The QUIZ NIGHT returns after the Pandemic break. Come and enjoy a fun filled evening and catch up with old friends or meet some new ones. Invite your friends and relations. You can chose between buying a whole table (team of eight), entering as individuals or small groups and we will introduce you to others to make up a team. Simply fill in the *Booking Form* and return to the box marked Quiz at the back of the Church by the weekend of **17th/18th SEPTEMBER**. We need to know final numbers by this date so that we can order the correct amount of Fish/Chicken/Sausage/Vegetarian and Chips.
[Licensed bar selling beer, wine & soft drinks from 6.30pm [£5 Corkage applies to any alcohol not purchased on premises]

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

*Completed forms need to be returned by **10th/11th September**. Forms arriving after this date will not be accepted. Please place forms in the Collection Box at the entrance/exit of the Church; or email to: wembley3@rcdow.org.uk.*

COMING TO MASS: COVID-19 SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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

As we have many vulnerable parishioners we ask that you **continue to wear your mask and sanistise your hands** when you come to Church. Doors will remain open for ventilation. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

DONATIONS AND COLLECTION OF MONEY
IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT GIVING ON-LINE

GIVING BY STANDING ORDER [Preferred Method]: If you would like to support the parish we would ask you to consider setting up a regular donation in this way.

Offertory Envelopes and other donations can be placed in the Collection Box at the entrance of the Church or at the exit.
There are a number of cashless methods now available:

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

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

NOW ACCEPTING CONTACTLESS DONATIONS

Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smartphone/device to make a donation. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader.

*You can also opt-in for **Gift Aid** to increase your donation by 25%. [If you are a UK taxpayer then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received.]*

Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient.

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

THANK YOU

REPOSITORY

We hope you all had a lovely summer break. As you are aware we are unable to open the Repository at present so we have displayed as much as is possible on the tables outside the Repository. We have cards for most occasions so please ask. Also, we carry a good selection of other religious items and books. If you don't see something you require please ask, as it is possible to visit the Repository on an individual basis. You are welcome to have a browse.

ST. BERNADETTE RELIC TOUR

For full details of the tour please visit: www.stbernadette.org.uk





POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

For sthe abolition of the death penalty:

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

TACKLING THE GLOBAL FOOD CRISES

Saturday 10th September 10.30am online meeting. Join Catherine Ogolla, CAFOD's Country Representative for Kenya, Uganda & Eritrea, who will give a first-hand account of our work tackling the Food Crisis which is affecting over 20 million people.
Contact Tony at Westminster@cafod.org.uk for further details or book a place at https://cafod.org.uk/Volunteer/Online-talks

PAKISTAN FLOODS APPEAL

Please pray for the people of Pakistan. If you would like to donate there are baskets at the entrance and exit of the Church, or direct to:
https://cafod.org.uk/Give

SEASON OF CREATION [1ST SEPTEMBER – 4TH OCTOBER]

The Burning Bush
Ex 3, 1-12

The theme for this year's celebration is "Listen to the Voice of Creation".
"If we learn how to listen, we can hear in the voice of creation a kind of dissonance. On the one hand, we can hear a sweet song in praise of our beloved Creator; on the other, an anguished plea, lamenting our mistreatment of this our common home". **[Pope Francis]**

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.

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 to 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.

CHURCH CLEANING

The Church closes for cleaning after the 9.30am Mass on Tuesdays, if you have any spare time please come along and join us. This is also a good way of meeting others in our parish.

LITURGY FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD WEEK OF YEAR 2

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

Sunday 4th September: 23rd Sunday of Year C [10.00am] Readings: 1st Reading: Wisdom 9.13-18; Psalm: 89; 2nd Reading: Philemon 9-10,12-17; Gospel: Luke 14.25-33. **Intention:** People of the Parish.

Monday 5th September: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: 1Corinthians 5.1-8; Psalm:5; Gospel: Luke 6.6-11. **Intention:** Joseph Tomusange [RIP]

Tuesday 6th September: Feria [10.00am] Readings: 1st Reading: 1Corinthians 2.10-16; Psalm: 144; Gospel: Luke 4.31-37. **Intention:** Dinesh Pandya [RIP]

Wednesday 7th September: NO SERVICE

Thursday 8th September: No Service

Friday 9th September: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: 1Corinthians 9.16-19,22-27; Psalm: 83; Gospel: Luke 6.39-42. **Intention:** George Shaw and Patrick Mullin [RIP]

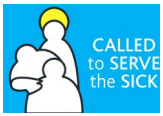
Saturday 10th September: 24th Sunday of Year C [5.30pm] Readings: 1st Reading: Exodus 32.7-11,13-14; Psalm: 50; 2nd Reading: 1Timothy 1.12-17; Gospel: Luke 15.1-32. **Intention:** People of the Parish.

Sunday 11th September: 24th Sunday of Year C [10.00am] Readings: 1st Reading: Exodus 32.7-11,13-14; Psalm: 50; 2nd Reading: 1Timothy 1.12-17; Gospel: Luke 15.1-32. **Intention:** Willie, Pat, Matt, Eddie and Bridie Thompson [RIP].

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 here to take part:*
https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5095942131288155403

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Margaret Beeby, Andrew Prindiville; Yves Remedios, Kathleen MacGinnis, and Patrick Carmody. We remember also those in Kenbrook, Birchwood Grange and Brook House.

May the Lord Jesus bless, console and strengthen all the sick, and may Mary, health of the sick, intercede for them.

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]*