St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter



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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY, YEAR C 13TH NOVEMBER, 2022

THEME: Good News Until the End



We call "gospel", that is, "Good News", the message brought us by Jesus Christ. Yet the part of the message that we hear today sounds more like bad news, about earthquakes and famine, war and destruction. Yet what he tells us is still good news for Jesus wants to reassure us that in all miseries and troubles that beset us God is on our side and loves us, and that we should not listen to those who threaten us with a fearful end. We are, and should remain, people of hope. Let us ask Jesus, our Lord, to fill us with trust and hope.

MEDITATE: The last days of a year always lead to evaluations on successes and failures.

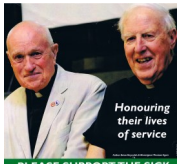
ACT: In what ways can I be more patient in allowing God's grace to work in my life?

Pause for Thought: *"A person with a grain of faith in God never loses hope, because he ever believes in the ultimate triumph of the truth." [Gandhi]*

SECOND SUNDAY MASS

From **Sunday 27th November** [1st Sunday of Advent] we will be introducing a second Mass at 11.30am. This will be in addition to the Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.30pm and Sunday 10.00am Sung Mass.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION



Thank you for so generously supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection last weekend. Our priests give us years of dedicated service and it is only right that, together, we ensure they live out their days with the care they need. If you didn't get the chance to donate, it's not too late. Envelopes are still available at the back of the church. You can donate online at www.recdow.org.uk/donations - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. Thank you again. Please keep our sick and retired priests in your prayers.

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 also 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

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



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

For children who suffer:

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

REPOSITORY - NOVEMBER

Now on display, November memorial and grave candles, both wax and battery, grave lanterns, solar battery grave candles and memorial picture frames [indoors].

REPOSITORY - CHRISTMAS

A limited number of Christmas goods. Additional items will be displayed as space becomes available. If you saw something at the Christmas Fair please ask Elizabeth or a member of the Repository Team.
You are welcome to browse. We also reserve items.

ADVENT GIVING TREE
"THE PASSAGE"

As has been our practice in the past, we hope to donate gift bags to *The Passage* this Christmas. We hope this will be possible despite the very difficult financial problems we are all experiencing. *The Passage* likes to give all the Residents in each of their Hostels the same gift bag, so all feel fairly treated. To facilitate this we will publish a wish list of items each week [**Please do NOT wrap items**]. When we have finished collecting, we will complete the gift bags in the Hall the week before collection day.

The items to be brought next weekend are
Gents/Ladies Socks – Underwear [Thermal]

Andrew Hollingsworth will make an appeal on behalf of *The Passage* on the 1st Sunday of Advent [26th/27th November] and will collect the *Gifts* on the Saturday 17th December, after the 5.30pm Mass: 4th Sunday of Advent.

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK

On Friday 9th December, at 11.00am
followed by soup and rolls in the Parish Hall.
This Mass is for everyone especially the sick and elderly.
[There will be no 9.30am Mass]

VISITING THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Fr. Anthony is at the moment visiting the sick and housebound. If you know of anyone who is in need of a visit please see Fr. Anthony or contact the Parish Office. [If in hospital, please contact the hospital chaplain].

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

There will be a Service of Reconciliation with Absolution on
Friday 16th December at 7.00pm.

SAVE THE DAY - PARISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The Christmas Celebration will be held on **SATURDAY 17th DECEMBER** following the 5.30pm Mass. We are hoping that Santa will be able to take a break from his busy schedule to visit us. In addition to all this, we will hold our **Grand Christmas Draw.** We hope that many of you will come and celebrate this Christmas together. Details to follow.



THE LARDER

We are pleased to announce that *The Larder* has reopened.
Please leave your donations in the box provided by the Lady Chapel.
Thank you for your kind donations.
It is really appreciated, especially during these difficult times.

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.

LITURGY FOR THE THIRTY-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 13th November: 33rd Sunday of Year C [10.00am] Readings: 1st Reading: Malachi 3.19-20; Psalm: 97; 2nd Reading: 2Thessalonians 3.7-12; Gospel: Luke 21.5-19. **Intention:** Parishioners RIP.

Monday 14th November: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Apocalypse 1.1-4,2.1-5; Psalm:1; Gospel: Luke 18.35-43.. **Intention:** Joan Angell [RIP]

Tuesday 15th November: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Apocalypse 3.1-6,14-22; Psalm: 14; Gospel: Luke 19.1-10. **Intention:** Sr. Gertrude Hayes [RIP,A]

Wednesday 16th November: St. Edmund of Abingdon [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Apocalypse 4.1-11; Psalm: 150; Gospel: Luke 19.1-28. **Intention:** Holy Souls

Thursday 17th November: No Service

Friday 18th November: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Apocalypse 10.8-11; Psalm: 118; Gospel: Luke 19.45-48. **Intention:** Ronald Fernando [RIP]

Saturday 19th November: Christ the King, Year C [5.30pm] Readings: 1st Reading: 2Samuel 5.1-3; Psalm: 121; 2nd Reading: Colossians 1.12-20; Gospel: Luke 23.35-43. **Intention:** John Pereira [RIP]

Sunday 20th November: Christ the King, Year C [10.00am] Readings: 1st Reading: 2Samuel 5.1-3; Psalm: 121; 2nd Reading: Colossians 1.12-20; Gospel: Luke 23.35-43. **Intention:** Mary and Pat Cafferkey [RIP, A]

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

The theme this year is: "For your sakes Christ became poor." [2Cor. 8.9]



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Margaret Beeby, Yves Remedios, Patrick Carmody and Sarah O'Brien. 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.

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]*