St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter



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CHRIST THE KING, YEAR C **20TH NOVEMBER, 2022**

THEME: Reigning from a Cross



Today we close the Church Year with the solemnity of Christ the King. Throughout this year we have seen before our eyes the birth, the life, the message, the death and the resurrection of Jesus. Today's liturgy sums up some key aspects of why he came among us. He died on the cross for us to show us all the depth of God's love, his boundless mercy on sinners, the promise of paradise to the crucified criminal, the grace of God that accepts us as brothers and sisters of Jesus and the Father's children and heirs. With Jesus we now thank the Father for bringing us forgiveness and life.

MEDITATE: Today's Gospel brings us to Jesus' most painful and apparently most powerless moment in his life.

ACT: Place a crucifix prominently in your home, if you do not have one already.

Pause for Thought: *Salvation is always a gift from God. He gives it most freely to those who [like the good thief] know they are poor, and who ask for it with empty hands and expectant hearts.*

SECOND SUNDAY MASS

From **NEXT SUNDAY** [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.

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.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next "Link Mass" will take place on **Saturday 26th November at 5.30pm**,

ADVENT 2022 – JOURNEYING TO THE CRIB



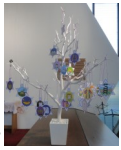
The season of Advent is a time of preparation for the birth of Our Saviour. Listed below are activities and devotions to help us prepare for the coming feast of Christmas and its true meaning. This Liturgical year we will be recalling the mystery of Jesus our Saviour through the listening to the gospel of Matthew - Year A.

THE ADVENT WREATH



The Advent Wreath [this can be a simple drawing to colour in, or something more elaborate], consisting of a circle of evergreens, symbolising the eternal nature of God and the continuing and everlasting life that comes from God through Christ. The four candles [3 purple – symbolising repentance - and 1 pink – 3rd week, reminds us that we are drawing nearer to Christmas Day], mark the four weeks of Advent, and attest to the truth of Jesus as the Light of the World [John 3. 17-21]. The "Prayer of Blessing" is available at the back of the Church or on the Parish website: www.erconwald.org.uk

THE JESSE TREE



The name Jesse Tree comes from a Bible passage describing the descent of the Messiah from Jesse in Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot will come out of the stock Jesse, and a branch out of his roots will bear fruit." The Gospels in Luke 3:23-38 and in Matthew 1:1-17 have genealogies of Jesus Christ.

The symbols show some important figures and events from Creation to the birth of Jesus Christ. This year it would be nice if we could make our own version of a Jesse Tree. The ornaments to cut out and colour in, are available at the back of the Church or on the Parish website: www.erconwald.org.uk [Adapted from: "Jesse Tree Ornaments" by Kathryn Marcellino. Abundant Life Publishing]

ADVENT GIVING CALENDAR



This Advent Giving Calendar gives suggestions for items to collect each day, reaching out to those going hungry, making a food parcel. Like previous years we will be supporting "The Larder". *Details of when to bring the "food parcels" will be given later*. Available at the back of the Church or the Parish website: www.erconwald.org.uk

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.

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 [men and women] 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**]. Thank you to those who have responded already. As storage space is very limited we would kindly ask that you only bring what has been requested. **NO** children's clothes please. As these items will form part of a Christmas Gift please only donate **new 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:
Shampoo/Conditioner – Deodorant – Soap/Shower Gel/Flannel.

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 Saturday 17th December, after the 5.30pm Mass: 4th Sunday of Advent.

REPOSITORY: ADVENT - CHRISTMAS

Advent Calendars and candles along with Christmas Cribs, Cards, Candles and small gifts. Church Art Calendars 2023 and Diaries. If you do not see items you require please ask Elizabeth or a Repository Helpers.
You are welcome to browse. We also reserve items.

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.*

FAMILY QUIZ – IN AID OF THE PARISH

Saturday 26th November after the 5.30pm Mass.
Cost: £15 per head inclusive of a Fish and Chip Supper. For details and to book a place please contact Ed Kennelly on 07885829770.

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.

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-FOURTH WEEK OF YEAR 2

All services can be followed online: **https://www.churchservices.tv/wembley3**
[Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 10.00am / 11.30am Masses are recorded]

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]

Monday 21st November: Presentation of BVM [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Zechariah 2.14-17; Psalm: Luke 1.46-55; Gospel: Matthew 12.46-50. **Intention:** Holy Souls.

Tuesday 22nd November: St. Cecilia [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Hosea 2.16-17,21-22; Psalm: 44; Gospel: Matthew 25.1-13. **Intention:** Paul Madden [RIP]

Wednesday 23rd November: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Apocalypse 15.1-4; Psalm: 97; Gospel: Luke 21.12-19. **Intention:** Felix De Souza [RIP, A]

Thursday 24th November: No Service

Friday 25th November: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Apocalypse 18.1-2,21-23,19.1-3,9; Psalm: 99; Gospel: Luke 21.20-28. **Intention:** Elish Creegan [RIP]

Saturday 26th November: First Sunday of Advent, Year A [5.30pm] Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 2.1-5; Psalm: 121; 2nd Reading: Romans 13.11-14; Gospel: Matthew 24. 37-44. **Intention:** Michael Horan [RIP, A]

Sunday 27th November: First Sunday of Advent, Year A Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 2.1-5; Psalm: 121; 2nd Reading: Romans 13.11-14; Gospel: Matthew 24. 37-44. **Intention:** 10.00am: Keith Allyn De Fontaine [RIP]
11.30am: People of the Parish



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Margaret Beeby, Yves Remedios, 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.

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]*