St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A 18TH DECEMBER, 2022

THEME: Emmanuel: God with us



God is with us. God is among us. God is one of us in Jesus. God in human form is alive among us and he comes to make us really and fully human the way God intended and wants us to be fully and perfectly human. Here is Jesus, our model of deep humanity. We have only to look at him and to let him shape and form us by his spirit. Then we will also be fully and thoroughly the sons and daughters of our loving God. This is the beautiful message of today. Look at Jesus here among us. Let his word and his Eucharist transform us, that we may become blood of his blood.

MEDITATE: What's in a name? In the ancient world everything. One's name was one's identity. And the one who names another is equally important.

ACT: When speaking to someone, use his/her name, speak it with reverence, realizing each person is named by God.

Pause for Thought: The **fourth candle** represents **peace** and is called the "Angel's Candle." The angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace. He came to bring people close to God and to each other again. This colour is also purple to represent the culmination of love through the Messiah



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you to all who have supported the Parish during the year, by making their offertory donation by the preferred methods of Standing Order, On-line, or by Card Reader. Thank you also to those who donate via the Planned Giving Envelopes.

As some parishioners are unable to use any of the above, and also for visitors, we will be introducing a retiring Offertory Collection at all weekend Masses.

CHRISTMAS CRIB APPEAL 2022

The Catholic Children's Society Crib Appeal helps support children and families in need throughout the diocese. There will be a donation box by the crib for you to contribute. Thank you for your support.

LITURGY FOR THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

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

Sunday 18th December: Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year A Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 7.10-14; Psalm: 23; 2nd Reading: Romans 1.1-7; Gospel: Matthew 1.18-24. **Intention:** 10.00am: Judith Jayawardane [RIP]
11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 19th December: Advent Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Judges 13.2-7,24-25; Psalm: 70; Gospel: Luke 1.5-25. **Intention:** Fr. Bernard Crowe [RIP, A]

Tuesday 20th December: Advent Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 7.10-14; Psalm: 23; Gospel: Luke 1.26-38. **Intention:** Julia and Lawrence Hayes [RIP, A]

Wednesday 21st December: Advent Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Song of Song 2.8-14; Psalm: 32; Gospel: Luke 1.39-45. **Intention:** Ronald Fernando [RIP]

Thursday 22nd December: NO SERVICE

Friday 23rd December: Advent Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Malachi 3.1-4,23-24; Psalm: 24; Gospel: Luke 1.57-66. **Intention:** Michael Murphy [RIP]

LITURGY FOR CHRISTMAS

[Saturday, Sunday and Monday's Masses are recorded]

Saturday 24th December: Christmas Eve, Family Mass [5.30pm] Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 9.1-7; Psalm: 95; 2nd Reading: Titus 2.11-14; Gospel: Luke 2.1-14. **Intention:** People of the Parish.

Saturday 24th December: Carols followed by Christmas Mass [9.30pm] Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 9.1-7; Psalm: 95; 2nd Reading: Titus 2.11-14; Gospel: Luke 2.1-14. **Intention:** Christmas Intentions.

Sunday 25th December: Christmas Day Mass [10.00am] Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 52.7-10; Psalm: 97; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 1.1-6; Gospel: Luke 2.15-20. **Intention:** Christmas Intentions**. [No 11.30am Mass]**

Monday 26th December: St. Stephen: [10.00am: Bank Holiday] Readings: 1st Reading: Acts 6.8-10,7.54-59; Psalm: 30; Gospel: Matthew 10.17-22. **Intention:** Maura & Liam Carberry [Intention]

Tuesday 27th December: St. John: [10.00am] Readings: 1st Reading: 1John 1.1-4; Psalm: 96; Gospel: John 20.2-8. **Intention:** Eamon Filgate [RIP]

Wednesday 28th December - NO SERVICE

Thursday 29th December – NO SERVICE

Friday 30th December: Holy Family: [10.00am] Readings: 1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 3.2-6,12-14; Psalm: 127; 2nd Reading: Colossians 3.12-21; Gospel: Matthew 2.13-15,19-23. **Intention:** Renato Ghirardani [RIP, A]

LITURGY FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

All services can be followed online: **https://www.churchservices.tv/wembley3**

Saturday 31st December: Mary, Mother of God: [5.30pm Recorded] Readings: 1st Reading: Numbers 6.22-27; Psalm: 66; 2nd Reading: Galatians 4.4-7; Gospel: Luke 2.16-21. **Intention:** Deceased Family Members

Sunday 1st January, 2023: Mary, Mother of God: 10.00/11.30am [Recorded] Readings: 1st Reading: Numbers 6.22-27; Psalm: 66; 2nd Reading: Galatians 4.4-7; Gospel: Luke 2.16-21. **Intention:** Deceased Family Members

Monday 2nd January: Ss Basil and Gregory Nazianzen: 10.00am [Bank Holiday] Readings: 1st Reading: 1John 2.22-28; Psalm: 97; Gospel: John 1.19-28. **Intention:** Betty Fegan [RIP]

Tuesday 3rd January: Christmas Feria: [10.00am] Readings: 1st Reading: 1John 2.29-3.6 Psalm: 97; Gospel: John 1.29-34. **Intention:** Vince Harty [RIP]

Wednesday 4th January: 11.30am: Funeral Mass for Bernadette McGavin

Thursday 5th January – NO SERVICE

Friday 6th January: Epiphany of the Lord [Holyday of Obligation]: 10.00am [Recorded] Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm: 71; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 3.2-3,5-6; Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12. **Intention:** Pat Burns [RIP]

Saturday 7th January: Baptism of the Lord, A: 5.30pm Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 42.1-4,6-7; Psalm: 28; 2nd Reading: Acts 10.34-38; Gospel: Matthew 3.13-17. **Intention:** Joseph Long [RIP]

Sunday 8th January: Baptism of the Lord, A: 10.00/11.30am **[Recorded] Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 42.1-4,6-7; Psalm: 28; 2nd Reading: Acts 10.34-38; Gospel: Matthew 3.13-17.. **Intention:** 10.00am: Betty Sullivan [RIP, A]
11.30am:People of the Parish.

Monday 9th January: Feria: [10.00am] Readings: 1st Reading: Hebrews 1.1-6; Psalm: 96; Gospel: Mark 1.14-20. **Intention:** Sylie Moriarty [RIP]

Tuesday 10th January: Feria: [10.00am] Readings: 1st Reading: Hebrews 2.5-12; Psalm: 8; Gospel: Mark 1.21-28. **Intention:** Brendan Fahy [RIP]

Wednesday 11th January - NO SERVICE

Thursday 12th January – NO SERVICE

Friday 13th January: Feria: [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Hebrews 4.1-5,11; Psalm: 77; Gospel: Mark 2.1-12. **Intention:** Jimmy [James] Fallon [RIP]

Saturday 14th January: Second Sunday of Year A: 5.30pm Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 49.3.5-6; Psalm: 39; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 1.1-3; Gospel: John 1.29-34. **Intention:** Margaret & Tony McGrath [RIP]

Sunday 15th January: Second Sunday of Year A: 5.30pm Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 49.3.5-6; Psalm: 39; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 1.1-3; Gospel: John 1.29-34.. **Intention:** 10.00am:Weigan Wilson [RIP,A]
11.30am: People of the Parish

*There will be **NO** newsletter for the next two weeks.*

Wishing you and your families
a Blessed Christmas and Peaceful New Year



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.
Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

REPOSITORY

The Repository will close on Friday 23rd December after Mass.
Wishing all our customers a very Happy, Holy and Joyous Christmas and every best wish for 2023



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

For voluntary not-for-profit organisations:
We pray that volunteers and not-for-profit organisations committed to human development may find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international co-operation.

THE LARDER

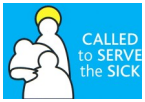
Please leave your donations in the box provided by the Lady Chapel.
Thank you for your kind donations.

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 Liturgical year we will be recalling the mystery of Jesus our Saviour through the listening to the gospel of Matthew - Year A.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Margaret Beeby, Yves Remedios, Patrick Carmody and Radwan Naffa. We remember also those in Kenbrook, Birchwood Grange and Brook House.

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]*