St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter



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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A 4TH DECEMBER, 2022

THEME: Baptised With the Spirit of Fire



On this Second Sunday of Advent we are preparing for the fuller coming of Christ in our community and in the world. We need to be people full of the Spirit of Christ. The Saviour was announced by Isaiah and John the Baptist as a man completely filled with God's Spirit. He would baptise us with the Spirit of Fire. To us, too, John says: Let this Spirit of fire change your mentality, your attitudes, your ways, so that Jesus can really live among us to make this world a place of unity and integrity, of justice and peace. Let Jesus pour out this Spirit among us.

MEDITATE: John the Baptist speaks the truth without fear.

ACT: What in this gospel calls me to look into my heart and see where the Holy Spirit is inviting me to repentance?

Pause for Thought: 2nd Candle: FAITH. ["Bethlehem Candle"]. The prophet Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, which is also the birthplace of King David. It is also a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.





DECEMBER 8th: THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

In 1854, Pius IX, gave the infallible statement: "The Most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin."

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.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next meeting for parents and children will be on
Saturday 10th December at 10.30am.

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.

ADVENT 2022 – JOURNEYING TO THE CRIB



The season of Advent is a time of preparation for the birth of Our Saviour. At the back of the Church there are various resources 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.

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 on the Parish website: www.erconwald.org.uk

For more Advent resources for all ages please visit: cafod.org.uk/advent

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

Service of Reconciliation with Absolution on **Friday 16th December at 7.00pm**.

REPOSITORY

Now in stock a limited number of Westminster Year Book 2023. Price £5.

Also, available Christmas Cards, Candles, Cribs and 2023 Diaries and Calendars. If you do not see the item you require, please ask a member of our Repository Team. You are welcome to browse. We also reserve items.

ADVENT GIVING TREE—"THE PASSAGE"

The items to be brought next weekend are:
Chocolate / Biscuits / Sweets

Please 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.

Andrew Hollingsworth will collect the *Gifts* on Saturday 17th December, after the 5.30pm Mass: 4th Sunday of Advent.

"2022 THE BIG GIVE"

Price match for *The Passage* commences on noon 29th November and runs until **noon 6th December**. Please visit the Big Give website to donate. Urgent support for the cost of living crises: thebiggive.org.uk

LIGHT OF LIFE - REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES



Please collect Memorial Cards from the back of the Church [or online], complete them with the name of deceased loved one and return them not later than **Friday 16th December**. These Cards will then be hung on the Christmas tree. Mass will be offered on the feast of Mary, the Mother of God, the weekend of 31st December/1st January. Please place Memorial Cards and donations in the box available. Donations go towards the decorating of the Church at Christmas.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



The Christmas Celebration will be held on **SATURDAY 17th DECEMBER** following the 5.30pm Mass. Refreshments will be served from the bar – please be aware that if you bring your own, a corkage charge of £5 will apply. We are hoping that Santa will be able to take a break from his busy schedule to visit us. Admission will be by ticket only. Adults £2.00, children free [they need an "Entry Ticket" and must be accompanied by their parents/guardians and book a place]. Your ticket can be exchanged for a glass of mulled wine or fruit punch and a mince pie. There will be a special attendance raffle. 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. Proceeds will go towards the Church Restoration Fund. Tickets on sale after Mass.

GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW 2022



*Takes place at end of the Christmas Celebration. Raffle books are available now for our Christmas Draw. Please return counterfoils and unsold tickets no later than noon on **Saturday 17th December**. There are lots of good prizes: 1st Prize: Christmas Hamper, 2nd Prize: Nativity Crib, 3rd Prize: £50 cash, 4th Prize: Children's Special, and many other fantastic prizes. Please do support the Draw which is in aid of the Church Restoration Fund. Book of 5 tickets cost £5. Individual tickets cost £1.*

CHRISTMAS INTENTIONS

Those requesting **Christmas Mass Bouquets** please note that due to demand there will be no individual Masses. The Christmas Masses celebrated on Saturday 24th at 10.00pm and Sunday 25th at 10.00am will be offered for all intentions. Cards are available from the Repository.
A donation would be appreciated.

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.

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 SECOND 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 4th December: Second Sunday of Advent, Year A Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10; Psalm: 71; 2nd Reading: Romans 15.4-9; Gospel: Matthew 3.1-12. **Intention:** 10.00am: Dominic and Bartholomew Tiernan [RIP]
11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 5th December: Advent Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 35.1-10; Psalm: 84; Gospel: Luke 5.17-26. **Intention:** Mary and Michael McNicholas [RIP].

Tuesday 6th December: St. Nicholas [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 6.1-8; Psalm: 39; Gospel: Luke 10.1-9. **Intention:** Myrtle Gibson [RIP]

Wednesday 7th December: St. Ambrose [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Ephesians 3.8-12; Psalm: 88; Gospel: John 10.11-16. **Intention:** Tommy Supple [RIP]

Thursday 8th December: Immaculate Conception of BVM [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Genesis 3.9-15; Psalm: 97; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 1.3-6,11-12; Gospel: Luke 1.26-38. **Intention:** Iwedi Horst Ojinmah [RIP, A]

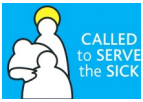
Friday 9th December: 11.00am: Mass with Anointing of the Sick.

Saturday 10th December: Third Sunday of Advent, Year A [5.30pm] Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 35.1-6,10; Psalm: 145; 2nd Reading: James 5.7-10; Gospel: Matthew 11.2-11. **Intention:** Michael McMahon [RIP]

Sunday 11th December: Third Sunday of Advent, Year A Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 35.1-6,10; Psalm: 145; 2nd Reading: James 5.7-10; Gospel: Matthew 11.2-11. **Intention:** 10.00am: Cyril O'Flaherty [RIP]
11.30am: People of the Parish

PARISH MAGAZINE – CHRISTMAS EDITION

Articles need to be in by Friday 16th December.



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.

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]*