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SIXTH SUNDAY, YEAR A — 12TH FEBRUARY, 2023

THEME: Beyond the Law



Laws, orders, commandments, who likes them? Don't they take away our freedom? Yet the word of God tells us: make your free choice between life and death. We see Jesus make his free choice repeatedly, as at his baptism, his temptations, during the agony in the garden. He chose God, his mission, for that was his life. He lives in us; in us and with him he invites us to choose life and love and to go with him far beyond the commandments. Then we will be really free.

MEDITATE: Jesus' teaching does not disregard the Law, but looks deeply into the fullness of its meaning.

ACT: Pray daily for God's grace to correct or strengthen your inner attitudes concerning others.



LENT 2023
PALM CROSSES

In preparation for the Lenten Season please return your Palm Crosses to the church by **NEXT WEEKEND** for use on Ash Wednesday [22nd February].

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].



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next "Link Mass" will take place on **Saturday 25th February at 5.30pm**, Theme: Reconciliation



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

For parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

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.

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 or at the exit of the Church.
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]

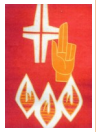
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OFFERTORY COLLECTION

There will be a retiring Offertory Collection at all weekend Masses. Cash only please, no "Planned Giving Envelopes", these should be placed into the boxes provided at the entrance/exit of the Church marked "Offertory" etc.

THE LARDER

Thank you for your kind donations especially during these difficult times
Please leave your donations in the box provided by the Lady Chapel.



REPOSITORY

Lenten books are now available from the Repository.
We also have a new delivery of Graveyard Statues and Ornaments.
St. Patrick's Day Cards, badges, candles and gifts.
If you do not see something you would like, please ask one of the Repository Team. You are welcome to browse.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY – BACON & CABBAGE CELEBRATION SUNDAY 12th MARCH, 12.30 – 3.00pm

Food will be served from 12.30pm – 2.00pm. Doors open 12.30pm. After lunch there will be entertainment by George Harte, and a raffle with some fantastic prizes. Tickets: Adults: £10, Family [2 Adults & 2 Children]: £30.

CAFOD'S BIG LENT WALK

When and where you choose – 200km over 40 days, alone or with others. For details please visit: walk.cafod.org.uk

CAFOD: SYRIA-TURKEY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medial assistance and winter kits for survivors. Please visit: https://cafod.org.uk/give

RADIO TIMES 2 – THE SEQUELL

The Chameleons are delighted to return to the St. Erconwald's stage this March with the follow up to our 2014 review show. Come and join us on **4th March at 8.00pm** for a selection of radio themed sketches, monologues, music, laughter and much more! With a licenced bar. A St. Ercs's discount price of £7. It will be a night to remember. Online sales open shortly at www.the chameleons.co.uk

The Metropolitan Police have kindly sent us information on "How to stay safe against fraud". Please see the noticeboards for details.

THE PASSAGE

Celebrate St David's Day with *The Passage* on Thursday 2nd March at St Paul's, Knightsbridge. Hear an inspiring mix of traditional Welsh music, as well as some popular classic tunes in a stunning venue. All proceeds from this event will go directly to *The Passage.* Tickets can be purchased at: https://passage.org.uk/get-involved/events/st-davids-day-concert/

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

QUIZ NIGHT: Feast of St. Erconwald: 22nd April
First Holy Communion & Confirmation Faire: 15th-16th April
Details to follow

ANNUAL MASS FOR MATRIMONY

The annual Mass for Matrimony will be celebrated in the Cathedral by the Cardinal on **Saturday 13th May at 2.30pm** for couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries. Full information and invitation will be issued shortly.

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 SIXTH WEEK OF YEAR 1

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

Sunday 12th February: Sixth Sunday of Year A: [10.00/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 15.15-20; Psalm: 118; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 2.6-10; Gospel: Matthew 5.17-37. **Intention:** 10.00am: Julia Hayes [RIP, A]
11.30am: Dorothy and Jerry O'Shea [RIP, A]

Monday 13th February: Feria: [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Genesis 4.1-15,25; Psalm: 49; Gospel: Mark 8.11-13. **Intention:** Michael McGuire RIP]

Tuesday 14th February: SS Cyril and Methodius [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Acts 13.46-49; Psalm: 116; Gospel: Luke 10.1-9. **Intention:** Tim Sheehan [RIP]

Wednesday 15th February: Feria: [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Genesis 8.6-13,20-22; Psalm: 115; Gospel: Mark 8.22-26. **Intention:** Tommy Supple [RIP]

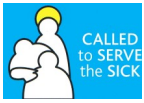
Thursday 16th February: NO SERVICE

Friday 17th February: Feria: [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Genesis 11.1-9; Psalm: 32; Gospel: Mark 8.34-9.1. **Intention:** Maurice Caplice [RIP]

Saturday 18th February: Seventh Sunday of Year A: [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Leviticus 19.1-2,17-18; Psalm: 102; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 3.16-23; Gospel: Matthew 5.38-48. **Intention:** John Donachie [RIP]

Sunday 19th February: Seventh Sunday of Year A: [10.00/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Leviticus 19.1-2,17-18; Psalm: 102; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 3.16-23; Gospel: Matthew 5.38-48.. **Intention:** 10.00am: Mary Foster [RIP, A]
11.30am: People of the Parish

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Margaret Beeby, Yves Remedios, Denton Allen, 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.
Sunday - Thursday 9.00am – 4:30pm 020 8967 5130. Kindly leave a voicemail including patient's name and ward or e-mail: LNWH-TR.CHAPLAINCY@NHS.NET

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]*