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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A — 26TH MARCH, 2023

THEME: Come Out of Your Graves



Is it not true that at times we do not live a full life because we are afraid and selfish, we dare not to commit ourselves to one another, and we do not live according to the gospel? If so, are we not more dead than alive? The gospel calls us today to come out of the tombs of our hardness of heart, out of the graves of our fears and selfishness, of everything that keeps us imprisoned. Let us heed the Lord's call to life, to rise with him to joy and love and freedom.

MEDITATE: This emotional and dramatic story is Jesus' last miracle and sign before his own Passion and Death.

ACT: Lazarus was bound by the wrappings of funeral cloth. What are some ways I am still bound and need to be set free?

SERVICE CARDS

for Holy Week and Easter are now available at back of the Church and on the Church's website and microsite.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

Saturday 29th April 10.30am – 11.30am
Registration forms available on the website.

DEMENTIA CARERS SUPPORT GROUP

Do you care for someone who is living with Dementia (incl. Alzheimer's)? We next meet in the Parish Hall on **Monday 27th March between 1.00 - 3.00pm**. COME AND BE SUPPORTED. For further information please contact Frank Arrojo on 07867 903917 (email frankj.arrojo@gmail.com).

Online meeting: **Tuesday 4th April between 4.00 – 6.00pm**



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church itself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

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 [it will be appreciated if you can use your own mask] and sanistise your hands when you come to Church. There will be no standing allowed. Once we have reached capacity, there will be no further admittance. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.



GOOD FRIDAY: 7th April [A day of Fasting and Abstinence]

To help with numbers and to facilitate those who can't be in crowds in addition to the 3.00pm Service we have two other services. There will be a retiring collection for the Holy Places.

"WALK OF WITNESS"



Churches Together In Wembley (of which we are part) are holding the annual **Silent Walk of Witness** on Good Friday starting from outside the Church at 10.45am. We will walk up Preston Road, crossing at the roundabout and return down Preston Road ending with a short service [readings and hymns] on the Green – opposite The Preston Pub. Please support this public Act of Worship. If you are unable to complete the whole walk, please join in along the route. Help required: We need to provide a reader, stewards and a number of Cross Bearers,

Please see poster for details.

EASTER REMEMBRANCE



The Easter Vigil and the Easter Sunday Masses are going to be offered for the repose of the souls of our deceased relatives and friends. If you would like to have your loved ones, family members, and friends included in the intentions of these Masses, please complete the Form provided - together with a donation - and place in the box marked "Easter Remembrance". Completed forms need to be returned by the **morning of Saturday 8th April.** Donations go towards the Church decoration at Easter.

EASTER MASS BOUQUET

Signed Easter Mass Bouquet cards are now available on the table near the Car Park exit door. It is not possible to have individual Mass requests. If you wish to send an Easter Mass Bouquet to family and friends you can purchase a signed card and use the envelope provided to make a donation. All recipients will be included in the Mass Intentions on Saturday 15th April at 5.30pm and Sunday 16th April at 10.00am [Divine Mercy Sunday and St. Erconwald, our Patron]. The Masses will be live streamed and recorded.

EASTER RAFFLE – 9th APRIL



Tickets go on sale this weekend. In addition to the prizes on display, there will be an Easter Hamper and a number of eggs. Please support the raffle, the money raised goes towards the Church Refurbishment Fund. The draw takes place after the 11.30am Mass on Easter Sunday.

SEASON OF LENT 2023



Lent is a time of grace, conversion, renewal and healing.
[Each Friday we recall the events of Good Friday by fasting in some way.]

Stations of the Cross: Weekdays [except Thursdays and Saturdays] at 9.00am.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday after 9.30am Mass. There will be Benediction at 11.00am.

Rite of Penance: Every Saturday between 4.30pm and 5.00pm.

CARDINAL'S LENTEN ALMS APPEAL



Funds raised this year will be shared between: Marriage & Family Life; Youth & Evangelisation; The Education Service and Caritas Westminster. Cardinal Nichols has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal with whatever they can afford. Please take a donation envelope. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

For more information please visit www.CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk

REPOSITORY

Easter cards and gifts are available from the repository. If you do not see something you require please ask as we have a wide range of stock available not on display. Please note: **The Repository will be closed on Wednesday 5th April, after the morning Mass.**

A full selection of First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards & gifts will be on display in the Hall on the **weekend of 15th/16th April.**

QUIZ NIGHT



Come and celebrate St. Erconwald, our Patron, on **Saturday 22nd April,** and enjoy a fun filled evening and catch up with old friends or meet some new ones. Invite your friends and relations. You can choose between buying a whole table (team of eight), entering as individuals or small groups and we will introduce you to others to make up a team. Registration forms are available at the back of the Church. See poster for details.

ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION



A huge thank you to all who made these celebrations possible,
your hard work was much appreciated.
A special thank you to all who attended,
and those who bought raffle tickets or made donations.
We raised £457.51 for the Church Restoration Fund,
and had a fun time in the process.

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 FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

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

Sunday 26th March: Fifth of Lent, Year A: [10.00am/11.30am] Readings: Ezekiel 37.12-14; Psalm: 129; 2nd Reading: Romans 8.8-11; Gospel: John 11.1-45. **Intention:** 10.00am: Govan Family Intentions
11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 27th March: Lent Feria [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Daniel 13.41-62; Psalm: 22; Gospel: John 8.1-11. **Intention:** Patrick Carmody [RIP]

Tuesday 28th March: Lent Feria [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Numbers 21.4-9; Psalm: 101; Gospel: John 8.21-30. **Intention:** Dean McDermott [RIP]

Wednesday 29th March: Lent Feria: [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Daniel 3.14-20,24-25,28; Psalm: Daniel 3; Gospel: John 8.31-42. **Intention:** P.J. Mahony [RIP] **followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at 11.00am.**

Thursday 30th March: NO SERVICE

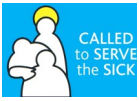
Friday 31st March: Lent Feria: [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Jeremiah 20.10-13; Psalm: 17; Gospel: John 10.31-42. **Intentions:** Mary Murphy [RIP, A]

Friday 31st March: 7.00pm: Reconciliation Service with Absolution

Saturday 1st April: Palm Sunday, Year A: [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 50.4-7; Psalm: 21; 2nd Reading: Philippians 2.6-11; Gospel: Matthew 26.14-27.66. **Intention:** Patrick Bradley [RIP]

Sunday 2nd April: Palm Sunday, Year A: [10.00am/11.30am] Readings: Isaiah 50.4-7; Psalm: 21; 2nd Reading: Philippians 2.6-11; Gospel: Matthew 26.14-27.66. **Intention:** 10.00am: Andrew Fogg [Intention]
11.30am: People of the Parish

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Margaret Beeby, Yves Remedios, Denton Allen, Radwan Naffa, and Magdalene Davis. 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]*