St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter
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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A 21ST MAY, 2023

THEME: Witnesses needed



On the seventh Sunday of Easter, we always read from the seventeenth chapter of John's Gospel. As Jesus prepares to return to his Father, he is in the midst of a long prayer for his disciples. This entire chapter is a prayer by Jesus, commending himself to the Father and expressing his care and concern for his disciples. It is a prayer for unity even though Judas is no longer among the disciples. Jesus asks his Father to seal and strengthen the disciples as they will now be the ones to carry out the work begun by Jesus. He especially asks that they not be influenced by the evil one.

MEDITATE: Jesus' mission was to show people what God was like.

ACT: When have I sensed I share in Jesus' mission to be the face of God?

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY – 21st MAY



The theme, chosen by Pope Francis, is 'Speaking with the Heart' [Ephesians 4.15]. The Pope said in his World Communications Day message, "It is the heart that spurred us to go, to see and to listen, and it is the heart that moves us towards an open and welcoming way of communicating."

PENTECOST NOVENA



The solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord marked the beginning of the nine days spiritual preparation for Pentecost. [Will be recited from Friday at the end of Mass]. Copies of the *Novena Prayer* are available on the website/microsite and at each entrance of the Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

There will be a rehearsal for the children preparing to receive their First Holy Communion in church at 10.30am on Saturday 27th May. Please be Prompt. The children will go on to receive the Eucharist on Saturday 3rd June at 10.30am. Please keep the children, their families and catechists in your prayers

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 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

NOW ACCEPTING CONTACTLESS DONATIONS

Donations, Mass Intentions, Candles and Repository payments can also be made via the card readers in Church

[If you are a tax payer, please Gift Aid your donation]

THANK YOU for your continued support



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

For church movements and groups

We pray that each day, Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization, placing their own charisms at the service of the world's needs.

WEMBLEY EVENT DAYS

Just a reminder to those attending the 10.30am First Holy Communion Mass and 5.30pm Evening Mass, that **Saturday 3rd June** is an Event Day. Those without Parking Permits will need to park in the Car Park. As space is limited, parking will be on a first come basis.

THE LARDER

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



REPOSITORY

Currently in stock: a good selection of First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards, Prayer Books, Rosaries and gifts, all at reasonable prices. If you don't see what you require, please ask as we are unable to display our full stock. You are welcome to have a browse.

PENTECOST SUNDAY - INTERNATIONAL DAY



Next Sunday, Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate our "Unity in Diversity" and the different Nationalities that are part of our Parish. Please come in your National Costume if possible. Tickets on sale after Mass: Adults: £10; Senior Citizens & Children over 12 years: £5. Children under 12 years free. [All children must be accompanied by parent or guardian.] The money raised will go towards the Church Refurbishment Fund.

FLAGS: A sheet is provided [at the back of the Church] for you to write your country of origin. We will use the information to ensure that we have flags representing all the different parts of the world that make up our community.

INTERNATIONAL CUISINE: As in the past, we are asking people to provide National Dishes. Currently, we have: Jerk Chicken, Indian Curry, Ham, Salmon, Noodles, Baked Pasta, and Italian Ice-Cream. If your country is not covered by the above perhaps you might consider making a dish, we also need desserts and nibbles [i.e. prawn crackers etc.]
We need enough of each dish to serve 10 or more people, perhaps 2 or 3 people could cook the same dish. We would like people to volunteer to co-ordinate the food. Please complete the food sheet form at the back for the Church.
[Due to Data Protection Laws, we can no longer leave out lists as in the past, so if you could complete the forms at the back of the church to indicate your donation of food/drink. Then post these forms into the box provided, we would be most grateful. ***Please, do not leave completed forms with your details on the table.***

ENTERTAINMENT: There will be live music [Velvet Touch]. If anyone would like to contribute to the entertainment on the day, please let us know.

RAFFLE: *Tickets available at both entrances to the Church to sell to your family, friends and neighbours. Must be returned not later than Saturday morning 27th May.* 1st prize – International Hamper [*Donations would be welcome, as we would like each country to be represented*]; 2nd prize – £50 Cash; 3rd Prize – Icons; 4th Prize – Children's Surprise; 5th Prize – Surprise Prize for those attending; and many other fantastic prizes, including 2 tickets to Michael McIntyre's Show, next year. To be drawn on Sunday 28th May, 2023.

SATURDAY 27th MAY at 11.00am

Please come along and help decorate the Church and the Hall.
More hands make light work!

WEMBLEY EVENT DAYS

Saturday 27th, **Sunday 28th [International Day]**, and Monday 29th May.

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 SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER

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

Sunday 21st May: Seventh of Easter, Year A: [10.00am/11.30am] Readings: Acts 1.12-14; Psalm: 26; 2nd Reading: 1Peter 4.13-16; Gospel: John 17.1-11.. **Intentions:** 10.00am: Mary and Michael Faherty [RIP, A]
11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 22nd May: Easter Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 19.1-8; Psalm: 67; Gospel: John 16.29-33. **Intention:** Bob Smith [Intention]

Tuesday 23rd May: Easter Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 20.17-27; Psalm: 67; Gospel: John 17.1-11. **Intention:** Sean McDonagh [Intention]

Wednesday 24th May: Easter Feria: [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 20.28-38; Psalm: 67; Gospel: John 17.11-19. **Intention:** Enda Gallagher [RIP]
Followed by Exposition, Rosary and Benediction at 11.00am.

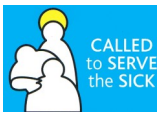
Thursday 25th May: NO SERVICE

Friday 26th May: St. Philip Neri: [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Philippians 4.4-9; Psalm: 33; Gospel: John 17.20-26. **Intention:** Bridie McLafferty [RIP]

Saturday 27th May: Pentecost Sunday, Year A: [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 2.1-11; Psalm: 103; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 12.3-7,12-13; Gospel: John 20.19-23. **Intention:** Sadie and Michael Horan [RIP, A]

Sunday 28th May: Pentecost Sunday, Year A: [10.00am/11.30am] Readings: Acts 2.1-11; Psalm: 103; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 12.3-7,12-13; Gospel: John 20.19-23. **Intentions:** 10.00am: People of the Parish
11.30am: Patrick [Paddy] Mullane [RIP]

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]*