

## St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY, YEAR A**

**22ND OCTOBER, 2023**

### **THEME: Good Citizens of God's Kingdom and Our Country.**



Sometimes the Church is accused of meddling in politics or the affairs of the state. But the Church has to raise a prophetic voice to form the consciences of its members regarding the moral aspects of political and economic questions, to see to it that the laws of God and human rights and dignity are respected. A good Christian must be a good citizen and take up his/her responsibilities towards the human community. Church and state must respect each other without trying to control each other. Let us give to the state what belongs to the state and to God what belongs to God.

**MEDITATE:** We know this gospel so well that it is easy to dismiss it as a justification for separating politics from religion.

**ACT:** This week affirm someone who has shown courage in respecting life.

### **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

"Hearts on fire, feet on the move" is the theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's World Mission Sunday. It is inspired by the story of the disciples on their way to Emmaus who have an encounter with the risen Lord [Luke 24]. The Autumn Edition of *Mission Today* focuses on World Mission Sunday, copies are available at both entrance and exit of the Church. To give online please visit: [misio.org.uk/donate](http://misio.org.uk/donate) and select 'World Mission Sunday'.

Please, do not forget to keep the Missions in your prayers.



### **OCTOBER ROSARY**

The morning Mass on Wednesdays will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Benediction at 11.00am.

### **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.*



## **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 sanitise 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 IS THE PREFERRED METHOD**

Offertory Envelopes and other donations can be placed in the Collection Box at the entrance or at the exit of the Church.

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**

## **REPOSITORY**

November goods now on display: a choice of cemetery candles, - solar and wax - cemetery statues, indoor remembrance candles and picture frames. Rosaries and rosary booklets. A selection of Confirmation cards and gifts are also on display. From next week we will have Advent Calendars and candles on display. For baptism, Wedding Anniversaries, statues and other cards please ask a repository helper. To allow you access to the Repository, only one family/individual at a time please. Please ask if you do not see something you want. You are welcome to browse but please do not allow children to play with items.

## **CHURCH TELEPHONES**

We regret to say the phone saga continues! Once again, we have problems with our telephone system, most frustrating for those trying to contact us and for ourselves. If the phone is not answered in 2 rings it cuts off and unfortunately voice messages are not working either. At present, best to email if possible, otherwise just keep trying to get us, as it may be that we just don't get to the phone in time. There is light at the end of the tunnel, Westminster have said we may have a new system. So, please be patient with us. Thank you.

## **SCHOOL OPEN DAYS / FORMS**

For School Open Days please see noticeboard or visit the schools' websites. If you need any forms signed please see Fr. Anthony to make an appointment. ***[A gentle reminder that unless you have been practicing regularly at St. Erconwald's, Fr. Anthony will not be able to sign your child's form.]***

**RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS 2023/4**  
**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults [RCIA]**

Are you, or is someone you know, interested in becoming a Catholic, wishing to be Confirmed, married to, or about to marry a Catholic, or just wishing to know more about the Catholic faith?



The first session will take place on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm** in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

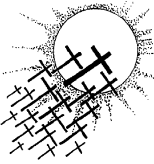
**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024**

The next session for parents and children will be on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am** in the Parish Hall.

**CONFIRMATION 2023**

The next session for the candidates will take place on **TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> November, 7.00pm** in the Parish Hall.

**NOVEMBER – HOLY SOULS**



Envelopes and sheets for your Mass Intentions for the month of November [Holy Souls] are available on the table at the main entrance of the Church. Please place your offerings and sheet in the envelope provided. The sheets will then be placed in a folder, which will be placed on the display area. On **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November** there will be a special celebration to remember all those who have suffered bereavement over the past year. All are welcome. The **10.00am Mass on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November** will be a special celebration remembering all parishioners who have passed away, especially our benefactors.

*The Blessing graves at Carpender's Park will take place on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November, at 1.30pm.***

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER**

For the Synod

We pray that listening and dialogue will permeate every level of the Church, and that she will let herself be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.



**MARY'S MEALS – UNWANTED FOREIGN CURRENCY APPEAL**

**mary's  
meals**

a simple solution  
to world hunger

Mary's meals is a charity that provides one meal a day to children in education. It currently feeds over 2.4 million young children in their place of education in over 18 countries. During October – the month of the Rosary, we would like to support Mary's Meals by collecting unwanted foreign currency. If you have any foreign currency lying around at home, please bring it to Church during the month of October and place it in the collection box located on the table as you enter the main entrance of the Church.

**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 is also a good way of meeting others in our parish.

## **LITURGY FOR THE 29TH WEEK OF YEAR 1 - Psalter Week 1**

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

**Sunday 22nd October: 29th Sunday, Year A:** [10.00am and 11.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 45.1,4-6; Psalm: 95; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Thessalonians 1.1-5; Gospel: Matthew 22.15-21.

**Intention:** 10.00am: Donald Coyle [RIP]  
11.30am: People of the Parish

**Monday 23rd October: Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Romans 4.20-25; Psalm: Luke 1.69-75; Gospel: Luke 12.13-21. **Intention:** Patrick Whitty [RIP]

**Tuesday 24th October: Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Romans 5.12,15.17-21; Psalm: 39; Gospel: John 12.35-38. **Intention:** Gladys D'Souza [RIP]

**Wednesday 25th October: Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Romans 6.12-18; Psalm: 123; Gospel: Luke 12.39-48. **Intention:** Sheila Wheaton [RIP]  
**Followed by Exposition, Rosary and Benediction at 11.00am**

**Thursday 26th October: NO SERVICE**

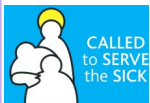
**Friday 27th October: Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Romans 7.18-25; Psalm: 118; Gospel: Luke 12.54-59. **Intention:** Tommy Supple [RIP, A]

**Saturday 28th October: 30th Sunday, Year A:** [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 22.20-26; Psalm: 17; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Thessalonians 1.5-10; Gospel: Matthew 22.34-40. **Intention:** Susan and John Long [RIP, A]

**Sunday 29th October: 30th Sunday, Year A:** [10.00am and 11.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 22.20-26; Psalm: 17; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Thessalonians 1.5-10; Gospel: Matthew 22.34-40.

**Intention:** 10.00am: People of the Parish  
11.30am: Eileen Dowse [RIP]

### **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Margaret Beeby, Denton Allen, Radwan Naffa, Kathryn McGinnis. 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.**

*May the Lord Jesus bless, console and strengthen all the sick, and may Mary, health of the sick, intercede for them.*

### **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]*