

## St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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### THIRTIETH SUNDAY, YEAR A

### 29TH OCTOBER, 2023

#### **THEME: God In People.**



Do we love God? Of course, we say; what a strange question! Is it really so self-evident that we love God with our whole heart and soul and mind? There is a good test of our love of God: How patient are you with your cranky husband or wife? Can you forgive the former friend who cheated you in an important deal? Can you still love the neighbour who unjustly brought you to court about the boundary of your property? Your neighbour is the visible shape of the invisible God. Ask Jesus this week to recognise him in your neighbour.

**MEDITATE:** Jesus, confronted by some Pharisees with another question intended to trap him, reveals more insight into living as his followers.

**ACT:** This week show someone a sign of love.

#### **ALL SAINTS – A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION**

will be celebrated on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November**. Masses will be at 9.30am and 7.00pm.

**ALL SOULS DAY** will be celebrated on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**. Masses will be at 9.30am and 7.00pm. Masses will be live-streamed and recorded.

#### **SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND**

The retiring collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. Last year, the Diocese provided care to 82 retired priests, at a cost of £850,000. Caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a fundamental part of the mission of our Diocese. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met. Donation envelopes are at the entrance and exit of the church. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. You can donate online at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations) - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan to give online.



## **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**

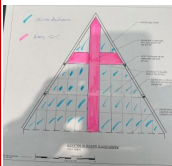
November goods now on display: a choice of cemetery candles - solar, wax or battery - cemetery statues, indoor remembrance candles and picture frames. Rosaries and rosary booklets. A selection of Advent Calendars and a good choice of Advent Candles. Confirmation cards and gifts are also on display. For 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.

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

Final call for unwanted Foreign Currency appeal. Thank you to all who have donated, you have helped feed school children around the world.



## **WINDOWS RESTORATION PROJECT**



Following a Westminster arranged visit, Fr. Anthony met with Andy Sheen from Exterior Plas, manufacturer and installer of windows. A Church Window Programme in three stages was agreed. First phase: Front Window to Church as it is the most urgent. It will contain energy efficient coloured glass, and the Cross will be more prominent. The next stage for us will be the submission of plans to the Diocesan Trustees for approval. Please see the blue board at the back of the Church for more details. If anyone has any suggestions, please let us know no later than 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> November 2023. After that date we will submit the proposal.

**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.

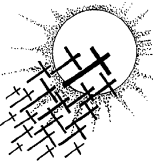
**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024**

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 at 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 at 7.00pm** there will be a special celebration to remember all those who have suffered bereavement over the past year. 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.

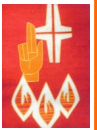
All are welcome.

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

*Graveside Prayers are available on the website, microsite and as you leave the Church.*

**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.*



**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER**

For the Pope

We pray that the Holy Father, in fulfilling his mission, may continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

**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 30TH WEEK OF YEAR 1 - Psalter Week 2**

[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 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]

**Monday 30th October: Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Romans 8.12-17; Psalm: 67; Gospel: Luke 13.10-17. **Intention:** Sean Printy [RIP, A]

**Tuesday 31st October: Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Romans 8.18-25; Psalm: 125; Gospel: Luke 13.18-21. **Intention:** Arthur Murphy RIP]

**Wednesday 1st November: All Saints [9.30am and 7.00pm]** **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Apocalypse 7.2-4,9-14; Psalm: 23; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1John 3.1-3; Gospel: Matthew 5.1-12. **Intentions:** 9.30am: Eugene Donetti [RIP]; 7.00pm: Holy Souls.

**Thursday 2nd November: All Souls [9.30am and 7.00pm]** **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 25.6-9; Psalm: 22; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 5.5-11; Gospel: John 6.37-40. **Intentions:** Holy Souls

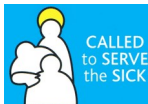
**Friday 3rd November: St. Martin de Porres** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Philippians 4.4-9; Psalm: 130; Gospel: Matthew 22.34-40. **Intention:** Holy Souls

**Saturday 4th November: 31st Sunday, Year A:** [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Malachi 1.14-2.2,8-10; Psalm: 130; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Thessalonians 2.7-9,13; Gospel: Matthew 23.1-12. **Intention:** Breda Moriarty [RIP, A]

**Sunday 5th November: 31st Sunday, Year A:** [10.00am and 11.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Malachi 1.14-2.2,8-10; Psalm: 130; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Thessalonians 2.7-9,13; Gospel: Matthew 23.1-12

**Intention:** 10.00am: Holy Souls  
11.30am: Mary and Tom Goldrick [RIP, A]

### **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Margaret Beeby, Denton Allen, Radwan Naffa, Kathryn McGinnis and Sheila O'Hara. 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]*