

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY, YEAR A

19TH NOVEMBER, 2023

THEME: Take the Risks of Faith.



It is disheartening to see at times how people with a lot of potentials simply refuse to use their gifts. Are they afraid of committing themselves, of taking risks with people? Perhaps we too are scared to take the risk of putting ourselves into the hands of people. We keep our faith for Sundays but fail to invest it in the goodness of people, in forgiveness when we have been wronged, in speaking out for those who have no voice, in affection that may not be answered. Let us risk ourselves with the Lord. Let us be a Caritas people.

MEDITATE: The parables of Jesus are rich with meaning for us, both individually and as a Church.

ACT: Take an inventory of the gifts you have used in this past year. Determine some action you can take to further develop the gifts you have been given.

CONFIRMATION 2023

On **Saturday 2nd December**, we welcome Bishop John Sherrington who will be administering the Sacrament of Confirmation to our young people at the **5.30pm Mass**. Please remember the candidates and their families in your prayers.

The next session for the candidates will take place on TUESDAY 21st November, at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.



SAVE THE DAY - PARISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

This is a ticketed event, and takes place on **SATURDAY 16th DECEMBER** following the 5.30pm Mass in the Parish Hall. Celebration includes Christmas Carols and Songs, Santa's visit and the Grand Christmas Draw – in aid of the Windows Restoration Project. Bar available [£5 corkage applies on drinks not purchased from the bar.] Ticket prices: Adult £4 [including mince pie and glass of mulled wine.] Children free but **MUST** have a child's ticket and be accompanied by a parent/guardian for the duration of the event. Limited places on a first come basis. Tickets available from next week.



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

Advent Calendars and a good choice of Advent Candles. Confirmation cards and gifts are also on display. Please ask if you wish to purchase Sterling Silver Chains. For baptism, Wedding Anniversaries, statues and other cards please ask a repository helper.

Remaining boxed Christmas Cards, Church Art Calendars 2023 and Diaries.

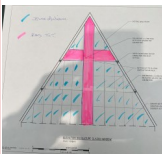
To allow you access to the Repository, only one family/individual at a time please. Please ask if you do not see something you want. You are welcome to browse but please do not allow children to play with items, breakages will have to be paid for.

DICK WHITTINGTON

The Chameleons presents *Dick Whittington* at The Church of the Ascension, The Avenue, Wembley HA9 9QL on Saturday 16th December at 2.00pm and 6.00pm, and Sunday 17th at 2.00pm. To book a place please visit: www.thechameleons.co.uk



WINDOWS RESTORATION PROJECT



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 18th/19th November 2023. After that date we will submit the proposal.

ADVENT GIVING TREE - "THE PASSAGE"



As has been our practice in the past, we hope to donate gift bags to *The Passage* this Christmas. We hope this will be possible despite the very difficult financial problems we are all experiencing. *The Passage* likes to give all the Residents in each of their Hostels the same gift bag, so all feel fairly treated. To facilitate this, we will publish a wish list of items each week [**Please do NOT wrap items**]. When we have finished collecting, we will complete the gift bags in the Hall the week before collection day.

The items to be brought next weekend are:

Woolly hats – Scarves – Gloves [Men's/Ladies]

[We require more men than ladies, so perhaps go for neutral colours.]

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK

On Tuesday 12th December, at 11.00am

followed by soup and rolls in the Parish Hall.

This Mass is for everyone especially the sick and elderly.

[There will be no 9.30am Mass]

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

There will be a Service of Reconciliation with Absolution on

Friday 15th December at 7.00pm.

PARISH MAGAZINE – CHRISTMAS EDITION

Articles need to be in by the weekend of 9th/10th December.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults [RCIA]

The next session will take place on **Wednesday 22nd November,**
7.00pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.



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 33RD 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 19th November: 33rd Sunday, Year A: [10.00am and 11.30am]

Readings: 1st Reading: Proverbs 31.10-13,19-20,30-31; Psalm: 127; 2nd Reading: 1Thessalonians 5.1-6; Gospel: Matthew 25. 14-30.

Intention: 10.00am: Keith Allyn Defontaine [RIP, A]

11.30am: Margaret and Helen Cornish [RIP]

Monday 20th November: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: 1Maccabees 1.10-15,41-43,54-57,62-64; Psalm: 118; Gospel: Luke 18.35-43. **Intention:** Donal Hickey [RIP]

Tuesday 21st November: Presentation BVM [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Zechariah 2.14-17; Psalm: Luke 1.46-55; Gospel: Matthew 12.46-50. **Intention:** Holy Souls

Wednesday 22nd November: St. Cecilia [9.30am]: **Readings:** 1st Reading: Hosea 2.16-17,21-22; Psalm: 44; Gospel: Matthew 25.1-13. **Intention:** Pauline Dominici [Intention]

Thursday 23rd November: NO SERVICE

Friday 24th November: St. Andrew Dung-Lac [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: 1Maccabees 4.36-37,52-59; Psalm: 1Chronicles 29.10-12; Gospel: Luke 19.45-48. **Intention:** Holy Souls

Saturday 25th November: Baptism: 10.30am: Valentino Dezzutti

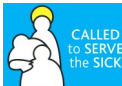
Saturday 25th November: Christ the King, Year A: [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Ezekiel 34.11-12,15-17; Psalm: 22; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 15.20-26,28; Gospel: Matthew 25. 31-46. **Intention:** Felix De Souza [RIP,A]

Sunday 26th November: Christ the King, Year A: [10.00am and 11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Ezekiel 34.11-12,15-17; Psalm: 22; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 15.20-26,28; Gospel: Matthew 25. 31-46.

Intention: 10.00am: Bernard Wilson [RIP, A]

11.30am: Holy Souls

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Margaret Beeby, Radwan Naffa, Kathryn McGinnis and Sheila O'Hara. We remember also those in Kenbrook, Birchwood Grange and Brook House.

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 Alphonus Liguori]