

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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CHRIST THE KING, YEAR A

26TH NOVEMBER, 2023

THEME: Have You Met Me In The Poor?



The Church year ends with the celebration of Christ the King, and next Sunday the Church's new year starts with Advent. Matthew presents to us the scene of Christ our Lord coming as King in judgement. This scene is the counterpart of the beatitudes, where the poor and the suffering were called blessed. At the judgement the Lord will ask us: "What have you done for the poor and those who weep?" Jesus shows himself here not only as close to the poor and the humble, but he is himself the gentle, the sick, the persecuted. He asks us: "Have you met me in them?" What do we answer him?

MEDITATE: Separating sheep from goats was a familiar routine for the shepherds in Jesus' day.

ACT: Spend a few minutes each night in prayerful gratitude for those who have shown kindness to you.

CONFIRMATION 2023

Next **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 rehearsal will take place on Tuesday 28th November at 7.00pm in the Church. Candidates, parents and sponsors need to attend.



FUNERALS

With sadness we announce the death of Denton Mackie. His funeral will take place on Monday 27th November at 10.30am. The Mass will be live-streamed and recorded. We offer our sympathy to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

With sadness we announce the death of Millicent Charles. Her funeral will take place on Wednesday 29th November at 10.30am. The Mass will be live-streamed and recorded. We offer our sympathy to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

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:

Shampoo/Conditioner - Deodorant - Soap/shower Gel/Flannel

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults [RCIA]

The next session will take place on Wednesday 29th November, 7.00pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.



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.



THE LARDER

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



PARISH MAGAZINE – CHRISTMAS EDITION

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

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.

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 this week-end.

ADVENT 2023 – JOURNEYING TO THE CRIB

The season of Advent is a time of preparation for the birth of Our Saviour. Listed below are activities and devotions to help us prepare for the coming feast of Christmas and its true meaning. This Liturgical year we will be recalling the mystery of Jesus our Saviour through the listening to the gospel of Mark - Year B.



THE ADVENT WREATH



The Advent Wreath [this can be a simple drawing to colour in, or something more elaborate], consisting of a circle of evergreens, symbolising the eternal nature of God and the continuing and everlasting life that comes from God through Christ. The four candles [3 purple – symbolising repentance - and 1 pink – 3rd week, reminds us that we are drawing nearer to Christmas Day], mark the four weeks of Advent, and attest to the truth of Jesus as the Light of the World [John 3. 17-21]. The “Prayer of Blessing” is available at the back of the Church.

THE JESSE TREE

The name Jesse Tree comes from a Bible passage describing the descent of the Messiah from Jesse in Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot will come out of the stock Jesse, and a branch out of his roots will bear fruit." The Gospels in Luke 3:23-38 and in Matthew 1:1-17 have genealogies of Jesus Christ.



The symbols show some important figures and events from Creation to the birth of Jesus Christ. This year it would be nice if we could make our own version of a Jesse Tree. The ornaments to cut out and colour in, are available at the back of the Church. Adapted from: “Jesse Tree Ornaments” by Kathryn Marcellino. Abundant Life Publishing]

ADVENT GIVING CALENDAR



This Advent Giving Calendar gives suggestions for items to collect each day, reaching out to those going hungry, making a food parcel. Like previous years we will be supporting “The Larder”. *Details of when to bring the “food parcels” will be given later.* Available at the back of the Church.

For more Advent resources for all ages please visit: cafod.org.uk/advent

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 WITH ABSOLUTION

Friday 15th December at 7.00pm.

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 34TH 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 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

Monday 27th November: [10.30am]: Funeral Mass for Denton Mackie RIP.
[The Mass will be live-streamed and recorded]

Tuesday 28th November: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Daniel 2.31-45; Psalm: Daniel 3.57-61; Gospel: Luke 21.5-11. **Intention:** Baby Maria Hencel [RIP, A]

Wednesday 29th November: [10.30am]: Funeral Mass for Millicent Charles RIP. [The Mass will be live-streamed and recorded]

Thursday 30th November: NO SERVICE

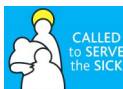
Friday 1st December: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Daniel 7.2-14; Psalm: Daniel 3.75-81; Gospel: Luke 21.29-33. **Intention:** Holy Souls

Saturday 2nd December: 1st of Advent, Year B: [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 63.16-17,64.1,3-8; Psalm: 79; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 1.3-9; Gospel: Mark 13.33-37. **Intention:** People of the Parish

Sunday 3rd December: 1st of Advent, Year B: [10.00am and 11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 63.16-17,64.1,3-8; Psalm: 79; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 1.3-9; Gospel: Mark 13.33-37.

Intention: 10.00am: Mary and Pat Cafferkey [RIP, A]
11.30am: Dominic and Bartholomew Tiernan [RIP, A]

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.

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]