

## St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY, YEAR A**

**5TH NOVEMBER, 2023**

**THEME: Let Your Life Tell God's Story.**



How ridiculous when someone shows you the way and then get lost themselves! If we want to be trustworthy and believable, we ourselves must live as we believe, especially those in tasks of leadership and ministries.

**MEDITATE:** The Gospel assures the community of Christian Jews that the way to be faithful to the Law of Moses is to be faithful to the teachings of Jesus, who came to fulfill the Law.

**ACT:** Determine a specific way to live out your faith this week in an area of life that is difficult.

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

Today's retiring collection is 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.



### **FUNERAL**

With sadness we announce the death of Margaret Sydes. Her funeral will take place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am. The Mass will be live-streamed and recorded. We offer our sympathy to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

## **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**

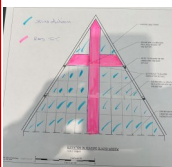
## **REPOSITORY**

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.

## **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 difficult financial problems we are all experiencing. Details to follow.

## **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.

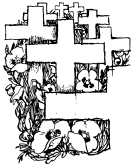
**CONFIRMATION 2023**

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

The "Mass of Election" will be on

**SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> November at the 5.30pm Mass**

**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 are now 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.

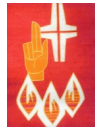
All are welcome.

*The Blessing graves at Carpenders 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 31ST WEEK OF YEAR 1 - Psalter Week 3**

[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 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]

**Monday 6th November: Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Romans 11.29-36; Psalm: 68; Gospel: Luke 14.12-14. **Intention:** Felix DeSouza [RIP, A]

**Tuesday 7th November: Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Romans 12.5-16; Psalm: 130; Gospel: Luke 14.15-24. **Intention:** Holy Souls

**Wednesday 8th November: [10.00am]: Funeral Mass for Margaret Sydes RIP.** [The Mass will be live-streamed and recorded]

**Thursday 9th November: NO SERVICE**

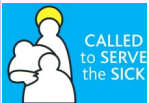
**Friday 10th November: St. Leo the Great** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ecclesiasticus 39.6-10; Psalm: 36; Gospel: Matthew 16.13-19. **Intention:** Phyllis Wilson [RIP]

**Saturday 11th November: 32nd Sunday, Year A:** [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Wisdom 6.12-16; Psalm: 62; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Thessalonians 4.13-18; Gospel: Matthew 25.1-13. **Intention:** John Pereira [RIP]

**Sunday 12th November: 32nd Sunday, Year A:** [10.00am and 11.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Wisdom 6.12-16; Psalm: 62; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Thessalonians 4.13-18; Gospel: Matthew 25.1-13

**Intention:** 10.00am: Benefactors  
11.30am: Mary Donetti [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.**

*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]*