

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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THIRD OF ADVENT, YEAR B

17TH DECEMBER, 2023

THEME: The One You Do Not Know.



Do you want to know Jesus? Do you want to meet him today? Encounter him in people, accompany them on the road of life, especially the poor, the broken-hearted, the downtrodden and those who are not free. Jesus identifies with them. In them we find Jesus. Then he will no longer remain an unknown, remote person to us. We will then be with Jesus, and Jesus with us.

MEDITATE: John Models the kind of attitude and behavior that each individual Christian and each Christian community are called to imitate.

ACT: If others thank you or praise you for your service, be grateful for their appreciation and rejoice that the lord has worked through you.

CHRISTMAS CRIB APPEAL 2023

The Catholic Children's Society Crib Appeal helps support children and families in need throughout the diocese. There will be a donation box by the crib for you to contribute. Thank you for your support.

ADVENT GIVING CALENDAR - THE LARDER

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



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY

For people with disabilities



We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of society's attention, and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation.

For the gift of diversity in the Church

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognise the gift of difference charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

LITURGY FOR THE WEEKDAYS OF ADVENT - 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 17th December: 3rd of Advent, Year B: [10.00am and 11.30am]

Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 61.1-2,10-11; Psalm: Luke 1.46-50,53-54; 2nd Reading: 1Thessalonians 5.16-24; Gospel: John 1.6-8,19-28

Intention: 10.00am: Paul O'Brien [RIP]

11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 18th December: Feria [9.30am]: **Readings:** 1st Reading: Jeremiah 23.5-8; Psalm: 71; Gospel: Matthew 1.18-24. **Intention:** Fr. Bernard Crowe [RIP, A]

Tuesday 19th December: Feria [9.30am]: **Readings:** 1st Reading: Judges 13.2-7,24-25; Psalm: 70; Gospel: Luke 1.5-25. **Intention:** Giulia and Lawrence Hayes [RIP, A]

Wednesday 20th December: Feria [9.30am]: **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 7.10-14; Psalm: 23; Gospel: Luke 1.26-38. **Intention:** Eugene Donetti [RIP]

Wednesday 20th December: 7.00pm: SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday 21st December: NO SERVICE

Friday 22nd December: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: 1Samuel 1.24-28; Psalm: 1Samuel 2; Gospel: Luke 1.46-56. **Intention:** Arthur Murphy [RIP]

Saturday 23rd December: 4th of Advent, Year B: [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: 2Samuel 7.1-5,8-12,14-16; Psalm: 88; 2nd Reading: Romans 16.25-27; Gospel: Luke 1.26-38. **Intention:** Donald Coyle [RIP]

Sunday 24th December: 4th of Advent, Year B: [10.00am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: 2Samuel 7.1-5,8-12,14-16; Psalm: 88; 2nd Reading: Romans 16.25-27; Gospel: Luke 1.26-38. **Intention:** 10.00am: Mary O'Neill [RIP]

LITURGY FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON - Psalter Week 1

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Sunday 24th December: Christmas Eve, Family Mass [5.30pm]

Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 9.1-7; Psalm: 95; 2nd Reading: Titus 2.11-14; Gospel: Luke 2.1-14. **Intention:** People of the Parish.

Sunday 24th December: Carols followed by Christmas Mass

[9.30pm] Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 9.1-7; Psalm: 95; 2nd Reading: Titus 2.11-14; Gospel: Luke 2.1-14. **Intention:** Christmas Intentions.

Monday 25th December: Christmas Day Mass [10.00am] Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 52.7-10; Psalm: 97; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 1.1-6; Gospel: Luke 2.15-20. **Intention:** Christmas Intentions. **[No 11.30am Mass]**

Tuesday 26th December: St. Stephen: [10.00am]: [Bank Holiday] Readings: 1st Reading: Acts 6.8-10,7.54-59; Psalm: 30; Gospel: Matthew 10.17-22. **Intention:** Colie McDonagh [RIP]



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Wednesday 27th December: St. John: [10.00am] Readings: 1st Reading: 1John 1.1-4; Psalm: 96; Gospel: John 20.2-8. **Intention:** Pat O'Rourke [RIP]

Thursday 28th December – NO SERVICE

Friday 29th December: St. St. Thomas Becket: [10.00am] Readings: 1st Reading: Timothy 2.8-13,3.10-12; Psalm: 33; Gospel: Matthew 16.24-27. **Intention:** Michael Devaney [RIP]

Saturday 30th December: Feast of the Holy Family: [5.30pm] Readings: 1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 3.2-6,12-14; Psalm: 127; 2nd Reading: Colossians 3.12-21; Gospel: Luke 2.22-40. **Intention:** Deceased Family Members

Sunday 31st December: Feast of the Holy Family: [10.00/11.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 3.2-6,12-14; Psalm: 127; 2nd Reading: Colossians 3.12-21; Gospel: Luke 2.22-40. **Intention:** Deceased Family Members

Monday 1st January 2024: Mary, Mother of God: [10.00am] [Bank Holiday] Readings: 1st Reading: Numbers 6.22-27; Psalm: 66; 2nd Reading: Galatians 4.4-7; Gospel: Luke 2.16-21. **Intention:** Donal Hickey [RIP]

Tuesday 2nd January: Ss Basil and Gregory Nazianzen: [10.00am] Readings: 1st Reading: 1John 2.22-28; Psalm: 97; Gospel: John 1.19-28. **Intention:** Bridie Hughes [Intention]

Wednesday 3rd January: Christmas Feria: [10.00am] Readings: 1st Reading: 1John 2.29-3.6 Psalm: 97; Gospel: John 1.29-34. **Intention:** Antonia Cala [Intention]

Thursday 4th January – NO SERVICE

Friday 5th January: Christmas Feria: [10.00am] Readings: 1st Reading: 1John 3.11-21; Psalm: 99; Gospel: John 1.43-51. **Intention:** Vincent Fox [RIP]

Saturday 6th January: Epiphany of the Lord: [5.30pm] Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm: 71; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 3.2-3,5-6; Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12. **Intention:** Joseph Long [RIP]

Sunday 7th January: Epiphany of the Lord: [10.00/11.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm: 71; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 3.2-3,5-6; Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12. **Intention:** 10.00am: Betty Sullivan [RIP, A]
11.30am: People of the Parish.

Monday 8th January: Baptism of the Lord, B: [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 42.1-4,6-7; Psalm: 28; 2nd Reading: Acts 10.34-38; Gospel: Mark 1.7-11. **Intention:** John Harkin [RIP]

*Wishing you and your families
a Blessed Christmas and Peaceful New Year*



*There will be **NO** newsletter for the next two weeks.*

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.

REPOSITORY

Now in stock a limited number of Westminster Year Book 2024. Price £5.
Wishing all our customers a very Happy, Holy and Joyous Christmas and every best wish for 2024.

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.

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

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



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