

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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FOURTH SUNDAY, YEAR B

28TH JANUARY, 2024

THEME: Jesus' Healing Words and Hands

Sick people feel very much how they are handicapped by their illness. Today we see Jesus at work with his healing power. Not that he heals everyone who is sick, but he shows that God wants people to be whole and wholesome - that is what "healing" means. He wants us to become like him, that is, completely human, good and whole persons, not only physically but in every way. For it is then that we can fully honour God as his image. Let us ask Jesus to make us whole and wholesome.



MEDITATE: The people in this story were just learning who Jesus was. So they were still not seeing the amazing truth of it.

ACT: Name for yourself people and ideas which you fail to fully recognize. Each day, say a short prayer to be open to the goodness and truth that may be there.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

The theme chosen is "Seeing one another in the life of the Church"

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Friday 2nd February we celebrate Candlemas Day. We will be blessing the Church Candles for the year. You are welcome to bring your own candle for it to be blessed. If you are joining us online, please have your candle ready for blessing.



FEAST OF ST. BLAISE – SATURDAY 3rd FEBRUARY

There will be "Blessing of Throats" between 4.30 and 5.00pm.



CARDINAL'S APPEAL

A special collection will be taken this weekend following Cardinal Nichol's heart-felt appeal for our help to send urgent aid to Cardinal Pizzaballa [the Latin Patriarch] to provide assistance to Catholic, Orthodox and Muslim people struggling to survive in Gaza and the West Bank. [Funding will be available directly to the Parish Leadership through the Patriarchate]. Please use the collection boxes at the entrance and exit of the Church if you are able to donate. Thank you for your generosity. Please continue to remember all places of conflict in your prayers.

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you to all who have supported the Parish during the year, by making their offertory donation by the preferred methods of Standing Order, On-line, or by Card Reader. Thank you also to those who donate via the Planned Giving Envelopes.

REPOSITORY

FEAST OF ST. BRIGID – 1st FEBRUARY

Limited number of St. Brigid's Crosses and Pins.

CANDLEMAS DAY – 2nd FEBRUARY

A selection of candles suitable for blessing.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES – 11th FEBRUARY

Limited number of statues, candles and other religious objects available.

Also, large selection of statues, medals, rosaries and cards for all occasions. If you require a religious object or a particular card please ask a Repository Helper. You are welcome to browse. Please do not let children play with Repository items. Payments can be made by card reader – pick Repository and follow the prompts.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For the gift of diversity in the Church

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





PALM CROSSES

In preparation for the Lenten Season please return your Palm Crosses to the church by the beginning of February for use on Ash Wednesday [14th February].

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

On **Saturday 10th February, 2.30pm**, Cardinal Vincent will celebrate the Annual Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes at the Cathedral, during which anointing of the sick will be offered.

Whilst a ticket is required, it can only be booked through the Parish. There are three categories of tickets available:

- ◆ 1. Wheelchair users who require anointing,
- ◆ 2. Walking sick who require anointing,
- ◆ 3. Those assisting the sick, who **do not** require anointing.

Time is limited, so we require details ASAP and not later than **Sunday 28th January**.

Please, either put your request in the boxes provided in the Church, or email: wembley3@rcdow.org.uk [including your contact details and what category of ticket] or phone the office: 020 8904 6031.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults [RCIA]

The next session will take place on Wednesday 31st January at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

The next "Link Mass" will take place on **Sunday 18th February** at the 11.30am Mass. Theme: Reconciliation.

SAVE THE DAY

ST. PATRICK'S DAY: BACON & CABBAGE

Sunday 10th March. Details to follow



ANNUAL MASS FOR MATRIMONY

The annual Mass for Matrimony will be celebrated in the Cathedral by the Cardinal on **Saturday 25th May at 2.30pm** for couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries. Full information and invitation will be issued shortly.



THE LARDER

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

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 4TH WEEK OF YEAR 2 - Psalter Week 4

[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 28th January: 4th Sunday, Year B: [10.00/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st

Reading: Deuteronomy 18.15-20; Psalm: 94; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 7.32-35;

Gospel: Mark 1.21-28. **Intention:** 10.00am: Eugene Donetti [RIP]

11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 29th January: Feria: [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: 2Sanuel 15.13-14,30,16.5-13; Psalm: 3; Gospel: Mark 5.1-20. **Intention:** Donald Coyle [RIP]

Tuesday 30th January: Feria [9.30am]: **Readings:** 1st Reading: 2Samuel 18.9-10,14,24-25,30-19.3; Psalm: 85; Gospel: Mark 5.21-43. **Intention:** Leddy Family Intentions

Wednesday 31st January: St. John Bosco [9.30am]: **Readings:** 1st Reading: Philippians 4.4-9; Psalm: 102; Gospel: Matthew 18.1-5. **Intention:** Denis Buckley [RIP, A]

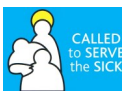
Thursday 1st February: NO SERVICE

Friday 2nd February: Presentation of the Lord [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Malachi 3.1-4; Psalm: 23; Gospel: Luke 2.22-32.. **Intention:** Roy Brattesani [RIP, A]

Saturday 3rd February: 5th Sunday, Year B: [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Job 7.1-4,6-7; Psalm: 146; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 9.16-19,22-23; Gospel: Mark 1.29-39. **Intention:** Rose Thevathasan [RIP, A]

Sunday 4th February: 5th Sunday, Year B: [10.00/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Job 7.1-4,6-7; Psalm: 146; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 9.16-19,22-23; Gospel: Mark 1.29-39. **Intention:** 10.00am: Arthur Murphy [RIP]
11.30am: People of the Parish

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Helga Ojinmah, Mary Owen, 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.

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]