

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, YEAR B

7TH JANUARY, 2024

THEME: A Saviour for All the World.



We celebrate today the great feast of Epiphany. Originally it was the Christmas feast of the Eastern part of the Christian Church. In the Western part the stress of Christmas was and is on the birth of Christ as a little human child. In the Eastern part the stress is more on Jesus coming as the Lord and Saviour of all. This is the reality of our celebration today: Jesus came to save and bring life to all. No one is excluded, no one is a stranger to him. May all come to know Jesus, alive among us.

MEDITATE: Throughout the Christmas season, the Scriptures speak of how God has revealed himself to us.

ACT: In what ways do I serve as a sign that leads others to God? How can I be a better sign for others?

PARISH MASS BOOK: The Mass can be found on page 115. The "Order of the Mass" from page 7. Preface of Epiphany, page 53

THANK YOU

very much for the many cards, gifts, good wishes and prayers; and to everyone for all the help and support over the Christmas period and throughout the year. [Fr. Anthony].

Thank you for your great generosity to "The Passage" and "The Larder" over Advent. As always thank you to those who contributed to the Crib Appeal which goes to the Catholic Children's Society.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Will be celebrated on Sunday 21st January. The motto chosen is taken from the Gospel of St. John: "Remain in my Word" (John 8,31).



DEMENTIA CARERS SUPPORT GROUP

Do you care for someone who is living with Dementia (incl. Alzheimer's)? We next meet in the Parish Hall on **Monday 8th January between 1.00 - 3.00pm**. COME AND BE SUPPORTED. For further information please contact Frank Arrojo on 07867 903917 (email frankj.arrojo@gmail.com).

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.

As some parishioners are unable to use any of the above, and also for visitors, there will be an Offertory Collection as you leave the Church at all week-end Masses. You can also use the Card Readers placed at entrance or exit of the Church.

REPOSITORY

Thank you to all who supported the Repository last year.

*The final copies of the Church Art Calendars 2024
are now on sale reduced to 90p.*

We also have 4 remaining Church Diaries 2024.

Wishing all our customers a very Happy, and Blessed New Year.

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.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next parents and children's session will take place on **Saturday 13th January** at 10.30am in the Parish Hall.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults [RCIA]

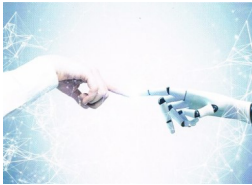
Sessions will resume on **Wednesday 24th January** at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

CRIBS AND CHRISTMAS TREES

On Monday 8th January after the 9.30am Mass we will be putting away the Cribs and the Trees.

Please do come and help if you can. More hands make light work.

PEACE SUNDAY



Will be celebrated on Sunday 14th January. This year's theme is: "Artificial Intelligence and Peace". Made in God's image? How can humans make AI into a servant of peace?

The work of *Pax Christi* is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values

to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice.

For more information please contact Pax Christi on www.paxchristi.org.uk

You can also donate online.

CAFOD

are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help in our parish, inspiring our church to help build a better world or by visiting our local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the area? Could you support local volunteers or share your admin or people skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Training and support is provided. Visit cafod.org.uk/Volunteer or get in touch with brozycka@cafod.org.uk Or could you take part in The Big Lent Walk? cafod.org.uk/walk

CAFOD
Just one world



THE LARDER

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

THE GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK

On Friday 12th January, the eve of the 27th anniversary of the founding of The Good Counsel Network, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this Country. Please help us to help save lives with your prayers, fasting and support:

www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

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 FIRST WEEK OF YEAR 2 - 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 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 Read-

ing: Isaiah 42.1-4,6-7; Psalm: 28; 2nd Reading: Acts 10.34-38; Gospel: Mark 1.7-

11. **Intention:** John Harkin [RIP]

Tuesday 9th January: Feria [9.30am]: **Readings:** 1st Reading: 1Samuel 1.9-

20; Psalm: 1Samuel 2.1,4-8; Gospel: Mark 1.21-28. **Intention:** Matt Callaghan

[RIP]

Wednesday 10th January: Feria [9.30am]: **Readings:** 1st Reading: 1Samuel

3.1-10,19-20; Psalm: 39; Gospel: Mark 1.29-39. **Intention:** Barbara Heenan

[RIP, A]

Thursday 11th January: NO SERVICE

Friday 12th January: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: 1Samuel 8.4-7,10

-22; Psalm: 88; Gospel: Mark 2.1-12. **Intention:** Bob Smyth [RIP]

Saturday 13th January: 2nd Sunday, Year B: [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Read-

ing: 1Samuel 3.3-10,19; Psalm: 39; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 6.13-15,17-20;

Gospel: John 1.35-42. **Intention:** Martin McDonagh [RIP]

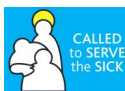
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Reading: 1Samuel 3.3-10,19; Psalm: 39; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 6.13-15,17-

20; Gospel: John 1.35-42. **Intention:** 10.00am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Fincham & O'Toole Family Intentions

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.

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]