

## St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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**SIXTH SUNDAY, YEAR B**

**11TH FEBRUARY, 2024**

### **THEME: Some People to Be Shunned?**



The message of today is that the Lord Jesus touched with his healing power even the untouchable. Today let each of us reflect on how often in life Jesus has touched us. He touched us with his love in baptism when he saved us from our isolation and gave us the Christian community to live in. He touched us each time he came to us in the Eucharist to speak to us and give us his body. He touched us often with his healing forgiveness, with his consolation in moments of distress, with his strength when we are timid, with his wisdom when we are confused. But do we let him touch us? And do we touch one another with healing care?

**MEDITATE:** This short and seemingly simple story is filled with food for reflection for us.

**ACT:** In your own life, follow Jesus' example with the person in the story. Reach out to someone who may feel marginalized or may be suffering.

### **WORLD DAY OF THE SICK – 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

The theme chosen for the 2024 observance is from the Book of Genesis [2.18] "It is not good that man should be alone" Subtitled: "Healing the Sick by Healing Relationships".

### **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY**

For the terminally ill

Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.



### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

is a day of fasting and abstinence.

Ashes will be blessed and distributed to everyone at both Masses 9.30am and 7.00pm.

[The Masses will be live-streamed and recorded].

Each Friday we recall the events of Good Friday by fasting in some way.



## **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.

## **SEASON OF LENT - OUR LENTEN JOURNEY**

### **"We Dare To Say"**

For us Christians, Lent is a time of grace, conversion, renewal and healing. During this season, the Church calls us to fasting and abstinence; to works of self-denial; to personal and communal worship, and to reach out to those who are less fortunate than us. The aim is to help us examine the way we live, to look beyond the surface, and see once more God's presence in the world. Thank you for your support, and have a good Lent.



**Stations of the Cross:** Weekdays [except Thursdays and Saturdays] at 9.00am. Friday evening at 6.30pm followed by Mass at 7.00pm.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Wednesdays after 9.30am Mass. During the exposition we will follow the booklet "We Dare To Say" There will be Benediction at 11.00am.

**Rite of Penance:** Every Saturday between 4.30pm and 5.00pm.

### **SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION WITH ABSOLUTION** **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7.00pm.**

**CARDINAL'S LENTEN ALMS APPEAL:** Helps in the evangelization and formation among young people; promotion and strengthening of marriage and family life and our service within society.



**ST. LAURENCE'S LARDER:** Please leave your donations in the boxes provided by the Lady Chapel. Thank you for your donations.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY**



This Lent, your donation to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Envelopes will be available from next weekend. You can also donate on line.

### **MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 11.00am.** Followed by soup and rolls.

[This Mass is for everyone especially the sick and the elderly

There will be **NO** 9.30am Mass]

*Fr. Anthony is at the moment visiting the sick and housebound. If you know of anyone who is in need of a visit please see Fr. Anthony or contact the Parish Office. [If in hospital, please contact the hospital chaplain].*

## **SAVE THE DAY**

### **ST. PATRICK'S DAY: BACON & CABBAGE: SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH**



Doors open at 12.30pm. Food will be served from 12.45pm – 2.00pm. After lunch there will be entertainment by George Harte, and a raffle with some fantastic prizes. Tickets: Adults: £10, Family [2 Adults & 2 Children]: £30. Children need to be accompanied by parent/guardian for the duration of the event.

In aid of the Church Refurbishment Fund.

## **ANNUAL MASS FOR MATRIMONY**

The annual Mass for Matrimony will be celebrated in the Cathedral by Cardinal Vincent on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm** for couples celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> and 60+ wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2024. If you qualify, please contact the Parish Office not later than the weekend 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> April.

## **REPOSITORY**

### **OUR LADY OF LOURDES – 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

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

2024 has been designated as the “Year of Prayer” by Pope Francis. There is a wide selection of books on prayer to help you during this year. Also, in stock a limited number of titles in large print, Bibles and Children’s and Lenten books.

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.

## **CARDINAL'S APPEAL**

A huge thank you to all those who contributed towards the Cardinal’s Appeal to send aid to Gaza and the West Bank. £960.00 was raised. Thank you for your generosity. Please continue to remember all places of conflict in your prayers.

## **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES**

### ***Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults [RCIA]***

The next session will take place on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 7.00pm** in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024**

The next “Link Mass” will take place on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February** at the 11.30am Mass. Theme: Reconciliation.

## **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 6TH WEEK OF YEAR 2 - 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 11th February: 6th Sunday, Year B:** [10.00/11.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Leviticus 19.1-2,17-18; Psalm: 102; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Corinthians 10.31-11.1; Gospel: Mark 1.40-45. **Intention:** 10.00am: Giovanni Marcis [RIP, A]  
11.30am: People of the Parish

**Monday 12th February: Feria:** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: James 1.1-11; Psalm: 118; Gospel: Mark 8.11-13. **Intention:** McGoldrick Family Intentions.

**Tuesday 13th February: Feria:** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: James 1.12-18; Psalm: 93; Gospel: Mark 8.14-21. **Intention:** Julia Hayes [RIP, A]

**Wednesday 14th February: Ash Wednesday:** [9.30am/7.00pm] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Joel 2.12-18; Psalm: 50; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2Corinthians 5.20-6.2; Gospel: Matthew 6.1-6,16-18. **Intention:** 9.30am: Maura Murphy [Intention]  
7.00pm: Donald Coyle [RIP]

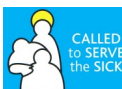
**Thursday 15th February: NO SERVICE**

**Friday 16th February: After Ash Wednesday:** [9.30am/7.00pm] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 58.1-9; Psalm: 50; Gospel: Matthew 9.14-15.  
**Intention:** 9.30am: Bernard Wilson [RIP]  
**6.30pm: Meditative Stations of the Cross.**  
7.00pm: May Murtagh [RIP]

**Saturday 17th February: First of Lent, Year B:** [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 9.8-15; Psalm: 24; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Peter 3.18-22; Gospel: Mark 1.12-15. **Intention:** Tony McElwee [RIP, A]

**Sunday 18th February: First of Lent, Year B:** [10.00/11.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 9.8-15; Psalm: 24; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Peter 3.18-22; Gospel: Mark 1.12-15. **Intention:** 10.00am: Mary Foster [RIP, A]  
11.30am: Bill Gaynor [RIP, A]

### **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Martin Geary, Susan Bradley, 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.**

### **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]*