

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

25TH FEBRUARY, 2024

THEME: Cross and Glory



It is a happy moment when we are in pain and hear a word of concern and encouragement. It is a happy experience when in our questions and problems there comes a ray of light that uplifts us and tells us that Jesus is with us on our weary way. It is comforting for us during Lent that Jesus himself gives us a glimpse of his victory at Easter. All this is wonderful and we want it to last, but like Peter and with Jesus we have to go back to the realities of life. But Jesus is still with us always even when we are not aware of it.

MEDITATE: Most of us probably think we would welcome the opportunity to see Jesus in his glory.

ACT: Spend some time in silent meditation each day this week.

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Tuesday 27th 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].

PRAYERS FOR THE HOLY LAND

Cardinal Vincent has asked that on **Friday 8th March** there will be a special focus of prayer for the Holy Land across the Diocese. Our regular Lenten devotions that day will be offered for this intention.

Please do make a special effort to take part.



FUNERAL

With sadness we announce the death of Patricia Hollingsworth. Her funeral will take place on Wednesday 28th February 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.

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 22nd March at 7.00pm.**

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

CARDINAL'S LENTEN ALMS APPEAL 2024

All funds raised go towards projects across our Diocese, such as: the evangelization and formation among young people; promotion and strengthening of marriage and family life and our service within society - Caritas Westminster. Cardinal Vincent has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the appeal, with whatever they can afford. Donation box and envelopes are available on the display by the Blessed Sacrament. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. [Please do **not** use the Card Readers in Church]. Thank you for your generosity.



PLEASE SUPPORT THE
CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL
www.CardinalLentenAppeal.org.uk

NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH: 10th – 18th MARCH

St. Joseph's Church, Maidenhead. You are welcome to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena booklet. Please write to Novena Director, 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead SL6 7GZ or email novenamhm@gmail.com

Please see noticeboard for details.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: FRIDAY 23rd 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. Give today using the envelope or online at cafof.org.uk and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families. There will be a retiring collection as you leave the Church.

SAVE THE DAY

ST. PATRICK'S DAY: BACON & CABBAGE: SUNDAY 10th 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. Tickets on sale after Mass.

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 25th May at 2.30pm** for couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2024. If you qualify, please contact the Parish Office not later than the weekend 6th/7th April.

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.



REPOSITORY

Easter cards, St. Patrick's and Mother's Day cards and religious goods on sale from next Tuesday. Also, as we are in the **Year of Prayer** a wide selection of Prayer reading material, perhaps Lent is an appropriate time to start.

If you require a religious object or a particular card please ask a Repository Helper. You are welcome to browse. We kindly request to ensure that children do not damage Repository items. Damaged goods will need to be paid for. Payments can be made by card reader – pick Repository and follow the prompts.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults [RCIA]

The next session will take place on **Wednesday 28th February** at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

The next session for parents and children will be on **Saturday 2nd March** at 10.30am in the Parish Hall.

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 SECOND WEEK OF LENT - Psalter Week 2

[All services can be followed online: <https://www.churchservices.tv/wembley3>

[Sunday 11.30am Mass is recorded]

Sunday 25th February: Second of Lent, Year B: [10.00/11.30am] **Readings:**

1st Reading: Genesis 22.1-2,9-13,15-18; Psalm: 115; 2nd Reading: Romans 8.31-34; Gospel: Mark 9.2-10. **Intention:**

10.00am: Mary and Richard Govan [RIP, A]

11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 26th February: Lent Feria: [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Daniel 9.4-10; Psalm: 78; Gospel: Luke 6.36-38. **Intention:** Barry Welsh [RIP].

Tuesday 27th February: 11.00am: Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Wednesday 28th February: 10.00am: Funeral Mass for Patricia Hollingsworth RIP. [The Mass will be live-streamed and recorded]

Thursday 29th February: NO SERVICE

Friday 1st March: St. David, Patron of Wales: [9.30am/7.00pm] **Readings:**

1st Reading: Philippians 3.8-14, Psalm: 1; Gospel: Matthew 5.13-16.

Intention: 9.30am: Teresa Roberts [RIP, A]

6.30pm: Meditative Stations of the Cross.

7.00pm: John Regan [RIP]

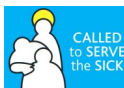
Saturday 2nd March: Third of Lent, Year B: [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Exodus 20.1-17; Psalm: 18; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 1.22-25; Gospel: John 2.13-25. **Intention:** Claire McDermott [Intention]

Sunday 3rd March: Third of Lent, Year B: [10.00/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st

Reading: Exodus 20.1-17; Psalm: 18; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 1.22-25; Gospel: John 2.13-25. **Intention:** 10.00am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Ellen and Edward Thompson [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.

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]