

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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FIFTH SUNDAY, YEAR B

4TH FEBRUARY, 2024

THEME: Crying Out Our Pain



Today we are reminded once more that long ago the very Son of God cried out his anxiety and pain: "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" We know that God has made us for happiness and yet we also have our crosses to bear. We do not always see the reason for our misery and pain. We also see Jesus heal some people, but what were these among so many? We remember that the cross led Jesus to life and resurrection. We express our hope and trust this week in a Saviour who suffered with us and for us.

MEDITATE: Once again, we see Jesus the healer at work. After sundown, when the Sabbath is ended, crowds gathered at the door for Jesus to cure many who were ill.

ACT: Renew your intention to pray regularly by safeguarding a special time for it.

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].



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.

FUNERAL

With sadness we announce the death of Shirley Kingham. Her funeral will take place on Tuesday 6th 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.

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

OUR LADY OF LOURDES – 11th 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.

THE CHAMELEONS



Present RADIO TIMES 3. Do you yearn for the days when there were only 3TV channels to choose from? When life was simpler? Come and join *The Chameleons* and take a trip back in time. Saturday 10th February, at 8.00pm.

Tickets: Book online: www.thechameleons.co.uk/tickets Phone 0208 123 6443 or email: boxoffice@thechameleons.co.uk

SAVE THE DAY
ST. PATRICK'S DAY: BACON & CABBAGE
Sunday 10th March. Details to follow



WORLD DAY OF THE SICK – 11th 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".

Mass with Anointing of the Sick will take place on **Tuesday 27th February** at 11.00am, followed by soup and rolls.

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].

GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK

On Saturday 10th February, the Vigil of the Feast Our Lady of Lourdes, 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

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 7th February 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.

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 5TH 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 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

Monday 5th February: St. Agatha: [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: 1Corinthians 1.26-31; Psalm: 30; Gospel: Luke 9.23-26. **Intention:** Joseph Tomusange [RIP, A]

Tuesday 6th February: 10.00am: Funeral Mass for Shirley Kingham RIP.

[The Mass will be live-streamed and recorded]

Wednesday 7th February: Feria [9.30am]: **Readings:** 1st Reading: 1Kings 10.1-10; Psalm: 36; Gospel: Mark 7.14-23. **Intention:** Ian Norman [RIP]

Thursday 8th February: NO SERVICE

Friday 9th February: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: 1Kings 11.29-32,12.19; Psalm: 80; Gospel: Mark 7.31-37.. **Intention:** Michael Donleavy [RIP, A]

Saturday 10th February: 6th Sunday, Year B: [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Leviticus 13.1-2,44-46; Psalm: 31; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 10.31-11.1; Gospel: Mark 1.40-45. **Intention:** Robert Kaminski [RIP, A]

Sunday 11th February: 6th Sunday, Year B: [10.00/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Leviticus 13.1-2,44-46; Psalm: 31; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 10.31-11.1; Gospel: Mark 1.40-45. **Intention:** 10.00am: Giovanni Marcis [RIP, A]
11.30am: People of the Parish

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: 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]