

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

17TH MARCH, 2024

THEME: Losing One's Life to Find Life

All those who grow plants know that seeds have to die in the soil so that shoots can sprout from them and give us colourful flowers. The seed has to die to give life. In the same way, Jesus died to give us life. And we, his disciples today, have to follow in his footsteps. We have to give ourselves so that others may be happy and live. St. Paul says with Jesus: "No one lives for oneself." Can we say the same of ourselves?



MEDITATE: This passage is the closest John's gospel ever gets to a Garden of Gethsemane scene.

ACT: Take time to pray and discern what your gifts are and what's the best way to share these gifts with others.



FEAST OF ST. PATRICK

We would like to wish everyone a Happy St Patrick's Day.
There will be Tea & Coffee in the Hall after the 11.30am Mass.
All are welcome.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

For New Martyrs

Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.



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 18th March between 1.00 - 3.00pm**. COME AND BE SUPPORTED. For further information please contact Frank Arrojo on 07867 903917 (email frankj.arrojo@gmail.com).

Online meeting: Friday 22nd March between 4.00 – 6.00pm

SEASON OF LENT - OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

"We Dare To Say"

Stations of the Cross:

Weekdays [except Thursdays and Saturdays] at 9.00am.



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.

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.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults [RCIA]

The next session will take place on **Wednesday 20th March** at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

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.

REPOSITORY

A selection of Easter cards, statues and gifts are on display in the Repository. Also, some First Holy Communion cards.

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.

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.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Please do NOT attend Services 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. There will be no standing allowed. Once we have reached capacity, there will be no further admittance.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

GOOD FRIDAY: 29th March [A day of Fasting and Abstinence]

To help with numbers and to facilitate those who can't be in crowds in addition to the 3.00pm Service we have two other services.

There will be a retiring collection for the Holy Places at each Service.

"SILENT WALK OF WITNESS"

Churches Together In Wembley (of which we are part) are holding the annual **Silent Walk of Witness** on Good Friday starting from outside the Church at 10.45am. We will walk up Preston Road, as far as The Avenue; gathering there for a short prayer before crossing at the roundabout, and return down Preston Road ending with a short service [readings and hymns] on the Green – opposite *The Preston* pub. Please support this public Act of Worship. If you are unable to complete the whole walk, please join in along the route. **Help required: 2 Stewards [to assist with crossing roads], Cross Bearers, Readers, 2 Volunteers to hand out leaflets at Preston Road Station. Please see Fr. Anthony or Elizabeth.**



EASTER REMEMBRANCE

The Easter Vigil and the Easter Sunday Masses will be offered for the repose of the souls of our deceased relatives and friends. If you would like to have your loved ones, family members, and friends included in the intentions of these Masses, please complete the Form provided - together with a donation - and place in the box marked "Easter Remembrance". Completed forms need to be returned by the **morning of Saturday 30th March**. Donations go towards the Church decoration at Easter.



EASTER MASS BOUQUET

Signed Easter Mass Bouquet cards are now available on the table near the Car Park exit door. It is not possible to have individual Mass requests. If you wish to send an Easter Mass Bouquet to family and friends you can purchase a signed card and use the envelope provided to make a donation. All recipients will be included in the Mass Intentions on Saturday 6th April at 5.30pm and Sunday 17th April at 10.00am and 11.30am [Divine Mercy Sunday]. The Masses will be live streamed and recorded.

EASTER RAFFLE – 31st March

Tickets go on sale this weekend. In addition to the prizes on display, there will be an Easter Hamper and a number of other prizes. Please support the raffle, the money raised goes towards the Church Refurbishment Fund. The draw takes place after the 11.30am Mass on Easter Sunday.

SERVICE CARDS

for Holy Week and Easter are now available at back of the Church and on the Church's website and microsite.

LITURGY FOR THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT - Psalter Week 1

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

[Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 10.00am/11.30am Masses are recorded]]

Sunday 17th March: Fifth of Lent, Year B: [10.00/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Jeremiah 31.31-34; Psalm: 50; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 5.7-9; Gospel: John 12.20-30. **Intention:** 10.00am: Mary and Thomas Flaherty [RIP, A]
11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 18th March: Lent Feria: [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Daniel 13.1-9,15-17,19-30,41-62; Psalm: 22; Gospel: John 8.1-11. **Intention:** Elina John [Intention].

Tuesday 19th March: St. Joseph: [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Numbers 21.4-9; Psalm: 101; Gospel: John 8.21-30. **Intention:** Brenda Roberts [Intention].

Wednesday 20th March: Lent Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Daniel 3.14-20,24-25,28; Psalm: Daniel 3.52-56; Gospel: John 8.31-42. **Intention:** Eileen Dowse [RIP]. *Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reflection and Benediction at 11.00am.*

Thursday 21st March: NO SERVICE

Friday 22nd March: Lent Feria: [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Jeremiah 20.10-13, Psalm: 17; Gospel: John 10.31-42. **Intention:** Andy Deane [RIP]

Friday 22nd March: 7.00pm: Reconciliation Service with Absolution

Saturday 23rd March: Palm Sunday, Year B: [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 50.4-7; Psalm: 21; 2nd Reading: Philippians 2.6-11; Gospel: Mark 14.1-15.47. **Intention:** Mary and Pat Cafferkey [RIP, A]

Sunday 24th March: Palm Sunday, Year B: [10.00/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 50.4-7; Psalm: 21; 2nd Reading: Philippians 2.6-11; Gospel: Mark 14.1-15.47. **Intention:** 10.00am: Donald Coyle [RIP]
11.30am: People of the Parish

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]