

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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FOURTH OF EASTER OF YEAR B

21ST APRIL, 2024

THEME: Shepherd with a Heart

We expect of people in charge of others, especially in the tasks of leadership and service, that they are dedicated to those who rely on them: doctors, social workers, priests and ministers. For those who are Christians, the model is no other than Jesus, the Good Shepherd. He had a heart for people and was willing to go as far as laying down his life for them. All those responsible for others should be like him: not functionaries, not people who just do their jobs, but, whether lay or ordained, pastors, that is, literally shepherds with a heart, totally dedicated even at great cost to themselves. And let us not forget that we are all entrusted with and to one another. May Jesus among us inspire and guide us.



MEDITATE: Chapter 10 of John's gospel focuses on Jesus as the model of the Good shepherd..

ACT: In what ways can I encourage others to use their gifts?

PRIEST TRAINING FUND COLLECTION

This weekend our retiring collection will be in support of the Priests Training Fund, which benefits the parishes and the Diocese of Westminster by providing us with new priests. The formation of our priests is of top priority - it is our future. The Priests Training Fund pays for the training and education of seminarians at our seminary, Allen Hall. There are currently 49 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 13 of whom are from our own Diocese, We also have one seminarian in Valladolid and one at the Beda, presently on pastoral placement in Ruislip. It costs on average £25,000 per man, per year of formation - that is about £150,000 to form and educate a new priest, who makes a lifetime commitment to Christ and the Church. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Donation envelopes are available at each exit of the church. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations Thank you for your generosity.



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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

Saturday 4th MAY 10.30am – 11.30am.

Registration forms are available by the main entrance of the Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

The next "Link Mass" will take place on **Sunday 5th May at the 11.30am Mass.**

Theme: Eucharist.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 19th – 26th JULY 2024

Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols is now open via the application form on <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or by contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173. Options to travel by plane, train or coach are available and there are many volunteering opportunities for those wishing to serve. **All applications to join this year's pilgrimage need to be submitted by Tuesday 30th April.**

REPOSITORY

Thank you to everyone who supported the First Communion and Confirmation Faire last weekend. A limited number of items are on display in the Repository.

THE LARDER

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



REGINA CAELI

["Queen of Heaven" is a prayer addressed to the Blessed Virgin Mary that is used during the Easter Season, from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. During this season, the Marian Prayer takes the place of the traditional Angelus.]

V. O Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia
R. For He Whom you were worthy to bear. Alleluia

V. Has risen as He said. Alleluia
R. Pray for us to our God. Alleluia

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.
R. For the Lord has risen indeed, Alleluia.

Let us pray:

God our Father, you give joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



INTERNATIONAL DAY - PENTECOST SUNDAY - 19th MAY 2024

On the feast of Pentecost we celebrate our "Unity in Diversity" and the different cultures, food and traditions that are part of our Parish. Please come in your National Costume if possible. This event is a wonderful, joyous celebration, and it requires a lot of work. **We need as much help as possible.** Tickets on sale after Mass: Adults £10; AOP's: £5.00 and children 12 years and under free [and must be accompanied by an adult]. The money raised will go towards the Church Refurbishment Fund.

FLAGS: A sheet is provided [at the back of the Church] for you to write your country of origin. We will use the information to ensure that we have flags representing all the different parts of the world that make up our community.

INTERNATIONAL CUISINE: As in the past, we are asking people to provide National Dishes. Currently, we have Indian Curry, Jerk Chicken, Home cooked Ham, and Salmon. If, your country is not covered by the above perhaps you might consider making a dish, we also need desserts and nibbles [i.e. prawn crackers etc.]

We need enough of each dish to serve 10 or more people, perhaps two or more people could cook the same dish. We would like people to volunteer to co-ordinate the food. Please complete the food sheet form at the back for the Church.

*[Due to Data Protection Laws, we can no longer leave out lists as in the past, so if you could complete the forms at the back of the church to indicate your donation of food/drink. Then post these forms into the box provided, we would be most grateful. **Please, do not leave completed forms with your details on the table.***

ENTERTAINMENT: There will be live music. If anyone would like to contribute to the entertainment on the day, please let us know.

RAFFLE: Tickets are on sale after Mass.

1st prize – International Hamper [*Donations welcome, as we would like each country to be represented*]; 2nd prize – £50 Cash; 3rd Prize – Last Supper Plaque; 4th Prize – Children's Surprise; 5th Prize – Surprise Prize for those attending; and many other fantastic prizes. To be drawn on Sunday 19th May, 2024.

PARISH MAGAZINE – PENTECOST EDITION

Articles need to be in by the weekend of 27th/28th April.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

For the Role of Women

Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognised in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

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 FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER - Psalter Week 4

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

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

Sunday 21st April: 4th of Easter, B [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 4.8-12; Psalm: 117; 2nd Reading: 1John 3.1-2; Gospel: John 10.11-18.

Intention: 10.00am: People of the Parish
11.30am: Geraldine Burke [RIP, A].

Monday 22nd April: Easter Feria [9.30am]: **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 11.1-18; Psalm: 41; John 10.1-10. **Intention:** Eugene Donetti [RIP].

Tuesday 23rd April: St. George [Patron of England] [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Apocalypse 12.10-12; Psalm: 125; Gospel: John 15.18-21. **Intention:** Monica Drosso [RIP]

Wednesday 24th April: Sts Erconwald and Melitus [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 12.24-13.5; Psalm: 66; Gospel: John 12.44-50. **Intention:** Tony McGovern [RIP]

Thursday 25th April: NO SERVICE

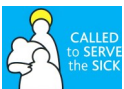
Friday 26th April: Easter Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 13.26-33; Psalm: 2; Gospel: John 14.1-6. **Intention:** Rose Lally [RIP]

Saturday 27th April: 5th of Easter, B [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 9.26-31; Psalm: 21; 2nd Reading: 1John 3.18-24; Gospel: John 15.1-8. **Intention:** Pdraig Rafferty [Intention].

Sunday 28th April: 5th of Easter, B [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 9.26-31; Psalm: 21; 2nd Reading: 1John 3.18-24; Gospel: John 15.1-8.

Intention: 10.00am: People of the Parish
11.30am: Margaret Cornish [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]