

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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FIFTH OF EASTER OF YEAR B

28TH APRIL, 2024

THEME: Branches On The Vine

Much more than a set of truths to believe in, our faith is a union with a living person, a unity of life with Jesus our Lord. His words and actions are our guide in life; our heart is attuned to his heart, and his serving love of God and people is our inspiration and model. We cannot think of him and pray to him all the time, but we can, with his help, try to live his life. That is how we can live in him, remain in him, be one with him as he is one with the Father.



MEDITATE: The reality of this passage [John 15.1-8] is borne out in the every-day experience of tending grape vines.

ACT: Make a list of the things you do that are life-giving and the things you do that are not. Work on strengthening the former and minimizing the later.

Good Shepherd Sunday
21 April 2024



Thank you for
supporting the
formation of our
future priests



www.PriestTrainingFund.org.uk

PRIEST TRAINING FUND COLLECTION - THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Priests Training Fund collection last weekend. The response of prayer for vocations, love and concern for the clergy, and for the current seminarians, was heart-warming. If you still wish to make your donation you can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations Thank you for your generosity.

[Victor Gonzalez]

SUDAN CRISIS APPEAL

CAFOD have just launched an emergency appeal for people in Sudan. At least 8 million have had to flee their homes. At least 25 million Sudanese need immediate, emergency help. Families are already going hungry. Famine looms ominously. This crisis threatens to become the worst in living memory. You can find out more about it at <https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/sudan-crisis-appeal> where you can also donate.

EMERGENCY
Sudan Crisis Appeal 2024



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.

REPOSITORY

A limited number of First Holy Communion and Confirmation goods are on display in the Repository. Please ask if you do not see something you require as it is impossible to display all items. We have a selection of sterling silver medals and crosses which may be viewed on request. Also, available Marian items for the month of May.

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.



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 available at both entrances to the Church to sell to your family, friends and neighbours. Must be returned not later than Saturday morning 18th May. 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.

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. **All applications need to be submitted by 30th April.**

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.

LITURGY FOR THE FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER - 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 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].

Monday 29th April: St. Catherine of Siena [9.30am]: **Readings:** 1st Reading: 1John.1.5-2.2; Psalm: 102; Matthew 11.25-30. **Intention:** Mary Doherty [RIP].

Tuesday 30th April: Easter Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 14.19-28; Psalm: 144; Gospel: John 14.27-31. **Intention:** Elizabeth Tyagi [RIP, A]

Wednesday 1st May: St. Joseph the Worker [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Genesis 1.26-2.3; Psalm: 89; Gospel: Matthew 13.54-58. **Intention:** Kathleen Kingsley [RIP, A]

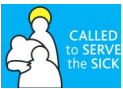
Thursday 2nd May: NO SERVICE

Friday 3rd May: Sts Philip and James [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: 1Corinthians 15.1-8; Psalm: 18; Gospel: John 14.6-14. **Intention:** Maureen Harris [RIP]

Saturday 4th May: 6th of Easter, B [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 10.25-26,34-35,44-48; Psalm: 97; 2nd Reading: 1John 4.7-10; Gospel: John 15.9-17. **Intention:** Donald Coyle [RIP].

Sunday 5th May: 6th of Easter, B [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 10.25-26,34-35,44-48; Psalm: 97; 2nd Reading: 1John 4.7-10; Gospel: John 15.9-17. **Intention:** 10.00am: People of the Parish
11.30am: Bridie and Eddie 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]