St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter



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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C **16TH MARCH, 2025**

THEME: With Jesus on the Mountain



At one time or another we have all seen the face of a person light up by good news, or a moment of real happiness. One day Jesus' face too lit up, became radiant and was totally transformed by the realization that his work and suffering would not be in vain. May we also know moments when our faces light up with deep happiness and when we bring his radiance to the faces and hearts of others. Let us ask the Lord to work this transfiguration in us and to let us bring it to others.

MEDITATE: Jesus is about to face the most trying period of his life: his conviction as a criminal, the walk to Calvary, and his subsequent execution.

ACT: Make your prayer time after Communion a period of gratitude for the transfiguration moments in your life.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY - MONDAY, 17th MARCH

Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am
followed by lunch in the Hall [ticketed event].
[There will be no 9.30am Mass]

ST. JOSEPH – WEDNESDAY, 19TH MARCH

9.15am: Stations of the Cross, followed by Mass, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reflection and Benediction at 11.00am.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES



25th July – 1st August 2025 - Pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent.
Please contact Elizabeth Uwalaka on 0207 798 9173 or
lourdes@rcdow.org.uk or www.rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes



CAFOD – FAMILY FAST DAY

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

LIVE STREAMING 24/7 - FOR YOUR AWARENESS

The sanctuary area is continuously monitored via a 24/7 livestream, serving as a focal point for prayer and contemplation for congregants who are at home. Please be aware that if you are present in this area, your image and actions will be captured on the livestream.

TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS IF VISITING ST. ERCONWALD'S

There is now a School Street in operation in our area from 8am - 9am and 2.30pm - 4pm. If you enter the following streets Carlton Ave. East, Elmstead Ave. and Princess Ave. during these times, you will receive a fine from the Council.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CONFIRMATION 2025

The next session for the Candidates will take place on **TUESDAY 18th March, at 7.00pm** in the Parish Hall.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults [RCIA]

Next meeting: ***Wednesday 19th March at 7.00pm, in the Parish Hall.***

All are welcome

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION CARD & GIFT FAIR

Takes place on Saturday 5th April, 12noon–2.00pm and 3.00-5.00pm and Sunday 6th April, 12.30-2.00pm in the Parish Hall. This is the only chance to see all our stock for these two sacraments. Prayer books, Bibles, Rosaries, Medals and a selection of suitable gifts plus a wide range of Cards with prices to suit any pocket. Payment can be made via cash or card reader or cheque. Please take the opportunity to come and have a look. You are welcome to reserve items.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH 2025

For families in crises

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

MASS FOR BEREAVED PARENTS

will be celebrated in the Cathedral by Bishop Paul McAleenan on **Saturday 5th April at 2.00pm**.

ANNUAL MASS FOR MATRIMONY

The annual Mass for Matrimony will be celebrated in the Cathedral by Cardinal Vincent on **Saturday 17th May at 2.30pm** for couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2025. If you qualify, please contact the Parish Office with these details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, number of years married, postal address, email (or phone number, if no email).

SEASON OF LENT - JUBILEE YEAR 2025

"We Dare to Hope"



During this Jubilee Year, "Pilgrims of Hope, we are once again invited to go on our Lenten journey. 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 9.15am. 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 Hope" There will be Benediction at 11.00am.

Rite of Penance: Every Saturday between 4.30pm and 5.00pm.

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION WITH ABSOLUTION
Friday 11th April at 7.00pm.



CARDINAL'S LENTEN ALMS APPEAL 2025: Helps fund vital projects across our Diocese, including: Youth & Evangelisation, Social Action, Marriage & Family Life, and Catholic Education Initiatives. 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.

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

REPOSITORY: A selection of Lenten Books, Statues, various sizes, Rosaries, Crosses, Cards for all occasions. If you require assistance please ask any of the Repository helpers.

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Tuesday 8th April 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]



APF/MISSIO

The Spring issue of *Mission Today* is now available for collection.
Please do not forget to keep the Missions in your prayers.

CHURCH CLEANING

If you have any spare time to please come along and join us after the 9.30am Mass on Tuesday mornings to help clean God's House. 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**
Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 10.00am/11.30am Masses are recorded
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Sunday 16th March: Lent 2, Year C [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Genesis 15.5-12,17-18; Psalm: 27; 2nd Reading: Philippians 3.17-4.1; Gospel: Luke 9.28b-36. **Intention:** 10.00am: Aiden Curry [RIP]
11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 17th March: St. Patrick [11.00am] Readings: 1st Reading: Jeremiah 1.4-9; Psalm: 116; Gospel: Luke 10.1-12,17-20. **Intention:** Mary and Thomas Flaherty [RIP, A]

Tuesday 18th March: Lent Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 1.10,16-20; Psalm: 49; Gospel: Matthew 23.1-12. **Intention:** Teresa Cummins [RIP]

Wednesday 19th March: St. Joseph [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: 2Samuel 7.4-5a,12-14a,16; Psalm: 89; 2nd Reading: Romans 4.13,16-18,22; Gospel: Matthew 1.16,18-21,24a. **Intention:** Maria Fernandes [RIP]. ***Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reflection and Benediction at 11.00am.***

Thursday 20th March: NO SERVICE

Friday 21st March: Lent Feria [9.30am/7.00pm] Readings: 1st Reading: Genesis 37.3-4,12-13,17-28; Psalm: 104; Gospel: Matthew 21.33-43,45-46. **Intention: 9.30am**: Pat Corchrans [RIP]; **6.30pm: Meditative Stations of the Cross. 7.00pm**: Sharon Murphy [RIP]

Saturday 22nd March: Lent 3, Year C [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Exodus 3.1-8a,13-15; Psalm: 103; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 10.1-6,10-12; Gospel: Luke 13.1-9. **Intention:** Annette Rixon [RIP].

Sunday 23rd March: Lent 3, Year C [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Exodus 3.1-8a,13-15; Psalm: 103; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 10.1-6,10-12; Gospel: Luke 13.1-9. **Intention:** 10.00am: People of the Parish
11.30am: John and Margarita Pereira [RIP]

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK - [for those who have asked to be remembered]



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Sue McGovern, Cathy Singer, Martin Geary, Susan Bradley, Radwan Naffa, and Yves Remedios.
We remember also those in Kenbrook, Birchwood Grange and Brook House.

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]*