St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter



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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C **23RD MARCH, 2025**



THEME: I Have Seen the Misery of My People

If we are living with both feet firmly on the earth, we cannot but see that we live in a world that is not exactly God's world. We are not the people we are called to be, many situations and structures need change, and many people live in misery. We need conversion, the world around us needs it. The Lord is quoted as saying: "I have seen the misery of my people." Do we see it and what are we doing about it? For conversion means changing our ways, turning to God and to people. Are we willing to change?

MEDITATE: Today's reading calls us to task. As in the case of the impatient owner of the vineyard, God's patience with our complacency wears thin.

ACT: Spend some time in prayer asking God to help you overcome complacency.

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.

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

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 24th March between 12.00noon - 2.00pm**. COME AND BE SUPPORTED. For further information please contact Frank Arrojo on 07867 903917 (email frankj.arrojo@gmail.com).

Online meeting: Thursday 27th March between 4.00 – 6.00pm

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 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.

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, and place it, together with a donation, in the box marked "Easter Remembrance". Donations go towards the decoration of the Church at Easter.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION - THANK YOU



Thank you to all who made our St. Patrick's Day Celebration so special this year. Those who helped set up and clear the Hall. Those who did the shopping, prepared the food – served the food and drink, washed up afterwards and sold raffle tickets. A special thanks to family members who took time to bring their parent/s and who stayed and helped with the serving of food. It felt more like a house party this year.

It brought gladness and joy to the heart to see those who have built up this Church meet up and chat over some really nice Stew and cakes. Thanks also to the person who made up 105 sprigs of Shamrock for distribution after the Mass. Finally, a big thank you to Fr. Anthony for celebrating St. Patrick's Feast Mass, and for all his help with the celebrations afterwards.



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.

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. 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]

MASS FOR BEREAVED PARENTS
will be celebrated in the Cathedral by Bishop Paul McAleenan on
Saturday 5th April at 2.00pm.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults [RCIA]
Next meeting: ***Wednesday 26th March at 7.00pm, in the Parish Hall.***
All are welcome

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 THIRD WEEK OF LENT - Psalter Week 3

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 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]

Monday 24th March: Lent Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: 2Kings 5.1-15; Psalm: 41; Gospel: Luke 4.24-30. **Intention:** Tom Deacon [RIP]

Tuesday 25th March: Annunciation [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 7.10-14; Psalm: 39; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 10.4-10; Luke 1.26-38. **Intention:** Seamus Diskin [RIP]

Wednesday 26th March: Lent Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4.1,5-9; Psalm: 147; Gospel: Matthew 5.17-19. **Intention:** Anna Gilmartin [RIP]. ***Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reflection and Benediction at 11.00am.***

Thursday 27th March: NO SERVICE

Friday 28th March: Lent Feria [9.30am/7.00pm] Readings: 1st Reading: Hosea 14.2-10; Psalm: 80; Gospel: Mark 12.28-34. **Intention: 9.30am**: Remo, Enrico and Lina Beltrami [RIP, A]; **6.30pm: Meditative Stations of the Cross. 7.00pm**: Annette Rixon [RIP]

Saturday 29th March: Lent 4, Year C [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Joshua 5.9-12; Psalm: 34; 2nd Reading: 2Corinthians 5.17-21; Gospel: Luke 15.11-32. **Intention:** People of the Parish.

Sunday 30th March: Lent 4, Year C [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Joshua 5.9-12; Psalm: 34; 2nd Reading: 2Corinthians 5.17-21; Gospel: Luke 15.11-32. **Intention:** 10.00am: Nancy Riordan [RIP]
11.30am: Agnes Tiernan [Intention]

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



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Patrick O'Halloran, 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]*