St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter



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EIGHTH SUNDAY, YEAR C **2ND MARCH, 2025**

THEME: The Splinter in Your Eye



Why is it that practically all of us notice the defects and failures of others, yet we are blind to our own shortcomings? Often we blame in others what we overlook in ourselves. Let us look today at Jesus. Yes, he came to save people from their sins, yet he did not judge and condemn people but attracted them by his open attitude of friendship, appreciation of the good in them and by giving them new chances in life. There is much to learn from him. Let us ask him for his goodness of heart.

MEDITATE: Perhaps many of us would find it difficult to answer the question, "Who are you and What do you do?" with, "I'm a Christian, a disciple of Christ."

ACT: Set aside time each day for prayerful reading and/or listening to the Word of God in Scripture.



ASH WEDNESDAY

is a day of fasting and abstinence.
Ashes will be blessed and distributed to everyone at both Masses 9.30am and 7.00pm.
[The Masses will be live-streamed and recorded].

ANNUAL LENTEN RETREAT 2025

At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Wembley. Led by Fr. Toby Lees OP.
Friday 7th March – Sunday 9th March, 5.30 – 8.15pm.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION



Due to circumstance beyond our control we are unable to hold our St. Patrick's Day Bacon & Cabbage Celebration this year. So, for this year we intend to celebrate it on the day itself **Monday, 17th March**. Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am followed by lunch in the Hall. This will be a ticketed event (60 maximum available). Lunch will consist of Stew & Soda Bread, and for Dessert there will be a selection of Irish cakes and biscuits. With a licensed bar. Tickets, priced at £5, will be available after Mass.

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.

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).



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.

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



MASS FOR BEREAVED PARENTS

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

FAREWELL AND GOD BLESS

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to the Donetti family - Philip, Penny and Jonathan - as they move on to pastures new. They were always to be relied upon in a crisis. Philip has lived in the Parish all his life and has been an active member undertaking various roles over the years. He was on the Finance Committee, and also helped with the banking and other supportive roles. Penny has been in the Parish for over 32 years. She has been a huge support to this Parish, 28 years as a volunteer with Sunday School, Church Cleaning [setting up the rota etc.] First Holy Communion Preparation, Floral Altar Displays, Banking, Gift Aid, Preparation of Accounts and End of Year Returns and more besides.

It is with much regret we see the Donetti family go, but we express our deep gratitude for all they have given to the Parish and their support to myself, Fr. Alan Ashton RIP and Fr. Bernard Crowe RIP. We wish them health, happiness, best wishes and prayers as they move to their new home. We hope like so many others who have moved over the years, that they manage to visit from time to time. [Fr. Anthony]

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: 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.

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]



CAFOD – FAMILY FAST DAY – FRIDAY 14th MARCH



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.

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 EIGHTH WEEK OF YEAR 1 - 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
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Sunday 2nd March: 8th Sunday, Year C [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Sirach 27.4-7; Psalm: 92; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 15.54-58; Gospel: Luke 6.39-45. **Intention:** 10.00am: Patricia Hollingsworth [RIP]
11.30am: Raymond Menezes [RIP]

Monday 3rd March: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Sirach 17.24-29; Psalm: 31; Gospel: Mark 10.17-27. **Intention:** Tony Christian [RIP]

Tuesday 4th March: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Sirach 35.1-12; Psalm: 49; Gospel: Mark 10.28-31. **Intention:** Annette Youngman [RIP]

Wednesday 5th March: Ash Wednesday **[9.30am/7.00pm] Readings:** 1st Reading: Joel 2.12-18; Psalm: 50; 2nd Reading: 2Corinthians 5.20-6.2; Gospel: Matthew 6.1-6,16-18. **Intention:** 9.30am: Johnny Harrington [RIP];
7.00pm: John Cummins [RIP]

Thursday 6th March: NO SERVICE

Friday 7th March: Lent Feria [9.30am/7.00pm] Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 58.1-9; Psalm: 50; Gospel: Matthew 9.14-15. **Intention:** 9.30am: Bernie Naughton [RIP]; 7.00pm: Agnes Tiernan [Intention]

Saturday 8th March: Lent 1, Year C [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26.4-10; Psalm: 90; 2nd Reading: Romans 10.8-13; Gospel: Luke 4.1-13. **Intention:** Christena and Joseph Long [RIP, A].

Sunday 9th March: Lent 1, Year C [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26.4-10; Psalm: 90; 2nd Reading: Romans 10.8-13; Gospel: Luke 4.1-13. **Intention:** 10.00am: Giovanni Marcis [RIP, A]
11.30am: People of the Parish

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.

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]*