St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter



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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C **9TH MARCH, 2025**

THEME: With Jesus in the Desert



At our Baptism, through our godparents, we said NO to Satan and his temptations before we said YES to the covenant of love, which God offered to us. There we joined Jesus in his NO to Satan and his temptations that tried to make him abandon his mission of restoring people to God's covenant love. During Lent we are challenged to make this YES and this NO come true. Like Jesus, are we willing to be faithful to our mission in life, to join Jesus in his NO to all evil and in his YES to God and neighbour and to our truest self?

MEDITATE: In the dessert, the devil plays on all the conventional meanings associated with the image of "the Son of God": miracle worker, political hero, leader.

ACT: Fast one day this week in solidarity with those who go hungry or for peace and non-violence.

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.

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, are 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.

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 **Parents and Candidates** will take place on **TUESDAY 11th March, at 7.00pm** in the Parish Hall.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults [RCIA]

Next meeting: ***Wednesday 12th March at 7.00pm, in the Parish Hall.***

All are welcome

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

On Saturday **15th March at 10.30am**, the First Holy Communion children will be making their First Reconciliation [Confession].

Please remember the children and their families in your prayers.

The "Link Mass" will take place on **Sunday 16th March at the 11.30am Mass**



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**.

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. 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]



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION CARD & GIFT FAIR

Takes place on Saturday and Sunday 5th/6th April, 2025

THANK YOU

Penny and Philip would like to thank everyone for all the best wishes, Cards and Garden Vouchers, which were much appreciated.

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 FIRST WEEK OF LENT - 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
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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

Monday 10th March: Lent Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Leviticus 19.1-2,11-18; Psalm: 18; Gospel: Matthew 25.31-46. **Intention:** Mary O'Connor [Intention]

Tuesday 11th March: Lent Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 55.10 -11; Psalm: 33; Gospel: Matthew 6.7-15. **Intention:** Wilson Family Intention

Wednesday 12th March: Lent Feria [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Jonah 3.1-10; Psalm: 50; Gospel: Luke 11.29-32. **Intention:** 9.30am: Jane Ferra [RIP, A]. ***Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reflection and Benediction at 11.00am.***

Thursday 13th March: NO SERVICE

Friday 14th March: Lent Feria CAFOD FAST DAY 9.30am/7.00pm] Readings: 1st Reading: Ezekiel 18.21-28; Psalm: 129; Gospel: Matthew 5.20-26. **Intention: 9.30am**: Kenneth Doyle [RIP]; **6.30pm: Meditative Stations of the Cross. 7.00pm**: Mary Caplice [RIP]

Saturday 15th March: Lent 2, Year C [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Genesis 15.5-12,17-18; Psalm: 27; 2nd Reading: Philippians 3.17-4.1; Gospel: Luke 9.28b-36. **Intention:** Jose Ramon Larranaga [RIP].

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

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]*