St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C — 6TH APRIL, 2025

THEME: Throw No Stones



Have you ever had the experience of hurting someone very much but that the offended person forgave you, perhaps with difficulty, and accepted your apology, and that was the end? Do you remember how relieved you felt, as if you were a new person? That is how God keeps forgiving us: He makes us new every time again. Do we live as forgiven, new people? Do we make others new by our pardon? Let us encounter again in the Eucharist our patient, forgiving Lord Jesus.

MEDITATE: A woman accused of adultery is dragged before Jesus. He asks for no explanation. Rather, he notes her humiliation, surrounded by self-righteous men who disregard their own sinfulness.

ACT: Try to establish a relationship of respect with someone you have judged harshly.

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]



SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION WITH ABSOLUTION

Friday 11th April at 7.00pm.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

Parliament is shortly due to hold a crucial vote on this Bill and it is important that we as Catholics make contact with our MPs (even if we have done so before) and ask them to vote against this Bill not only on grounds of principle but also because of the failure of Parliament to approach this issue in an adequate and responsible manner. If this significant proposal to introduce assisted suicide becomes law, many individuals will be placed at risk in the coming years. Please visit: www.notdeadyetuk.org/mps and see Cardinal Vincent's Pastoral Letter.

FUNERAL

With sadness we announce the death of Bridie Lally. Her funeral will take place on Monday 7th April at 10.00am. The Mass will be live-streamed and recorded. We offer our sympathy to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

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.

SEASON OF LENT - JUBILEE YEAR 2025



"We Dare to Hope"

Lent is a time of grace, conversion, renewal and healing.

[Each Friday we recall the events of Good Friday by fasting in some way.]

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.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL 2025



For the use of new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

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).

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.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

As we have many vulnerable parishioners we ask that you continue to sanistise your hands when you come to Church. There will be no standing allowed. Once we have reached capacity, there will be no further admittance.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

GOOD FRIDAY: 18th APRIL [A day of Fasting and Abstinence]

To help with numbers and to facilitate those who can't be in crowds in addition to the 3.00pm Service we have two other services.

There will be a retiring collection for the Holy Places at each Service.

"SILENT WALK OF WITNESS"



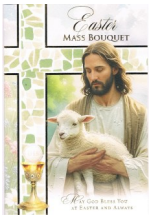
Churches Together In Wembley (of which we are part) are holding the annual **Silent Walk of Witness** on Good Friday starting from outside the Church at 10.45am. We will walk up Preston Road, as far as The Avenue; gathering there for a short prayer before crossing at the roundabout, and return down Preston Road ending with a short service [readings and hymns] on the Green – opposite *The Preston* pub. Please support this public Act of Worship. If you are unable to complete the whole walk, please join in along the route. ***Help required: 2 Stewards [to assist with crossing roads], Cross Bearers, Readers, 2 Volunteers to hand out leaflets at Preston Road Station. Please see Fr. Anthony or Elizabeth.***

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.

EASTER MASS BOUQUET



Signed Easter Mass Bouquet cards are available on the table near the Car Park exit door. As it is not possible to have individual Mass requests, if you wish to send an Easter Mass Bouquet to family and friends you can purchase a signed card and use the envelope provided to make a donation. All recipients will be included in the Mass Intentions on Sunday 27th April at 10.00am [Divine Mercy Sunday and St. Erconwald, our Patron], and on Sunday 4th May at 11.30am.

The Masses will be live streamed and recorded.

EASTER RAFFLE – 20th APRIL

Tickets go on sale this weekend. In addition to the prizes on display, there will be an Easter Hamper and a number of other prizes. Please support the raffle, the money raised goes towards the Church Refurbishment Fund. The draw takes place after the 11.30am Mass on Easter Sunday.

SERVICE CARDS

for Holy Week and Easter are now available at back of the Church and on the Church's website and microsite.

LITURGY FOR THE FIFTH 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 6th April: Lent 5, Year C [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 43.16-21; Psalm: 126; 2nd Reading: Philippians 3.8-14; Gospel: John 8.1-11. **Intention:** 10.00am: Margaret and Barry Walsh [RIP]
11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 7th April: 10.00am: Funeral Mass for Bridie Lally RIP. [The Mass will be live-streamed and recorded]

Tuesday 8th April: 11.00am: Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Wednesday 9th April: Lent Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Daniel 3.14 -20,24-25,28; Psalm: Daniel 3.52-56; Gospel: John 8.31-42. **Intention:** Mary and Edward Murphy [RIP]. ***Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reflection and Benediction at 11.00am.***

Thursday 10th April: NO SERVICE

Friday 11th April: Lent Feria [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Jeremiah 20.10 -13; Psalm: 17; Gospel: John 10.31-42. **Intention:** Martin Cosgrove [RIP];

Friday 11th April: 7.00pm: Service of Reconciliation with Absolution

Saturday 12th April: Palm Sunday, Year C [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 50.4-7; Psalm: 22; 2nd Reading: Philippians 2.6-11; Gospel: Luke 22.14-23.56. **Intention:** Mary Loftus [RIP, A].

Sunday 13th April: Palm Sunday, Year C [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 50.4-7; Psalm: 22; 2nd Reading: Philippians 2.6-11; Gospel: Luke 22.14-23.56. **Intention:** 10.00am: Alice Bozadjian [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: 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.

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]*