St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C — 18TH MAY, 2025

THEME: Love is Inventive



We are often surprised because of the things people who love us do for us or give us: it amazes us how inventive love can be. Look at God, the origin of all love: he lets his own Son become one of us; Jesus astonishes us by his love for sinners, for misfits in life, for those who suffer. He gives up his life for us. And it is that inventive love which he makes the heart of our faith and our life. If we only had a bit of love like that we could make ourselves and our world all new. It is this inventive, renewing love which Jesus comes to share with us in the Eucharist.

MEDITATE: Jesus made it very clear what kind of love he was passing on to his disciples: love that requires the offering of our very selves to one another and the larger community.

ACT: Take time to consider whether your participation in the Eucharist sufficiently reflect the deep union to which you are called.

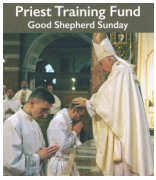


POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY 2025

For working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND COLLECTION



Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Donations envelopes are still available at each entrance/exit of the church. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations Thank you for your generosity.

FUNERAL

With sadness we announce the death of William [Bill] Keppler. His funeral will take place on Friday 23rd May, at 10.00am. The Mass will be live-streamed and recorded. We offer our sympathy to his family and friends. May he 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.

REPOSITORY

A limited number of items for **Confirmation** and **First Holy Communion** are on display. Items not displayed i.e. Bibles, Mass Books, Photograph Frames are available on request. **Other Items: Jubilee Holy Year 2025 'Pilgrims of Hope' & Carlo Acutis** items available: prayer cards, rosaries, medals and candles. **Pope Francis RIP:** favourites 'Sleeping Joseph' and 'Our Lady Untier of Knots' all on display. Other Marian items available on request. You are welcome to browse, and as always, if you require something not on display please ask a Repository helper. We have an extensive stock.



CONFIRMATION 2025

Congratulations to the young people who were confirmed on Sunday.
A **huge thank you** to all those who helped decorate the Church and the Hall and the reception afterwards.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next "Link Mass" will take place on **Sunday 25th May at the 11.30am Mass**

THE LARDER

Thank you for your kind donations.
Please leave your donations in the box provided by the Lady Chapel.

REGINA CAELI

["Queen of Heaven" is a prayer addressed to the Blessed Virgin Mary that is used during the Easter Season, from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. During this season, the Marian Prayer takes the place of the traditional Angelus.]



V. O Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia
R. For He Whom you were worthy to bear. Alleluia

V. Has risen as He said. Alleluia
R. Pray for us to our God. Alleluia

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.
R. For the Lord has risen indeed, Alleluia.

Let us pray:
God our Father, you give joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SAVE THE DAY
PENTECOST SUNDAY: 8th JUNE 2025
INTERNATIONAL DAY



On the feast of Pentecost we celebrate our "Unity in Diversity" and the different cultures, food and traditions that are part of our Parish. We will also be celebrating St. Erconwald, our Parish Patron. This event is a wonderful, joyous celebration, and it requires a lot of work. **We need as much help as possible**. Tickets on sale from next weekend.

FLAGS: A sheet is provided at the back of the Church for you to write your country of origin. We will use the information to ensure that we have flags representing all the different parts of the world that make up our community.

INTERNATIONAL CUISINE: As in the past, we will be asking people to provide National Dishes. Currently, we have Jerk Chicken, Home cooked Ham, Baked Pasta and Salmon. If, your country is not covered by the above perhaps you might consider making a dish, we also need desserts and nibbles [i.e. prawn crackers etc.]
We need enough of each dish to serve 10 or more people, perhaps two or more people could cook the same dish. We would like people to volunteer to co-ordinate the food. Please complete the food sheet form at the back for the Church.
[Due to Data Protection Laws, we can no longer leave out lists as in the past, so if you could complete the forms at the back of the church to indicate your donation of food/drink. Then post these forms into the box provided, we would be most grateful. ***Please, do not leave completed forms with your details on the table.****]*

RAFFLE: Tickets will be available from next weekend at both entrances to the Church to sell to your family, friends and neighbours. Must be returned not later than Saturday morning 7th June. To be drawn on Sunday 8th June.

ENTERTAINMENT: There will be live music. If anyone would like to contribute to the entertainment on the day, please let us know.

PARISH MAGAZINE – PENTECOST EDITION
Articles need to be in by next weekend: 24th/25th May.

WEMBLEY EVENT DAYS – MAY 2025

Saturday 17th:	FA Cup Final
Sunday 18th:	Woman's FA Cup Final
Saturday 24th:	Championship Play-Off Final
Sunday 25th:	League One Play-Off Final
Monday 26th:	League Two Play-Off Final



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 FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER - 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
[Licensing Permission: One Licence: A - 735446; CCLI: 1698960]

Sunday 18th May: Fifth of Easter, C [10.00am/11.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Acts 14.21-27; Psalm: 145; 2nd Reading: Revelation 21.1-5; Gospel: John 13.31-33,34-35. **Intention:** 10.00am: Roman Hencel [RIP, A]
11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 19th May: Easter Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 14.5-18; Psalm: 113; Gospel: John 14.21-26. **Intention:** Teresa Cummins [RIP]

Tuesday 20th May: Easter Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 14.19-28; Psalm: 144; Gospel: John 14.27-31. **Intention:** John English [RIP]

Wednesday 21st May: Easter Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 15.1-6; Psalm: 121; Gospel: John 15.1-8. **Intention:** Maggie Boylan [RIP]

Thursday 22nd May: NO SERVICE

Friday 23rd May: 10.00am: Funeral Mass for William [Bill] Keppler RIP. [The Mass will be live-streamed and recorded]

Saturday 24th May: Sixth of Easter, C [5.30pm] Readings: 1st Reading: Acts 15.1-2,22-29; Psalm: 67; 2nd Reading: Revelation 21.10-14,22-23; Gospel: John 14.23-29. **Intention:** Margaret Tighe [RIP, A].

Sunday 25th May: Sixth of Easter, C [10.00am/11.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Acts 15.1-2,22-29; Psalm: 67; 2nd Reading: Revelation 21.10-14,22-23; Gospel: John 14.23-29. **Intention:** 10.00am: Teresa Cummins [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: 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]*