St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C **4TH MAY, 2025**

THEME: Do You Love Me?



If Jesus would ask you today: "How close am I to you? Do you really love me?" What answer could you give him? There have certainly been times when we offended and betrayed him by our sins. I hope that you still dare to answer: "Jesus notwithstanding my weakness and my occasional cowardice, I still want to say that I believe in you and that I love you. I know you keep loving me and I want to keep loving you."

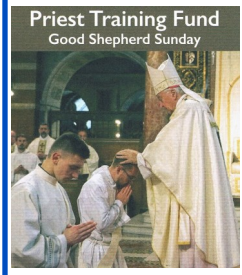
MEDITATE: Jesus' followers have begun to resume their usual routines: Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, Zebedee's sons, and two unnamed disciples are at the Sea of Tiberias and head out to go fishing.

ACT: During your next thanksgiving after Holy Communion, reflect on how you might help meet the physical and spiritual hunger of others.

EASTER VIGIL CANDLES

Please take a blessed candle home with you.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND COLLECTION



Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 50 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 13 of whom are from our own Diocese. We also have 2 seminarians at the Royal English College in Valladolid Last year 3 deacons who studied at Allen Hall were ordained priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are 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.

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.

PRE-CONCLAVE MASS

There will be a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit celebrated in Westminster Cathedral on **Tuesday, 6 May, at 5.30pm** to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit on the Cardinals gathered in Rome before the Conclave starts on Wednesday. The principal celebrant of this Mass will be His Excellency the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia. All are welcome.

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.

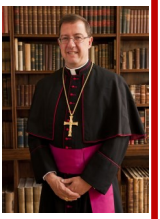
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next parents and children's session will take place on **Saturday 10th May**, at 10.30am in the Parish Hall.

CONFIRMATION 2025

Next **Sunday 11th May**, we welcome Bishop John Sherrington who will be administering the Sacrament of Confirmation to our young people at the **11.30am Mass**. Please remember the candidates and their families in your prayers.

*The rehearsal will take place on Tuesday 6th May **at 7.00pm in the Church**. Candidates, parents and sponsors need to attend.*



At the Celebration we will be saying farewell to Bishop John as he has been appointed tenth Archbishop of Liverpool. We offer our profound thanks to Archbishop-elect John for all that he has given to our parish over these last fourteen years. We assure him of our prayers as he takes up this new ministry..

*To pray in thanksgiving for Bishop John Sherrington's ministry in our Diocese, and to ask God's blessing on him as he prepares to move to his new appointment as Archbishop of Liverpool, the Cardinal has arranged for a Mass to be celebrated in the Cathedral on **Thursday 15 May 2025 at 5.30pm**.*
All are welcome.

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.

MAY PROCESSION

at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, Nicoll Road, NW109AX.
Sunday 11th May at 3pm. Preacher, Rt. Rev. Hugh Allan, O. Praem.



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. This event is a wonderful, joyous celebration, and it requires a lot of work. We need as much help as possible. Details to follow.

PARISH MAGAZINE – PENTECOST EDITION

Articles need to be in by the weekend of 24th/25th May.

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 THIRD WEEK OF EASTER - 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 4th May: Third of Easter, C [10.00am/11.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Acts 5. 27-32,40-41; Psalm: 117; 2nd Reading: Revelation 5.11-14; Gospel: John 21.1-14. **Intention:** 10.00am: Michael Flaherty [Intention]
11.30am: Easter Intentions

Monday 5th May: Easter Feria [10.00am] Readings: 1st Reading: Acts 6.8-15; Psalm: 118; Gospel: John 6.22-29. **Intention:** Mary Taylor [RIP]

Tuesday 6th May: Easter Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 7.51-8.1; Psalm: 30; Gospel: John 6.30-35. **Intention:** Mary Meehan [RIP]

Wednesday 7th May: Easter Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 8.1-8; Psalm: 65; Gospel: John 6.35-40. **Intention:** Bridie and Eddie Thompson [RIP]

Thursday 8th May: NO SERVICE

Friday 9th May: Easter Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 9.1-20; Psalm: 116; Gospel: John 6.52-59. **Intention:** Leo and Mollie Hannigan [RIP, A]

Saturday 10th May: Fourth of Easter, C [5.30pm] Readings: 1st Reading: Acts 13.14,43-52; Psalm: 100; 2nd Reading: Revelation 7.9,13,14-17; Gospel: John 10.27-30. **Intention:** Damien Walsh [RIP].

Sunday 11th May: Fourth of Easter, C [10.00am/11.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Acts 13.14,43-52; Psalm: 100; 2nd Reading: Revelation 7.9,13,14-17; Gospel: John 10.27-30. **Intention:** 10.00am:Bartley McDonagh [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: Crystal Rozario, 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]*