St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter



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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY, YEAR C **31ST AUGUST, 2025**

THEME: It is Risky to Follow the Lord



Do we have to seek suffering and death? Not at all! Jesus himself gives us the answer. He begged his Father to take suffering away from him. Yet he accepted death and the cross. Why? Because he loved the Father and he loved the people and wanted to save them. If he did that work and proclaimed his message, the religious leaders would turn against him and seek his death, to get rid of the nuisance he was. Yet he remained faithful to his mission, faithful until death. He is now asking us to remain faithful even at the cost of suffering and death.

MEDITATE: Jesus watched the ostentatious behavior of some Pharisees at a Sabbath meal. In response, he gave the example of the wedding feast to challenge them.

ACT: Make a commitment to become more aware of the marginalized and fringe members of the community.

SEASON OF CREATION [September 1st – October 4th]

The theme is "Seeds of Peace and Hope" inspired by Isaiah 32:15-18, which envisions a peaceful and secure dwelling for God's people, achieved through justice and a restored relationship with creation.

SAVE THE DAY: FUND RAISING - THE "FAT PACK"



will present ***Swinging from the Rafters*** [not literally I hope] in the Church Hall at 7.30pm **on Saturday, 20th September 2025**. Live Entertainment & Licensed Bar. **Tickets £8** – see poster. Book on line https://www.facebook.com/fatpackswing or see Elizabeth [A joint fundraiser for St. Erconwald's Church and Chameleon's Panto Fund]



WELCOME BACK

We hope that you all had a lovely summer break.
Welcome back to all who have been away and
welcome to St. Erconwald's Parish
any newly-arrived parishioners.

ROOF REPAIRS UPDATE



With the erection of scaffolding at the back of the Church, there is restrictive use of the Church.
Please exercise caution when moving around the Church.

We are making good progress, thank God. All the side windows are now repaired and the scaffolding on both sides has been removed. Work has also commenced on the big front window [the one with the Red Cross]. Once the work on the front window is finished, scaffolding will go up at the back [on the Sanctuary] to repair the windows at the back and paint the wall.

Scaffolding will also be in place in the Car Park and in the Nursery Garden so a section of the Car Park will be cornered off as a Nursery Play Area.

Just a gentle reminder - In order to facilitate the work, we are asked to vacate the Church immediately after Mass.
We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

We are aiming to keep disruption to a minimum and thank you for your patience and co-operation during this time. Please see noticeboard for photos of repairs to be done. [Fr. Anthony]

DONATIONS

We thank you for your kind donations so far. It is really appreciated. If you wish to donate via the Card Readers please do so under the **Church Restoration Fund** heading. If you prefer to donate via the bank, please send us an email detailing your name, date, and amount and stating that you intend your donation to go towards the Church Restoration Fund. We require this for auditing purposes.

REPOSITORY

The Repository remains closed for the moment.
There will be a limited number of cards available at the weekend.

CHURCH CLEANING

While works are in progress Church cleaning will take place on
***Saturdays at 10.00am**.*
If you are available to help on Saturday,
please do come and help to clean God's House.
Your help would be greatly appreciated at this time.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Tuesday 8th October, Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, at 11.00am
followed by Soup and Rolls.

FUND RAISING EVENT

QUIZ NIGHT - SATURDAY 11th October, from 6.30pm.

CHRISTMAS CARD AND GIFT FAIR

Weekend of 25th/26th October

MASS FOR BEREAVED PARENTS

Friday 14th November at 7.00pm
Followed by Refreshments in the Parish Hall

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.

RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS – REGISTRATION FORMS

for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion [May 2026]
are available at the back of the Church.
[You must submit a photocopy of your child's Baptismal Certificate if your child was not baptised in this Parish]
The forms need to be returned by the weekend of **30th/31st August**.
Forms arriving after this date will **not** be accepted.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults [RCIA]

Are you, or is someone you know, interested in becoming a Catholic, wishing to be Confirmed, married to, or about to marry a Catholic, or just wishing to know more about the Catholic faith?
Registration Forms will be available later.

DONATIONS AND COLLECTION OF MONEY

GIVING BY STANDING ORDER IS THE PREFERRED METHOD

Offertory Envelopes and other donations can be placed in the Collection Box at the entrance or at the exit of the Church.

Make a donation via our website:
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad/donate/

Via Dona [the company who supply our card readers].
https://portal.mydona.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=268

CONTACTLESS DONATIONS

Donations, Mass Intentions, Candles and Repository payments can also be made via the card readers in Church

[If you are a tax payer, please Gift Aid your donation]

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES & GIFT AID

If your circumstances have changed please do inform the Parish Office.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

For Our Relationship With All Of Creation

Let us pray that, inspired by St. Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

LITURGY FOR TWENTY-SECOND WEEK OF YEAR 1 - Psalter Week 2

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 31st August: Twenty-Second Sunday, Year C [10.00am/11.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Sirach 3.17-18,20,28-29; Psalm: 68; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 12.18-19,22-24; Gospel: Luke 14.1,7-14.
Intention: 10.00am: People of the Parish
11.30am: Cathy Cox [RIP]

Monday 1st September: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: 1Thessalonians 4.13-18; Psalm: 95; Gospel: Luke 4.16-30. **Intention:** Bridie and Liam Hutchenson [Intention]

Tuesday 2nd September: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: 1Thessalonians 5.1-6,9-11; Psalm: 26; Gospel: Luke 4.31-37. **Intention:** Caroline Keating [Intention]

Wednesday 3rd September: St. Gregory the Great [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Colossians 1.1-8; Psalm: 51; Gospel: Luke 4.38-44. **Intention:** Tony McGovern [RIP]

Thursday 4th September: NO SERVICE

Friday 5th September: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Colossians 1.15-20; Psalm: 99; Gospel: Luke 5.33-39. **Intention:** Eugene Donetti [RIP, A]

Saturday 6th September: Twenty-Third Sunday, Year C [5.30pm] Readings: 1st Reading: Wisdom 9.13-18; Psalm: 90; 2nd Reading: Philemon 9-10,12-17; Gospel: Luke 14.25-33. **Intention:** Aileen Bommer [RIP, A].

Sunday 7th September: Twenty-Third Sunday, Year C [10.00am/11.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Wisdom 9.13-18; Psalm: 90; 2nd Reading: Philemon 9-10,12-17; Gospel: Luke 14.25-33. **Intention:** 10.00am: People of the Parish
11.30am: Ronald Fernando [RIP]

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK - [for those who have asked to be remembered]



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Magdalene Davis, Michael Andrew, 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.

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]*