St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter



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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY, YEAR C **3RD AUGUST, 2025**

THEME: What Brings Us Happiness That Lasts?



We all need the things that are necessary for life, but our human experience keeps reminding us again and again of what Jesus tells us in the gospel: accumulating riches does not bring happiness! The joy of living does not depend on full granaries or fat bank accounts. The quality of life and its joy depend rather on how much we love the Lord and one another and on how far we can share what we have. That is how we become rich in the sight of God. This week we ask our Lord that he brings us joy and happiness along with this friendship.

MEDITATE: The rich man in Jesus' parable believed that his overly abundant crops would buy his future security. In the end they provided nothing. His security was misplaced.

ACT: Spend time this week praying that the obstacles to your relationship with God be removed. Take action to rectify this.

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]



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST 2025

For Mutual Coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

Wishing you and your families a happy summer season and hope you find time for refreshment and relaxation.



ROOF REPAIRS UPDATE



Works will start on Monday, 4th August with the erection of scaffolding inside the Church. From Monday onwards we will have restrictive use of the Church. During the week [Monday to Friday except Thursday], we will need to vacate the Church immediately at the end of Mass to allow the work to continue. Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated. The roofers plan to have a break whilst Mass [9.30am-10.00am] is celebrated. There will be no work done over the Weekend, but scaffolding will still be in place so some areas will still be out of bounds. Scaffolding will also be in place in the Nursery Garden so a section of the Car Park will be cornered off as a Nursery Play Area. Once works commence we will have a better idea of what will be happening. We will keep you informed. It is hoped weather and other factors permitting that work should be completed by the beginning of September. After the works are completed the Church will not look different but we will be water tight so no more buckets, papers and towels will be seen around the Church. We will aim to keep disruption to a minimum and thank you in advance for your patience and co-operation during this time. Please see noticeboard for photos of repairs to be done. We thank you for your kind donations so far. It is really appreciated. Please note if you are using the card readers please choose 'Church Restoration Fund'. [Fr. Anthony]



REPOSITORY

Unfortunately, during this time it will not be possible to access the Repository because of its position in the Church. We will aim to have a limited number of cards for sale at the weekend i.e. Mass cards, Sympathy and Birthday Cards. Apologies for the inconvenience caused.

We wish all our customers a very happy and safe holiday.

CHURCH CLEANING

While works are in progress we will be making the following alternative cleaning arrangements.

Saturday, 9th August** cleaning at **12 noon.

Saturday, 16th August onwards** till the end of works cleaning **at 10.00am.

If you are available to help on Saturday,
please do come and help to clean God's House at these times
Your help would be greatly appreciated at this time.

THE LARDER

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

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.

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.

THE "ANGELUS"



V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary
R. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit
Hail Mary ….

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done to me according to your word.
Hail Mary ….

V. [with head bowed] And the word was made flesh
R. And dwelt among us.
Hail Mary….

V. Pray for us O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that, we whom the incarnation of Christ your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

LITURGY FOR EIGHTEENTH 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 3rd August: Eighteenth Sunday, Year C [10.00am/11.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1.2,2.21-23; Psalm: 90; 2nd Reading: Colossians 3.1-5,9-11; Gospel: Luke 12.13-21.

Intention: 10.00am: Philomena and Tony Fernandes [RIP, A]
11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 4th August: St. John Vianney [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Numbers 11.4-15; Psalm: 80; Gospel: Matthew 14.13-21. **Intention:** Bridie Higgins [RIP]

Tuesday 5th August: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Numbers 12.1-13; Psalm: 50; Gospel: Matthew 14.22-36. **Intention:** Keith Paul [RIP]

Wednesday 6th August: Transfiguration [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Daniel 7.9-10,13-14; Psalm: 96; 2nd Reading: 2Peter 1.16-19; Gospel: Luke 9.28-36. **Intention:** Special Intention

Thursday 7th August: NO SERVICE

Friday 8th August: St. Dominic [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4.32-40; Psalm: 76; Gospel: Matthew 16.24-28. **Intention:** John Woodard [RIP] and Mary Caplice [RIP]

Saturday 9th August: Nineteenth Sunday, Year C [5.30pm] Readings: 1st Reading: Wisdom 18.6-9; Psalm: 33; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 11.1-2,8-19; Gospel: Luke 12.32-48. **Intention:** Padraig Moran [RIP].

Sunday 10th August: Nineteenth Sunday, Year C [10.00am/11.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Wisdom 18.6-9; Psalm: 33; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 11.1-2,8-19; Gospel: Luke 12.32-48. **Intention:** 10.00am: People of the Parish
11.30am: Paul O'Brien [RIP, A]

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.

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]*