

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter



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BAPTISM OF THE LORD, YEAR A **11TH JANUARY, 2026**

THEME: What about Our Baptism?



On this feast of Our Lord's Baptism the liturgy reminds us of our own baptism. At his baptism Jesus saw the mission ahead of him and committed himself to it. He received heaven's confirmation that the Father and the Holy Spirit were with him in his mission of saving people. At our baptism too the Father accepted us as his beloved sons and daughters and gave us the mission of living the life of Christ for all people to see. We ask the Lord to give us the insight and strength to accept our Christian mission in life.

MEDITATE: The Baptism of Jesus is a dramatic moment in his life and is also an important symbolic moment for us.

ACT: Pray over the many opportunities you have to continue Jesus' mission and your own baptismal call.

THANK YOU

very much for the many cards, gifts, good wishes and prayers; and to everyone for all the help and support over the Christmas period and throughout the year. [Fr. Anthony].

Thank you for your great generosity to "The Passage" and "The Larder" over Advent. As always thank you to those who contributed to the Crib Appeal which goes to the Catholic Children's Society, and Mary's Meals.

DEMENTIA CARERS SUPPORT GROUP

Sudbury & Wembley Dementia Carers Support Groups

Do you care for someone who is living with Dementia (incl. Alzheimer's)? We next meet in the Parish Hall on **Monday 12th January between 12.00noon - 2.00pm**. COME AND BE SUPPORTED. For further information please contact Frank Arrojo on 07867 903917 (email frankj.arrojo@gmail.com).

Online meeting: Friday 23rd January between 4.00 – 6.00pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next parents and children's session will take place on **Saturday 24th JANUARY**, at 10.30am 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.

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.

ROOF REPAIRS - DONATIONS

Donations towards this project are greatly appreciated, and we thank all those who have kindly donated so far. If you wish to donate via the Card Readers please do so under the **Church Restoration Fund** heading. You can also use the QR Code. If donating 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. ***"Church Restoration Fund" appeal forms are also available by the Donation Boxes.***

QR CODE

Don't use cash? Prefer to make your offering by phone?
Scan the QR code with your smartphone.

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Takes place between the 18th – 25th January. The theme is "One Body, One Spirit" [Ephesians 4:4]. It reminds us that the call to unity is a call to work for peace for all people everywhere.

For events taking place in the Cathedral during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, please see poster on Noticeboards.

PEACE SUNDAY

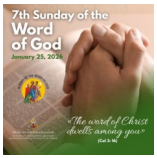


Will be celebrated on **Sunday 18th January**. The theme this year is: "Peace be with you all: Towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace". The work of *Pax Christi* is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice.

For more information please contact Pax Christi on www.paxchristi.org.uk
You can also donate online.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Will be celebrated on the weekend of **24th/25th January**.
With the motto: "The Word of Christ dwells among you"
[Colossians 3.16]
The Re-commissioning of Readers will take place at all the Masses.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2026



For prayer with the Word of God.
Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

APF/MISSIO

The *Missio* calendars are now available for collection as you leave the Church.
Please, do not forget to keep the Missions in your prayers.

missio
Today. Tomorrow. Together.

MARRIAGE CARE

Join Marriage Care for a Growing Together Marriage Enrichment Day. The workshop style event, for couples at any stage of marriage, is on **Saturday 21st February**, from 10.00am to 5.00pm in Finchley. The day offers a meaningful opportunity to strengthen and deepen your bond alongside developing some practical tools. The cost is £75 per couple, but please speak to us if this is more than you can afford to pay. For more details or to book, contact Marriage Care on 0800 389 3801 (Monday–Thursday, 9 am–6 pm) or email: appointments@marriagecare.org.uk

REPOSITORY

Thank you to all who supported the Repository last year.
A limited number of Westminster Year Books are available for £6.50
Wishing all our customers a very Happy, and Blessed New Year.

CHURCH CLEANING

If you have any spare time please do come along and join us after the 9.30am Mass on Tuesday mornings to help clean God's House.

LITURGY FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF YEAR 2 - 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 11th January: Baptism of the Lord, Year A [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 42.1-4,6-7; Psalm: 28; 2nd Reading: Acts 10.34-38; Gospel: Matthew 3.13-17. **Intention:** 10.00am: People of the Parish
11.30am: Lila Horgan [RIP]

Monday 12th January: Feria [10.00am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: 1Samuel 1.1-8; Psalm: 115; Gospel: Mark 1.14-20. **Intention:** Brian Wallis [RIP]

Tuesday 13th January: Feria [10.00] **Readings:** 1st Reading: 1Samuel 1.9-20; Psalm: 1Samuel 2; Gospel: Mark 1.21-28. **Intention:** Maria Tighe [RIP, A]

Wednesday 14th January: Feria [10.00am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: 1Samuel 3.1-10,19-20; Psalm: 39; Gospel: Mark 1.29-39. **Intention:** Emily Wilson [Intention].

Thursday 15th January NO SERVICE

Friday 16th January: Feria [10.00am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: 1Samuel 8.4-7,10-22; Psalm: 88; Gospel: Mark 2.1-12. **Intention:** Kathryn Lennon [RIP]

Saturday 17th January: Second Sunday, Year A [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 49.3,5-6; Psalm: 40; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 1.1-3; Gospel: John 1.29-34. **Intention:** Bridie McClafferty and Tony McElwee [RIP, A].

Sunday 18th January: Second Sunday, Year A [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 49.3,5-6; Psalm: 40; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 1.1-3; Gospel: John 1.29-34. **Intention:** 10.00am: Betty Sullivan [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: Magdalene Davis, 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]*