

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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PARISH HALL LETS: Suspended until further notice.

THE OFFICE: Closed.

MICROSITE: www.parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad



FIFTH SUNDAY, YEAR B

7TH FEBRUARY 2021

THEME: Healing for the Broken hearted



Our world is full of suffering and pain, many people are in agony and distress and are victims of exploitation and injustice. We feel powerless in the face of all this. Today we are reminded that we are not alone. God does not want us to suffer: in his son Jesus he showed us that he commits himself against death and misery, for Jesus went around healing people and overcame death by rising. We, disciples of Jesus, have to follow in his footsteps and bring healing to one another and to our world. We ask Jesus this week to give us that insight and commitment.

THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent is a time of grace, conversion, renewal and healing.
The season starts with Ash Wednesday on 17th February.

It is a day of fasting and abstinence.

Ashes will be blessed and distributed to everyone at the 9.30am Mass which will be live-streamed and recorded. The Church will be open for Private prayer from 11.30am to 12noon and from 3.30pm to 4.00pm.

Please be generous and attend only once.

The Lenten leaflet "A Lenten Journey" will be available on the website and the microsite from next weekend.



FUNERAL

With sadness we announce the death of Ronald Fernando. His funeral will take place on Friday 12th February, 2021 at 12 noon. In accordance with government guidelines this will be a private Mass, and it will be live-streamed and recorded. We offer our sympathy to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.



Please do feel free to share the information in this newsletter with other members of the parish with whom you have contact. With prayerful best wishes. Keep safe. [Fr. Anthony]

We are in this together, Let us help one another

COMING TO MASS: COVID-19 SAFE ENVIRONMENT

SOME GENTLE REMINDERS

PLEASE STAY AT HOME

You **must not** attend Church if you or someone you live with has cold or flu like symptoms

You **must not** attend Church if you or someone you have had contact with has tested positive for COVID-19.

You **must inform** the Parish Office if you or someone you live with/have had contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19.

You **must not** mingle with people you do not live with out-side the Church after Mass.

Booking to come to Mass: Apply using the ticketing system <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad/events/> to reserve a place for you or **places** for your household. When booking please state your full name and in brackets beside it [couple or household]. To cancel the booking, please contact the parish office by phone or email.

Booking by phone if no internet available: to secure spaces you can call the parish office directly on 020 8904 6031 [press option 2 when prompted] and leave details [full name and telephone number, number of places required - please state if booking for individual, couple or household - please speak clearly]. We will call you back to confirm booking.

(See website for full details)

If subsequent to booking a place at Mass, you are unable to attend, please ring the office to cancel your booking. Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated and will help prevent disappointment to others.

Be advised that due to Covid-19, the heating will remain off and doors remain open for ventilation. Please wear warm clothing during this cold spell.

Donations and Collection Money: **Offertory Envelopes and other donations:** there will be a Collection Box at the entrance of the Church - please put envelopes and donations as you enter the Church to facilitate the one way system. Please no coinage at this time. You can also visit:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad/donate/>

You can also donate through Virgin Money Giving by visiting:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad/donate/>

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

REPOSITORY

The latest "Sunday Missal" is now available. It contains Sunday and Holy days of Obligation Mass and Readings, including "Three Year Cycle" Calendar up to November 2024.

Also in stock "Candle of Hope" price £1.60, with Pope Francis' "Prayer for Protection from Coronarvirus" on the reverse of the candle.

*Lent and Easter items now available for sale
[To order, please email or ring the office]*

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

MEDITATE: Once again, we see Jesus the healer at work. First he comes to the home of Peter's mother-in-law, and heals her of fever. After sundown, when the Sabbath is ended, crowds gather at the door for Jesus to cure many who were ill. The next morning, Jesus slips away to be alone to pray.

ACT: Give some time to thinking about the personal mission that is yours alone. List ways you carry it out.

PRAYER: Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us through the Scriptures. Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another. Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. Amen. Your word is our path and your truth is our light. This day and every day.

CARITAS VOLUNTEER FAIR

"Step Forward in Love" - Online Event: **Wednesday 10th February from 11.00am-1.00pm.** Whether you want to try volunteering for the first time or are looking for a new role, come and find out what volunteering opportunities are out there at the moment. Please register at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/caritas-volunteer-fair-tickets-1357135339851>

LENTEN PRAYER TIME

For our "Prayer-Time" this Lent, we are going to use the booklet "Holy Week Voices from the Holy Land". There will be limited copies available from the Repository. Or you may wish to purchase a physical copy directly from Friends of the Holy Land or obtain an electronic/digital version (also priced £7.99), both of which are available from their website: www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

The proceeds of this book (priced at £7.99 plus postage and packaging) will go to the Friends of the Holy Land to aid their work with the neediest of our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. As with those closer to home, our brothers and sisters there have suffered dramatically during the coronavirus pandemic, including economically with the cessation of pilgrimages and tourism and the resulting loss of income.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

*If you are looking for a way to engage your children in the gospel from home, join **CAFOD** for our virtual children's liturgy of the word at 10am GMT this Sunday. Register now to take part here.*

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5095942131288155403>

Of your charity, please remember in your prayers those who have died, and their families. We remember especially: Bishop Pat O'Donoghue, Ronald Fernando, Petra Threlude and David Murphy.

Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May + they rest in peace. Amen.

LITURGY FOR THE FIFTH WEEK OF YEAR 1

At present, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holydays of obligation remains suspended

Private Masses: Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday

Public Masses: Wednesday and Sunday

All services can be followed online: <https://www.churchservices.tv/wembley3>
[Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 10.00am Masses are recorded]

Sunday 7th February: 5th In Ordinary Time [10.00am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Job 7.1-4,6-7; Psalm: 146; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 9.16-19,22-23; Gospel: Mark 1.29-39. **Intention:** Ian Norman [RIP, A]; Delia Bonner [RIP, A]

Monday 8th February: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Genesis 1.1-19; Psalm: 103; Gospel: Mark 6.53-56. **Intention:** People of the Parish

Tuesday 9th February: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Genesis 1.20-2.4; Psalm: 8; Gospel: Mark 7.1-13. **Intention:** Michael Donleavy [RIP, A]

Wednesday 10th February: St. Scholastica [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Song of Songs 8.6-7; Psalm: 148; Gospel: Luke 10.38-42. **Intention:** Roy Brattesani [RIP, A]

Thursday 11th February

NO SERVICE

Friday 12th February: 12 noon: Funeral Mass for Ronald Fernando RIP.

Saturday 13th February: [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Leviticus 13.1-2,44-46; Psalm: 31; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 10.31-11.1; Gospel: Mark 1.40-45. **Intention:** Mary Govan [RIP].

Sunday 14th February: 6th In Ordinary Time [10.00am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Leviticus 13.1-2,44-46; Psalm: 31; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 10.31-11.1; Gospel: Mark 1.40-45. **Intention:** Mary and Pat Cafferkey [RIP, A]



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

Universal Intention—Violence against women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

In case you are admitted to hospital.....

In the light of data protection 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. [Fr. Peter]

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]