

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

10TH MARCH, 2024

THEME: Looking Up to the Cross

In our Churches and in our homes the crucifix is given a place of honour. Does that mean that we have to love crosses? No, but it says that we believe in our crucified Lord and that we love him dearly. He saved us by his cross and resurrection. He is the sign that God loved us so much that he gave his only Son to bring us forgiveness and life and love. It is to Jesus on the cross that we look up for strength to bear the crosses that come to us in the difficulties of life. We also look up to him for joy and happiness on our pilgrim way and for unending life beyond death.



MEDITATE: The Old Testament recounts many episodes that took place during the forty years Israel spent in the desert. One such episode is mention in today's gospel reading.

ACT: Spend some time in prayer thanking God for the people who brought you to baptism and the Christian life.



FEAST OF ST. PATRICK – 17th MARCH

We would like to wish everyone a Happy St Patrick's Day.
To mark the day there will be Tea & Coffee in the Hall after the 11.30am Mass. All are welcome.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

For New Martyrs

Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.



Happy Mother's Day
to all mothers



SEASON OF LENT - OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

"We Dare To Say"



For us Christians, Lent is a time of grace, conversion, renewal and healing. During this season, the Church calls us to fasting and abstinence; to works of self-denial; to personal and communal worship, and to reach out to those who are less fortunate than us. The aim is to help us examine the way we live, to look beyond the surface, and see once more God's presence in the world. Thank you for your support, and have a good Lent.

Stations of the Cross: Weekdays [except Thursdays and Saturdays] at 9.00am. Friday evening at 6.30pm followed by Mass at 7.00pm.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesdays after 9.30am Mass. During the exposition we will follow the booklet "We Dare To Say" There will be Benediction at 11.00am.



Rite of Penance: Every Saturday between 4.30pm and 5.00pm.

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION WITH ABSOLUTION **Friday 22nd March at 7.00pm.**

ST. LAURENCE'S LARDER: Please leave your donations in the boxes provided by the Lady Chapel. Thank you for your donations.

CARDINAL'S LENTEN ALMS APPEAL 2024

All funds raised go towards projects across our Diocese, such as: the evangelization and formation among young people; promotion and strengthening of marriage and family life and our service within society - Caritas Westminster. Cardinal Vincent has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the appeal, with whatever they can afford. Donation box and envelopes are available on the display by the Blessed Sacrament. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. [Please do **not** use the Card Readers in Church]. Thank you for your generosity.



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www.CardinalLentenAppeal.org.uk

SILENT WALK OF WITNESS

The *Churches Together in Wembley* [of which we are part], will hold a Silent Walk of Witness in Preston Road on Good Friday. We hope this event will be well supported by our Parishioners. We also need volunteers for the following: 2 Stewards [to assist with crossing roads], Cross Bearers, Readers, 2 Volunteers to hand out leaflets at Preston Road Station. Full details to follow. Please see Fr. Anthony or Elizabeth.



ANNUAL MASS FOR MATRIMONY

The annual Mass for Matrimony will be celebrated in the Cathedral by Cardinal Vincent on **Saturday 25th May at 2.30pm** for couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2024. If you qualify, please contact the Parish Office not later than the weekend 6th/7th April.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults [RCIA]

The next session will take place on **Wednesday 13th March** at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

On Saturday **16th March at 10.30am**, the First Holy Communion children will be making their First Reconciliation [Confession].

Please remember the children and their families in your prayers.

EASTER REMEMBRANCE

The Easter Vigil and the Easter Sunday Masses will be offered for the repose of the souls of our deceased relatives and friends. If you would like to have your loved ones, family members, and friends included in the intentions of these Masses, please complete the *Form* provided, and place it, together with a donation, in the box marked "Easter Remembrance". Donations go towards the decoration of the Church at Easter.



CANDLE SAFETY

In the interest of keeping everyone safe:



1. Please use the candle lighters provided.
2. Refrain from holding candles in your hand, these candles are not designed to be held.
3. Please light candles from the top row down, to avoid people reaching over lit candles.
4. Do **NOT** let children play with the glass shades and holders, or allow young children light candles unsupervised.

NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH: 10th – 18th MARCH

St. Joseph's Church, Maidenhead. You are welcome to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena booklet. Please write to Novena Director, 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead SL6 7GZ or email novenamhm@gmail.com

Please see noticeboard for details.



REPOSITORY

Easter cards, St. Patrick's and Mother's Day cards and religious goods on sale from next Tuesday. Also, as we are in the **Year of Prayer** a wide selection of Prayer reading material, perhaps Lent is an appropriate time to start.

If you require a religious object or a particular card please ask a Repository Helper. You are welcome to browse. We kindly request to ensure that children do not damage Repository items. Damaged goods will need to be paid for. Payments can be made by card reader – pick Repository and follow the prompts.

CHURCH CLEANING

The Church closes for cleaning after the 9.30am Mass on Tuesdays, if you have any spare time please come along and join us.

This is also a good way of meeting others in our parish.

LITURGY FOR THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT - Psalter Week 4

[All services can be followed online: <https://www.churchservices.tv/wembley3>

[Sunday 11.30am Mass is recorded]

Sunday 10th March: Fourth of Lent, Year B: [10.00/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: 2Chronicles 16.14-16,19-23; Psalm: 136; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 2.4-10; Gospel: John 3.14-21. **Intention:** 10.00am: People of the Parish
11.30am: Michael O'Toole [RIP]

Monday 11th March: Lent Feria: [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 65.17-21; Psalm: 29; Gospel: John 4.43-54. **Intention:** Janet Scannell [Intention].

Tuesday 12th March: Lent Feria [[9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Ezekiel 47.1-9,12; Psalm: 45; Gospel: John 5.1-3,5-16. **Intention:** Teddy O'Meara [RIP].

Wednesday 13th March: Lent Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 49.8-15; Psalm: 144; Gospel: John 5.17-30. **Intention:** Monica Drosso [RIP].
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reflection and Benediction at 11.00am.

Thursday 14th March: NO SERVICE

Friday 15th March: Lent Feria: [9.30am/7.00pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Wisdom 2.1,12-22, Psalm: 33; Gospel: John 7.1-2,10,25-30.

Intention: 9.30am: Arthur Murphy [RIP]

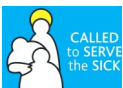
6.30pm: Meditative Stations of the Cross.

7.00pm: Mary Shivers [RIP]

Saturday 16th March: Fifth of Lent, Year B: [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Jeremiah 31.31-34; Psalm: 50; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 5.7-9; Gospel: John 12.20-30. **Intention:** Eugene Donetti [RIP]

Sunday 17th March: Fifth of Lent, Year B: [10.00/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Jeremiah 31.31-34; Psalm: 50; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 5.7-9; Gospel: John 12.20-30. **Intention:** 10.00am: Mary and Thomas Flaherty [RIP, A]
11.30am: People of the Parish

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Martin Geary, Susan Bradley, Helga Ojinmah, Mary Owen, Margaret Beeby, Radwan Naffa, Kathryn McGinnis, Sheila O'Hara, 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]