



## St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A**

**10TH MAY, 2026**

### **THEME: If You Love Me... The Spirit Will Come.**



We are Christians, people who follow Christ. What makes us sure that we really love him? Jesus tells us today: "If you love me you will keep my commandments." And we know that his commandment is: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and your neighbour as yourself. Today Jesus promises us the Holy Spirit, who will make us see what we have to do to love God and our neighbour and who will give us the strength to do so. Let us ask Jesus to give us this Spirit of insight and

strength.

**MEDITATE:** There is, perhaps, no greater assurance in times of trouble than the promise, 'I'll be there with you,' from someone we trust.

**ACT:** In my life experience, when has the Spirit been an advocate for me in times of trouble? In what ways did hope return to me?

### **HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May is the feast of the Ascension of the Lord, a Holyday of Obligation. Mass times are as follows: Vigil Mass: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm; Day Mass: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am. Masses will be live-streamed and recorded.



### **PENTECOST NOVENA**

The solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord marks the beginning of the nine days spiritual preparation for Pentecost. Copies of the *Novena Prayer* are available on the website, microsite and as you leave the Church.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026**

The next "Link Mass" will be next **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May** at the 10.00am Mass.

### **PROCESSION OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN**

The May procession **at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, Nicoll Road, NW10 9AX**, will take place on **Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup> at 3pm**, and the Preacher will be Fr Nigel Woollen, Parish Priest of Our Lady of Victories, Kensington. The intention of the Procession is the Protection of London, and for Peace.



## **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.*

## **RADIO MARIA – PENTECOST EVENT – SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY**



St. Erconwald's Church has been chosen to act as a meeting point for the Rosary Pilgrims before they begin their walk. Our "Route" is through Preston Park, then through streets to Fyrent Country Park, Brent Reservoir, along the banks of the river to Hendon Park. If taking part please wear appropriate footwear and clothing and bring plenty of water. For more information and to register please visit <https://radiomariaengland.co.uk/capital-ring-rosary/>. Details on the noticeboard.

## **DEFEND NHS STAFF CONSCIENCE RIGHTS**

Following the fall of the Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill, fresh bids to introduce an assisted dying law in England and Wales are anticipated. Any new law would likely pressure NHS staff to be involved in some way and offer even less protection to institutions like hospices. You can help protect healthcare workers and hospices by signing the Bios Centre **online petition**.



It calls on Health Secretary, Wes Streeting, to protect conscientious objection rights for religious and personal beliefs. *Sign the petition at [bioscentre.org/petition-on-conscience-protection](https://bioscentre.org/petition-on-conscience-protection) or scan this QR code with your smartphone.*

## **REGINA CAELI**

["Queen of Heaven" is a prayer addressed to the Blessed Virgin Mary that is used during the Easter Season, from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. During this season, the Marian Prayer takes the place of the traditional *Angelus*.]



- V. O Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia  
R. For He Whom you were worthy to bear. Alleluia
- V. Has risen as He said. Alleluia  
R. Pray for us to our God. Alleluia
- V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.  
R. For the Lord has risen indeed, Alleluia.

Let us pray:

God our Father, you give joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **PENTECOST SUNDAY: 24<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026 - INTERNATIONAL DAY**

On the feast of Pentecost we celebrate our "Unity in Diversity" and the different cultures, food and traditions that are part of our Parish. This event is a wonderful, joyous celebration, and it requires a lot of work. **We need as much help as possible.** Tickets will be on sale after Mass: Adults: £15, Senior and Children over 12 years: £10, Family Special [2Adults and 3Children]: £45. In aid of the Church Restoration Fund.



**FLAGS:** *A sheet is provided at the back of the Church for you to write your country of origin/heritage. We will use the information to ensure that we have flags representing all the different parts of the world that make up our community.*

**INTERNATIONAL CUISINE:** As in the past, we will be asking people to provide National Dishes. Currently, we have Jerk/Kentucky Fried Chicken, Home cooked Ham, Baked Pasta and Salmon. We would like to have food from as many cultures as possible, perhaps consider making a traditional family dish either as a main course or dessert, or nibbles [i.e. prawn crackers etc.]

We need enough of each dish to serve 10 or more people, perhaps two or more people could cook the same dish. We would like people to volunteer to co-ordinate the food. Please complete the food sheet form at the back for the Church.

*[Due to Data Protection Laws, we can no longer leave out lists as in the past, so if you could complete the forms at the back of the church to indicate your donation of food/drink. Then post these forms into the box provided, we would be most grateful. **Please, do not leave completed forms with your details on the table.**]*

**RAFFLE:** Tickets are available on the pews and at both entrances to the Church to buy for yourself or to sell to your family, friends and neighbours. Please put counterfoils and money into the box provided. Do not leave completed tickets on tables. Counterfoils/unsold tickets need to be returned not later than Saturday morning 23<sup>rd</sup> May. To be drawn on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2026.

**ENTERTAINMENT:** *There will be live music. If anyone would like to contribute to the entertainment on the day, please let us know.*

### **CHURCH GARDENS CLEAN-UP**

We would love to see the Gardens looking good for Pentecost and the First Holy Communion. We are calling on volunteers, once again to come on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May** 2026, to root out those weeds, cut back the hedges etc. Please only volunteer if you are fit and able, as we would not like anyone to hurt themselves.

### **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY 2026**



That everyone might have food.

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

### **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 SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER - 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 10th May: Sixth of Easter, Year A** [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup>

Reading: Acts 8.5-8,14-17; Psalm: 65; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Peter 3.15-18; Gospel:

John 14.15-21. **Intention:** 10.00am: Bartley McDonagh [RIP, A]

11.30am: Crystal Rosario [RIP, A]

**Monday 11th May: Easter Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 16.11-15; Psalm: 149; Gospel: John 15.26-16.4. **Intention:** Jean Melly [RIP]

**Tuesday 12th May: Easter Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 16.22-34; Psalm: 137; Gospel: John 16.5-11. **Intention:** Maura and Brian Hill [Intention].

**Wednesday 13th May: Easter Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 17.15,22-18.1; Psalm: 148; John 16.2-15. **Intention:** Michael Shanahan [RIP].  
**Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary for Vocations and Benediction at 11.00am.**

**Wednesday 13th May: Ascension of the Lord: [7.00pm]** **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 1.1-11; Psalm: 46; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 1.16-23; Gospel: Matthew 28.16-20. **Intention:** Noreen, Ruben and Family Intentions.

**Thursday 14th May: Ascension of the Lord: [9.30am]** **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 1.1-11; Psalm: 46; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 1.17-23; Gospel: Matthew 28.16-20. **Intention:** Donetti Family Intentions

**Friday 15th May: Easter Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 18.9-18; Psalm: 46; Gospel: John 16.20-23. **Intention:** Bridie O'Donovan [RIP, A].

**Saturday 16th May: Seventh of Easter, Year A** [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 1.12-14; Psalm: 27; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Peter 4.13-16; Gospel: John 17.1-11. **Intention:** Sharon and Kieran Horan [Intention].

**Sunday 17th May: Seventh of Easter, Year A** [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 1.12-14; Psalm: 27; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Peter 4.13-16; Gospel: John 17.1-11. **Intention:** 10.00am: People of the Parish [Link Mass]  
11.30am: Anne Curran [RIP]

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



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Magdalene Davis, Angela Tora, Claudette Roby, Sue McGovern, Cathy Singer, Martin Geary, Susan Bradley, Radwan Naffa, and Yves Remedios.

We remember also those in Kenbrook, Birchwood Grange and Brook House.

## **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]*