

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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PARISH HALL LETS: Suspended until further notice.

THE OFFICE: Closed.

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SIXTH SUNDAY, YEAR B

14TH FEBRUARY 2021

THEME: Some People to Be Shunned?

The message of today is that the Lord Jesus touched with his healing power even the untouchable. Today let each of us reflect on how often in life Jesus has touched us. He touched us with his love in baptism when he saved us from our isolation and gave us the Christian community to live in. He touched us each time he came to us in the Eucharist to speak to us and give us his body. He touched us often with his healing forgiveness, with his consolation in moments of distress, with his strength when we are timid, with his wisdom when we are confused. But do we let him touch us? And do we touch one another with healing care?



THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

MEDITATE: Jesus could work miracles and people had come to know this about him. But he did not want to be known principally as a miracle worker since this is not why he came. The person with leprosy, came to Jesus believing in his power to cure, yet neither demanding nor expecting it. And Jesus, out of compassion and pity, cured him.

ACT: Following the example of Jesus, reach out to someone who may feel marginalised or may be suffering.

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.

The Lenten leaflet "A Lenten Journey"
is available on the website and the microsite.



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.



THE SEASON OF LENT



Lent is a time of grace, conversion, renewal and healing.

Wednesday 17th February is Ash Wednesday.

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 **Individual Private Prayer** from 11.30am to 12noon and from 3.30pm to 4.00pm.

[Please be generous and attend only once.]

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Mondays and Wednesday after the 9.30am Mass, and Friday evening at 6.30pm – private and live-streamed.

PRIVATE PRAYER: The Church will be open for Individual Private Prayer on Wednesdays from 11.00 to 11.30am and from 3.30 to 4.00pm [Please be generous and attend only once.]

CAFOD: LENT FAST DAY: Friday 26th February

Will you do something amazing this Lent Fast Day? “Will you go the extra mile this Lent” is the theme of this year’s Fast Day. This Lent you can live simply so that others can simply live. Please visit www.cafod.org.uk/lent

CAFOD: WATER POVERTY

Daily Walk? Something positive this Lent. Could you walk 10,000 Steps either on one day or everyday this Lent? The walk could be a sign of your solidarity with all those who do not have access to a safe water source and who have to walk for water each day.

Find out more or sign up online at www.cafod.org.uk/walk and go the distance this Lent and help to end water poverty.

Cardinal's Lenten Alms Appeal:

Helps in the evangelization and formation among young people; promotion and strengthening of marriage and family life and our service within society. For more information please visit www.CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk

“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.friendsoftheholylad.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.

THE PASSAGE

To mark 40 years of service to homeless people this Lent we have produced 40 reflections for Lent each marking a year of service and reflecting on the needs of homeless people today. If you would like to share in our Lenten journey please contact Andrew Hollingsworth: Andrew.h@passage.org.uk tel. 020 7592 1886.

COMING TO MASS: COVID-19 SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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/wembleypréstonroad/events/>

Booking by phone if no internet available: you can call the parish office on 020 8904 6031 [press option 2 when prompted]

(Visit website for the latest regulations for attending Mass,
or see notice on Church door)

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/wembleypréstonroad/donate/>

You can also donate through Virgin Money Giving by visiting:

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

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

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>

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 Coronavirus" on the reverse of the candle.

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

"THE LARDER"

Like previous years we will be supporting "The Larder" [formerly known as "St. Lawrence's larder"]. Please bring your "food items" when you attend Mass.

LITURGY FOR THE SIXTH WEEK OF YEAR 1

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

Private Masses: Monday, Tuesday, and Saturday

Public Masses: Wednesday, Friday and Sunday

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

[Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 10.00am Masses are recorded]

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]

Monday 15th February: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Genesis 4.1-15,25; Psalm: 49; Gospel: Mark 8. 11-13. **Intention:** Mary Hall [RIP]

Tuesday 16th February: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Genesis 6.5-8,7.1-5,10; Psalm: 28; Gospel: Mark 8. 14-21. **Intention:** Christine Kenny [RIP, A]

Wednesday 17th February: Ash Wednesday [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Joel 2.12-18; Psalm: 50; 2nd Reading: 2Corinthians 5.20-6.2; Gospel: Matthew 6.1-6,16-18. **Intention:** Wilson Family Intentions

Church open for Individual Private Prayer: 11.30-12noon and 3.30-4.00pm

Thursday 18th February

NO SERVICE

Friday 19th February: Lent Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 58.1-9; Psalm: 50; Gospel: Matthew 9.14-15. **Intention:** Chris Taylor [RIP]

Friday 19th February: 6.30pm: Private Stations of the Cross.

[Live-streamed and recorded]

Saturday 20th February: [5.30pm] Readings: 1st Reading: Genesis 9.8-15; Psalm: 24; 2nd Reading: 1Peter 3.18-22; Gospel: Mark 1.12-15. **Intention:** People of the Parish.

Sunday 21st February: 1st of Lent B [10.00am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Genesis 9.8-15; Psalm: 24; 2nd Reading: 1Peter 3.18-22; Gospel: Mark 1.12-15. **Intention:** Mary Govan [RIP]



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.

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]