



St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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FOURTH OF LENT, YEAR A

15TH MARCH, 2026

THEME: Open Our Eyes, Lord

One of the most irritating things in life, in ourselves as well as in others, is when we and people seem blind to what is evident: Why don't they see? Why didn't I see this? We are Christians, people with faith, and in baptism Christ has given us eyes of faith. Yet too often we are blind to God, to people, to the things we should see about ourselves. We ask our Lord to touch and open our eyes to the deeper and beautiful realities of our faith.



MEDITATE: Like the people who challenged Jesus' actions and the man's belief, we, too, can choose to stay in our blindness or we can choose to receive the gift of sight.

ACT: Set aside time this week to think about your own blindness and where it might occur.

Each Friday we recall the events of Good Friday by fasting in some way.



ST. JOSEPH – PATRON OF THE DIOCESE

Thursday 19th March there will be Mass at 9.30am

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.



*A Happy Mother's Day
to all mothers*



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

As a new tax year is almost upon us we will be issuing the new boxes of envelopes for those who belong to the scheme, after each of the Masses next weekend. If you have changed your home address, or your circumstances have changed, can you please inform the office, the contact details are on the front of the newsletter, so we can amend the Parish Register and your Gift Aid details if you are a member of the scheme.

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 VERY MUCH FOR ALL YOUR DONATIONS,
HOWEVER YOU CHOOSE TO GIVE.**

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MATRIMONY

**Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony
Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 23rd May 2026 at 2:30pm.**

The Archbishop is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2026. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please contact the parish office by the **weekend of 11th/12th April**, with the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and contact email (or telephone number, if no email).

SEASON OF LENT - WE DARE TO ASK

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.



Stations of the Cross: Weekdays [except Thursdays and Saturdays] at 9.15am. Friday evening at 6.30pm followed by Mass.



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

Lenten Talks: will take place on **Wednesday evening 7.00 – 8.00pm in the Parish Hall.** All are welcome.

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

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION WITH ABSOLUTION
Friday 27th March at 7.00pm.

LENTEN APPEAL 2026: Helps fund vital projects across our Diocese, including: Youth & Evangelisation, Social Action, Marriage & Family Life, and Education. 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.



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



REPOSITORY: A selection of Lenten Books, Statues, various sizes, Rosaries, Crosses, Cards for all occasions. If you require assistance please ask any of the Repository helpers.

PRE-BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

will take place on **Saturday 28th March from 10.30am – 11.30am.**
Registration forms are available at the back of the Church.

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 nove-namhm@gmail.com Please see noticeboard for details.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH 2026

For disarmament and peace.



Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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 FOURTH WEEK OF LENT - Psalter Week 4

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 15th March: 4th of Lent, Year A [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st

Reading: 1Samuel 16.1,6-7,10-13; Psalm: 23; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 5.8-14;

Gospel: John 9.1-41. **Intention:** 10.00am: People of the Parish

11.30am: James Cournane [RIP]

Monday 16th March: Lent Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 65.17-21; Psalm: 29; Gospel: John 4.43-54. **Intention:** Special Intention.

Tuesday 17th March: St. Patrick [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Jeremiah 1.4-9; Psalm: 116; Gospel: Luke 10.1-12,17-20. **Intention:** Mary and Thomas Flaherty [RIP, A]

Wednesday 18th March: Lent Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 49.8-15; Psalm: 144; Gospel: John 5.17-30. **Intention:** Bridie Lally [RIP, A]. **Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reflection and Benediction at 11.00am.**

Thursday 19th March: St. Joseph [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: 2Samuel 7.4-5,12-14,16; Psalm: 89; 2nd Reading: Romans 4.13,16-18,22; Gospel: Matthew 1.16,18-21,24. **Intention:** Special Intention.

Friday 20th March: Lent Feria [9.30am/6.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Wisdom 2.1,12-22; Psalm: 33; Gospel: John 7.1-2,10,25-30. **Intention:** Ellen and Edward Thompson [RIP]

6.30pm: Meditative Stations of the Cross. Followed by Mass. Intention: Hannah O'Leary [RIP].

Saturday 21st March: 5th of Lent, Year A [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Ezekiel 37.12-14; Psalm: 130; 2nd Reading: Romans 8.8-11; Gospel: John 11.1-45. **Intention:** Ilda Jesus and Felisberto Marques [RIP, A].

Sunday 22nd March: 5th of Lent, Year A [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Ezekiel 37.12-14; Psalm: 130; 2nd Reading: Romans 8.8-11; Gospel: John 11.1-45. **Intention:** 10.00am: People of the Parish
11.30am: Remo, Linda and Enrico Beltrami [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]