



## St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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OFFICE: By Appointment.



**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A**

**17TH MAY, 2026**

### **THEME: Witnesses needed**

On the seventh Sunday of Easter, we always read from the seventeenth chapter of John's Gospel. As Jesus prepares to return to his Father, he is in the midst of a long prayer for his disciples. This entire chapter is a prayer by Jesus, commending himself to the Father and expressing his care and concern for his disciples. It is a prayer for unity even though Judas is no longer among the disciples. Jesus asks his Father to seal and strengthen the disciples as they will now be the ones to carry out the work begun by Jesus. He especially asks that they not be influenced by the evil one.

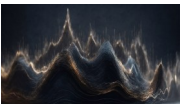


**MEDITATE:** Jesus' mission was to show people what God was like.

**ACT:** When have I sensed I share in Jesus' mission to be the face of God?

### **WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY**

focusing on the theme "Preserving Human Voices and Faces". Announced by Pope Leo XIV, this theme emphasizes maintaining human dignity, empathy, and judgment in an age dominated by AI, algorithms, and deepfakes



### **DEMENTIA CARERS SUPPORT GROUP**

Do you care for someone who is living with Dementia (incl. Alzheimer's)? We next meet in the Parish Hall on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May between 12.00noon - 2.00pm**. COME AND BE SUPPORTED. For further information please contact Frank Arrojo on 07867 903917 (email [frankj.arrojo@gmail.com](mailto:frankj.arrojo@gmail.com)).

Online meeting: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May between 4.00 – 6.00pm



### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

There will be a rehearsal for the children preparing to receive their First Holy Communion in church at 10.30am on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. The children will go on to receive the Eucharist on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am. Please keep the children, their families and catechists in your prayers

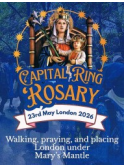
## **LIVE STREAMING 24/7 - FOR YOUR AWARENESS**

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.*

**SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 11.00am**

***Please come along and help decorate the Church and the Hall.  
More hands make light work!***

**WEMBLEY EVENT DAYS**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>, **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> [International Day]**, Monday 25<sup>th</sup>.



### **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 SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER - Psalter Week 3**

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 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]

**Monday 18th May: Easter Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 19.1-8; Psalm: 67; Gospel: John 16.29-33. **Intention:** Mary O'Neill [RIP]

**Tuesday 19th May: Easter Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 20.17-27; Psalm: 67; Gospel: John 17.1-11. **Intention:** Elizabeth Shaw and family Intentions.

**Wednesday 20th May: Easter Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 20.28-38; Psalm: 67; Gospel: John 17.11-19. **Intention:** Hannah O'Leary [RIP]. **Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary for Vocations and Benediction at 11.00am.**

**Thursday 21st May:** **NO SERVICE**

**Friday 22nd May: Easter Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 25.13-21; Psalm: 102; Gospel: John 21.15-19. **Intention:** Jackie Kelly [RIP].

**Saturday 23rd May: Pentecost Sunday, Year A** [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 2.1-11; Psalm: 103; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Corinthians 12.3-7,12-13; Gospel: John 20.19-23. **Intention:** Sadie Horan [RIP, A].

**Sunday 24th May: Pentecost Sunday, Year A** [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 2.1-11; Psalm: 103; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Corinthians 12.3-7,12-13; Gospel: John 20.19-23. **Intention:** 10.00am: Julio Correia [Intention]  
11.30am: People of the Parish

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



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Theresa Lowman, Sandra Warren, 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.

***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]*