



## St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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## SECOND SUNDAY, YEAR A

18TH JANUARY, 2026

### THEME: Witnessing to Jesus Christ.



A Christian, a follower and disciple of Christ, is supposed to be someone who tries to be a good witness to Christ in word and deed. The first and great witness to Jesus in the gospel is John the Baptist, who showed him to people. But even John had to acknowledge that at first he did not know who Jesus really was and that he had to be converted, to learn who Jesus was and what he stood for. Only then could he become a firm witness. And we, do we not have to better learn who Jesus is and what he means to us and to people, so that we can become closer to him and attract people to him?

**MEDITATE:** John proclaims, "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world" [v.29]

**ACT:** Find other images in Scripture and see how they can be used to help yourself and others discover how God works with us and for us.

### PEACE SUNDAY

The theme this year is: "Peace be with you all:

Towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace".

The work of *Pax Christi* is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice.

For more information please contact Pax Christi on [www.paxchristi.org.uk](http://www.paxchristi.org.uk)

You can also donate online.



### PALM CROSSES

In preparation for the Lenten Season please return your Palm Crosses to the church by the beginning of February for use on Ash Wednesday [18<sup>th</sup> February].

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next parents and children's session will take place on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**, at 10.30am in the Parish Hall.

## **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**

If your circumstances have changed please do inform the Parish Office.

## **ROOF REPAIRS - DONATIONS**

Donations towards this project are greatly appreciated, and we thank all those who have kindly donated so far. If you wish to donate via the Card Readers please do so under the **Church Restoration Fund** heading. You can also use the QR Code. If donating via the bank, please send us an email detailing your name, date, and amount and stating that you intend your donation to go towards the Church Restoration Fund. We require this for auditing purposes. ***"Church Restoration Fund" appeal forms are also available by the Donation Boxes.***

### **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 FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT**



## **PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

**MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> February**, we celebrate Candlemas Day. We will be blessing the Church Candles for the year. You are welcome to bring your own candle for it to be blessed. *A range of candles are available from the **REPOSITORY** for those who wish to purchase one for Candlemas Day.*

If you are joining us online, please have your candle ready for blessing.

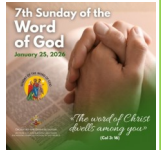
## **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

Will be celebrated on the weekend of **24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> January**.

With the motto: "The Word of Christ dwells among you"

[Colossians 3.16]

The Re-commissioning of Readers will take place at all the Masses.



## **THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP**

A missionary from Bethlehem, the Holy Land, will visit us on the weekend of **21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> February** to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood to help and support the poor Christian families, any help you could give them will be highly appreciated.

## **ST. ERCONWALD'S QUIZ NIGHT WITH FISH AND CHIPS**

### **IN AID OF THE CHURCH RESTORATION FUND**

We will be holding our first **Quiz Night of 2026**, on **SATURDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY**. If you have not attended one of our Quiz Nights, now is the time to test your skills and memory on **General Knowledge**, **Sport** or the **Picture Round**. No mobile usage allowed. This event is open to all so please invite your friends, relatives or neighbours to join your team. You may book a complete table of eight, individual places or small groups. Raffle and bar available, there is the option to book with or without food. Please complete a Booking Form and return to the box marked **RESTORATION FUND** at the back of the Church not later than **Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> January**. We need to know numbers so we can order correct amount of Fish/Chicken/Sausage/Vegetarian and Chips meals. Price £17 [with meal] £10 [without]. **We look forward to seeing you!**



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



For prayer with the Word of God.

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

## **PC/FC MEETING**

The Parish Council and the Finance Committee will be meeting on **WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY** at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

It is important that all members attend this meeting.



## **MASS IN THANKSGIVING**

for the Cardinal's ministry over his sixteen and more years as Archbishop of Westminster. This is to take place on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February** at 5.30pm in the Cathedral. All are welcome.

## **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 SECOND WEEK OF YEAR 2 - 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 18th January: Second Sunday, Year A** [10.00am/11.30am] **Read-**

**ings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 49.3,5-6; Psalm: 40; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Corinthians 1.1-3;

Gospel: John 1.29-34. **Intention:** 10.00am: Betty Sullivan [RIP, A]

11.30am: People of the Parish

### **Monday 19th January: Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1Samuel 5.1-

10; Psalm: 49; Gospel: Mark 2.18-22. **Intention:** Ronald Fernando [RIP, A]

### **Tuesday 20th January: Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1Samuel 16.1-

13; Psalm: 88; Gospel: Mark 2.23-28. **Intention:** Patrick Kissane [RIP]

### **Wednesday 21st January: St. Agnes** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1Sam-

uel 17.32-33,37,40-51; Psalm: 143; Gospel: Mark 3.1-6. **Intention:** Sara and

Benjamin [Intention].

### **Thursday 22nd January** **NO SERVICE**

### **Friday 23rd January: Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1Samuel 24.3-21;

Psalm: 56; Gospel: Mark 3.13-19. **Intention:** John Regan [RIP, A]

### **Saturday 24th January: Third Sunday, Year A** [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Read-

ing: Isaiah 9.1-4; Psalm: 27; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Corinthians 1.10-13,17; Gospel: Mat-

thew 4.12-23. **Intention:** People of the Parish.

### **Sunday 25th January: Third Sunday, Year A** [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 9.1-4; Psalm: 27; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Corinthians 1.10-13,17; Gos-

pel: Matthew 4.12-23. **Intention:** 10.00am: Mary and Pat Cafferkey [RIP, A]

11.30am: Paddy, Nancy and Jacqueline Grealis [RIP, A]

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



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Magdalene Davis, 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.**

*May the Lord Jesus bless, console and strengthen all the sick,  
and may Mary, health of the sick, intercede for them.*

## **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]*