



St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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FIFTH OF LENT, YEAR A

22ND MARCH, 2026

THEME: Come Out of Your Graves



Is it not true that at times we do not live a full life because we are afraid and selfish, we dare not to commit ourselves to one another, and we do not live according to the gospel? If so, are we not more dead than alive? The gospel calls us today to come out of the tombs of our hardness of heart, out of the graves of our fears and selfishness, of everything that keeps us imprisoned. Let us heed the Lord's call to life, to rise with him to joy and love and freedom.

MEDITATE: This emotional and dramatic story is Jesus' last miracle and sign before his own Passion and Death.

ACT: Lazarus was bound by the wrappings of funeral cloth. What are some ways I am still bound and need to be set free?

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

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

PRE-BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

will take place on **Saturday 28th March from 10.30am – 11.30am.**

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 23rd March between 12.00noon - 2.00pm.** COME AND BE SUPPORTED. For further information please contact Frank Arrojo on 07867 903917 (email frankj.arrojo@gmail.com).



Online meeting: Friday 27th March between 4.00 – 6.00pm

FUNEERAL

With sadness we announce the death of Anne Dack. Her funeral will take place on Friday 27th March at 10.00am. The Mass will be live-streamed and recorded. We offer our sympathy to her family and friends. May she rest in 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

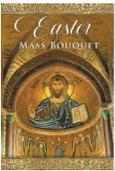
There is a School Street in operation in our area from 8am - 9am and 2.30pm - 4pm. If you enter the following streets Carlton Ave. East, Elmstead Ave. and Princess Ave. during these times, you will receive a fine from the Council.

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.



EASTER MASS BOUQUET



Signed Easter Mass Bouquet Cards are available on the table by the Car Park entrance/exit. If you wish to send an Easter Mass Bouquet to family and friends you can purchase a signed card and use the envelopes provided to name the person for whom the Mass is intended and to make your donation [you can also use the Card Readers]. The Masses will be live-streamed and said during the Easter Season.

REPOSITORY

A selection of Easter cards, Crosses, and Easter Gifts are available from the Repository. Please ask a repository helper if you require any help or need something that you do not see on display. You are most welcome to browse.

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 this 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.

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.

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.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION



Thank you to all who attended, and those who helped stage the event and make the day possible, those who cooked, and those who stayed behind to clear away. Your hard work paid off, thank you. Special thanks to George Harte and his daughter Caroline for the music and to our special guest Irish dancer Molly who dropped in on her way to Trafalgar Square for the London St. Patrick's Day Parade. Also, those who helped with the Tea and Coffee on St. Patrick's Day and to Tom for preparing the Shamrock and to all who came to toast St. Patrick.



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 FIFTH WEEK OF LENT - Psalter Week 1

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 22nd March: 5th of Lent, Year A [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st

Reading: Ezekiel 37.12-14; Psalm: 130; 2nd Reading: Romans 88-11; Gospel:

John 11.1-45. **Intention:** 10.00am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Remo, Linda and Enrico Beltrami [RIP]

Monday 23rd March: Lent Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Daniel 13.1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62; Psalm: 22; Gospel: John 8.1-11. **Intention:** Holy Souls.

Tuesday 24th March: Lent Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Numbers 21.4-9; Psalm: 101; Gospel: John 8.21-30. **Intention:** Claire O'Connor [RIP]

Wednesday 25th March: Annunciation [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 7.10-14; Psalm: 39; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 10.4-10; Luke 1.26-38. **Intention:** Anthony John Blundell [RIP]. **Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reflection and Benediction at 11.00am.**

Thursday 26th March: NO SERVICE

Friday 27th March: 10.00am: Funeral Mass for the Late Anne Dack RIP.

[The Mass will be live-streamed and recorded]

7.00pm: Penitential Service with Absolution.

Saturday 28th March: Palm Sunday, Year A [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 50.4-7; Psalm: 21; 2nd Reading: Philippians 2.6-11; Gospel: Matthew 26.14-27.66. **Intention:** Ita Hanley [RIP].

Sunday 29th March: Palm Sunday, Year A [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st

Reading: Isaiah 50.4-7; Psalm: 21; 2nd Reading: Philippians 2.6-11; Gospel:

Matthew 26.14-27.66. **Intention:** 10.00am: Bridget Donoghue [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: 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]