

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter



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CHRIST THE KING, YEAR A **22ND NOVEMBER, 2026**

THEME: Have You Met Me In The Poor?



The Church year ends with the celebration of Christ the King, and next Sunday the Church's new year starts with Advent. Matthew presents to us the scene of Christ our Lord coming as King in judgement. This scene is the counterpart of the beatitudes, where the poor and the suffering were called blessed. At the judgement the Lord will ask us: "What have you done for the poor and those who weep?" Jesus shows himself here not only as close to the poor and the humble, but he is himself the gentle, the sick, the persecuted. He asks us: "Have you met me in them?" What do we answer him?

MEDITATE: Separating sheep from goats was a familiar routine for the shepherds in Jesus' day.

ACT: Spend a few minutes each night in prayerful gratitude for those who have shown kindness to you.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



This year's **Celebration** will be held **on Sunday, 6th December 2026** from 12.30pm to 4.00pm in the Church Hall. **Three course traditional Indian home-made food**. Bar available, Raffle and live music from the fantastic *Velvet Touch*. Please see the posters for more details. Tickets on sale after Mass. Prices: £20 per Adult; £15 Senior Citizens and £10 children. Family Special: £50 [2 Adults & 2 children]. Limited number of tickets available. After last year's runaway success, early booking is advisable.

***NOTIFICATION**: Photos will be taken during the Celebration. Permission for use is assumed unless advised otherwise.*



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults [RCIA]

The next session will take place on **Wednesday 25th NOVEMBER at 7.00pm.** in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027

The next "Link Mass" will take place on **Sunday 29th November** at the 10.00am Mass.

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.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER 2026

For the Proper Use of Wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

THE PASSAGE CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS - GIVING TREE

As in previous years, we will be supporting "The Passage" during Advent. We will be offering two main options for donating to this very much appreciated cause.



Option 1: Gift Bag Contents [x 50]: Hat, Scarf, Gloves, Socks, 2in1 Shampoo/Conditioner; Shower Gel, Deodorant, Flannel, Towel, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Bar of Chocolate. [You can donate all or some of these items].

Option 2: Money Donation: You can donate money to help with the bulk purchase of some of these items for example Scarves or hats this would be helpful. Just put your donation in the envelope marked "Passage Gifts" and place in one of our "Donation Boxes" in Church.

OPTION 3: OTHER WAYS:

A: Knitting: For example, Scarves which are difficult to source - S.O.S. Knitters!

B: If you work in retail could your company give a discount on bulk buying?

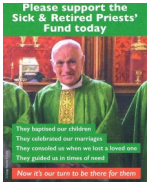
You do not need to supply a gift bag.

Please place your items in the basket provided in Church.

NO CHILDREN'S CLOTHES PLEASE

The "gifts" will be collected on Sunday 20th December, after the 11.30am Mass.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND



Thank you to everyone who donated to the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund collection last week. Your generosity means our sick and retired priests will receive the care and support they need. If you haven't had the chance to make your donation, there is still time. You will find donation envelopes at both entrances to the church. You can donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/SRP - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan to give online. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all our clergy; active, retired and ill. Thank you for your continued support.

ADVENT 2026 – JOURNEYING TO THE CRIB



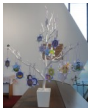
The season of Advent is a time of preparation for the birth of Our Saviour. Listed below are activities and devotions to help us prepare for the coming feast of Christmas and its true meaning.

THE ADVENT WREATH



The Advent Wreath [this can be a simple drawing to colour in, or something more elaborate], consisting of a circle of evergreens, symbolising the eternal nature of God and the continuing and everlasting life that comes from God through Christ. The four candles [3 purple – symbolising repentance - and 1 pink – 3rd week, reminds us that we are drawing nearer to Christmas Day, mark the four weeks of Advent, and attest to the truth of Jesus as the Light of the World [John 3. 17-21]. The "Prayer of Blessing" is available at the back of the Church.

THE JESSE TREE



The name Jesse Tree comes from a Bible passage describing the descent of the Messiah from Jesse in Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot will come out of the stock Jesse, and a branch out of his roots will bear fruit." The Gospels in Luke 3:23-38 and in Matthew 1:1-17 have genealogies of Jesus Christ.

The symbols show some important figures and events from Creation to the birth of Jesus Christ. This year it would be nice if we could make our own version of a Jesse Tree. The ornaments to cut out and colour in, are available at the back of the Church. Adapted from: "Jesse Tree Ornaments" by Kathryn Marcellino. Abundant Life Publishing]

ADVENT GIVING CALENDAR



This Advent Giving Calendar gives suggestions for items to collect each day, reaching out to those going hungry, making a food parcel. Like previous years we will be supporting "The Larder". *Details of when to bring the "food parcels" will be given later*. Available at the back of the Church.

For more Advent resources for all ages please visit: cafod.org.uk/advent

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK



*On Wednesday **9th December, at 11.00am***
followed by soup and rolls in the Parish Hall.
This Mass is for everyone especially the sick and elderly.
[There will be no 9.30am Mass]

Kenbrook: Tuesday December 1st 10.30am
Birchwood Grange: Monday December 14th 11.00am
Brook House: Tuesday December 15th 10.30am

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION WITH ABSOLUTION

Friday 18th December at 7.00pm.

CHURCH CLEANING

If you have any spare time please come along and join us after the 9.30am Mass on Tuesday mornings to help clean God's House.
This is also a good way of meeting others in our parish.

LITURGY FOR THE THIRTY-FOURTH 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 22nd November: Christ the King A [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Ezekiel 34.11-12,15-17; Psalm: 22; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 15.20-26,28; Gospel: Matthew 25. 31-46.
Intention: 10.00am: Keith Allyn Defontaine [RIP, A]
11.30am: Holy Souls

Monday 23rd November: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Apocalypse 14.1-5; Psalm 23; Gospel: Luke 21.1-4. **Intention:** Felix De Souza [RIP, A]

Tuesday 24th November: St. Andrew Dung-Lac [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Apocalypse 14.14-19; Psalm: 95; Gospel: Matthew 10.17-22. **Intention:** Special Intention.

Wednesday 25th November: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Apocalypse 15.1-4; Psalm: 97; Gospel: Luke 21.12-19. **Intention:** Holy Souls.

Thursday 26th November: NO SERVICE

Friday 27th November: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Apocalypse 20.1-4,11-21.2; Psalm: 83; Gospel: Luke 21.29-33. **Intention:** Holy Souls.

Saturday 28th November: 1st of Advent, Year B [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 63.16-17, 64.1,3-8; Psalm: 79; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 1.3-9; Gospel: Mark 13.33-37. **Intention:** Margaret and Barry Walsh [RIP, A]

Sunday 29th November: 1st of Advent, Year B [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 63.16-17, 64.1,3-8; Psalm: 79; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 1.3-9; Gospel: Mark 13.33-37. **Intention:** 10.00am: Bernard Wilson [RIP, A]
11.30am: Holy Souls

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



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Angela Tora, Sue McGovern, Cathy Singer, Martin Geary, Susan Bradley, Radwan Naffa, and Moya O'Reilly.

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]*