



St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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CHRIST THE KING, YEAR C

23RD NOVEMBER, 2025



THEME: Reigning from a Cross

Today we close the Church Year with the solemnity of Christ the King. Throughout this year we have seen before our eyes the birth, the life, the message, the death and the resurrection of Jesus. Today's liturgy sums up some key aspects of why he came among us. He died on the cross for us to show us all the depth of God's love, his boundless mercy on sinners, the promise of paradise to the crucified criminal, the grace of God that accepts us as brothers and sisters of Jesus and the Father's children and heirs. With Jesus we now thank the Father for bringing us forgiveness and life.

MEDITATE: Today's Gospel brings us to Jesus' most painful and apparently most powerless moment in his life.

ACT: Place a crucifix prominently in your home, if you do not have one already.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next "Link Mass" will take place on **Sunday 30th November** at the 10.00am Mass.

FUND RAISING

To celebrate the feast of Saint Francis Xavier the Asian community is organising a Curry Night on **Saturday 6th December**. This will be a ticketed event (80 maximum available). Ticket price £20 per adult; £15 for Senior Citizens and children 12years & under available after Mass from this weekend. Licensed Bar and Live Music. Money raised will go towards the Church Restoration Fund. See Poster for details



FUNERAL

With sadness we announce the death of Sheila Mary O'Hara. Her funeral will take place on Friday 28th November 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.

ADVENT 2025 – 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

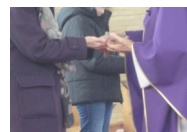
MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK

*On Tuesday 16th 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 9th 10.30am



SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION WITH ABSOLUTION

Friday 19th December at 7.00pm.

MARY’S MEALS COINAGE COLLECTION

is now closed and we have forwarded the proceeds to Mary’s Meals Charity.
Thank you to all who donated to the foreign and old coin collection.

POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER 2025

For the Prevention of Suicide



Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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.

REPOSITORY

The last of the Christmas Cards are now on display on the table near the Repository. Also available 2026 Church Art Calendars, 2026 Diaries, the last of the Advent Calendars and a selection of Christmas gifts including Cribbs.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection last weekend. 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. Donation envelopes are available at each entrance to the church. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. You can donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan to give online.



THE PASSAGE CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS—OPTIONS FOR DONATING

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

ADVENT GIVING TREE

This weekend we welcome Andrew Hollingsworth who will make an appeal on behalf of "The Passage". The "gifts" will be collected on Sunday 21st December.

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 THIRTY-FOURTH WEEK OF YEAR 1 - 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 23rd November: Christ the King [10.00am/11.30am] Readings: 1st

Reading: 2Samuel 5.1-3; Psalm: 122; 2nd Reading: Colossians 1.12-20; Gospel:

Luke 23.35-43. **Intention:** 10.00am: Keith Allyn Defontaine [RIP, A]

11.30am: Felix De Souza [RIP, A]

Monday 24th November: St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions [9.30am]

Readings: 1st Reading: Daniel 1.1-6,8-20; Psalm: Daniel 2; Gospel: Luke 21.1-

4. **Intention:** Holy Souls

Tuesday 25th November: Feria [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Daniel 2.31-45; Psalm: Daniel 3; Gospel: Luke 21.5-11. **Intention:** Curtin Family Intention

Wednesday 26th November: Feria [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Daniel 5.1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28; Psalm: Daniel 3; Gospel: Luke 21.12-19. **Intention:** Holy Souls.

Thursday 27th November: NO SERVICE

Friday 28th November: 10.00am: Funeral Mass for the Late Sheila Mary O'Hara RIP. [The Mass will be live-streamed and recorded]

Saturday 29th November: First of Advent, Year A [5.30pm] Readings: 1st

Reading: Isaiah 2.1-5; Psalm: 121; 2nd Reading: Romans 13.11-14; Gospel:

Matthew 24.37-44. **Intention:** Bernard Wilson [RIP, A].

Sunday 30th November: First of Advent, Year A [10.00am/11.30am] Read-

ings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 2.1-5; Psalm: 121; 2nd Reading: Romans 13.11-14;

Gospel: Matthew 24.37-44. **Intention:** 10.00am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Suzette De Ornelos Gomes [RIP]

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



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Magdalene Davis, Michael Andrew, 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]