

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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PARISH HALL LETS: Suspended until further notice.

THE OFFICE: Closed.



To access the Newsletter please visit:
parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad

THIRD SUNDAY, YEAR B

24TH JANUARY 2021

THEME: Time Is Running Out



"Do not postpone until tomorrow what you can do today," says an old proverb. Unfortunately, we often do the opposite, saying that there will be time enough tomorrow. God's word, though, keeps urging us. The time to do the things of God is now. The time to change is urgent. Repent now, be converted now, God and his kingdom are here with you now. Let us ask the Lord to make us listen now to his Good News and to make it come true among us now.

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

With the Apostolic Letter "Patris Corde" ["With a Father's Heart"], Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX on December 8th 1870. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of St. Joseph" from 8th December 2020 to 8th December, 2021.



PUBLIC MASSES

As we are all aware the Covid Level is at High Alert, and the transmitting rate is also very high. Until further notice, Public Masses will be celebrated on Wednesdays and Sundays [please only book for one of the Masses]. We will re-schedule the number of Public Masses depending on the latest Covid Levels. *All services can be followed online:*

<https://www.churchservices.tv/wembley3>

Please do follow the Government Advice to remain indoors, only go out when necessary, wear a mask, and sanitise your hands.

Keep safe.



Please do feel free to share the information in this newsletter with other members of the parish with whom you have contact. With prayerful best wishes. Keep safe. [Fr. Anthony]

We are in this together, Let us help one another

COMING TO MASS: COVID-19 SAFE ENVIRONMENT

SOME GENTLE REMINDERS

PLEASE STAY AT HOME

- You **must not** attend Church if you or someone you live with has cold or flu like symptoms
- You **must not** attend Church if you or someone you have had contact with has tested positive for COVID-19.
- You **must inform** the Parish Office if you or someone you live with/have had contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19.
- You **must not** mingle with people you do not live with out-side the Church after Mass.

STEWARDS & CLEANERS

A huge **THANK YOU** to all our Stewards & Cleaners. You have ensured that St. Erconwald's is a safe place for fellow parishioners and visitors. Without your help we could not celebrate Public Mass.

APPEAL

We require more Cleaners/Stewards. if you are not shielding or in one of the vulnerable groups please consider volunteering. Please contact Fr. Anthony or Elizabeth for further details.

Booking to come to Mass: Apply using the ticketing system <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad/events/> to reserve a place for you or **places** for your household. When booking please state your full name and in brackets beside it [couple or household]. To cancel the booking, please contact the parish office by phone or email.

Booking by phone if no internet available: *to secure spaces you can call the parish office directly on 020 8904 6031 [press option 2 when prompted] and leave details [full name and telephone number, number of places required - please state if booking for individual, couple or household - please speak clearly]. We will call you back to confirm booking.*

(See website for full details)

If subsequent to booking a place at Mass, you are unable to attend, please ring the office to cancel your booking. Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated and will help prevent disappointment to others.

Be advised that due to Covid-19, the heating will remain off and doors remain open for ventilation. Please wear warm clothing during this cold spell.

Donations and Collection Money: Offertory Envelopes and other donations: there will be a Collection Box at the entrance of the Church - please put envelopes and donations as you enter the Church to facilitate the one way system. Please no coinage at this time. You can also visit:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad/donate/>

You can also donate through Virgin Money Giving by visiting:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad/donate/>

[If you are a tax payer, please Gift Aid your donation]

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – THE YEAR OF THE WORD

MEDITATE: The first words out of Jesus' mouth in Mark's Gospel: "Repent, and believe" [Mark 1.15] become key themes of the whole gospel. Repent is a challenge to turn our lives around. This call demands an immediate response, especially as narrated and understood by Mark's community.

ACT: Using the Rosary, pray the Third Mystery of Light: "The Kingdom of God" [Mark 1.14-15].

Prayer: Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us through the Scriptures. Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another. Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. Amen.
Your word is our path and your truth is our light. This day and every day.

CARITAS VOLUNTEER FAIR

"Step Forward in Love" - Online Event: **Wednesday 10th February from 11.00am-1.00pm**. Whether you want to try volunteering for the first time or are looking for a new role, come and find out what volunteering opportunities are out there at the moment. Please register at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/caritas-volunteer-fair-tickets-1357135339851>



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

Evangelisation - Human fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

CAFOD

Join CAFOD online this coming **Saturday 30th January from 10.30am to 12.30pm** and listen to CAFOD's representative live from Ethiopia talking about how your support is enabling communities gain access to clean water. Contact westminster@cafod.org.uk for registration link and further information.

REPOSITORY

To mark the "Year of St. Joseph", we have a selection of St. Joseph's statues, pictures, medals and prayer cards. Please email:

wembley3@rcdow.org.uk or ring the office on 020 8904 6031 [option 2] for the latest updates regarding the Repository.

Lent and Easter items available for sale from the end of January, 2021.

We apologise for the inconvenience caused.

Of your charity, please remember in your prayers those who have died, and their families. We remember especially: Ronald Fernando.

Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May + they rest in peace. Amen.

LITURGY FOR THE THIRD WEEK OF YEAR 1

At present, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holydays of obligation remains suspended

Private Masses: Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday

Public Masses: Wednesday and Sunday

All services can be followed online: <https://www.churchservices.tv/wembley3>

[Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 10.00am Masses are recorded]

Sunday 24th January: 3rd In Ordinary Time [10.00am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Jonah 3.1-5,10; Psalm: 24; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 7.29-31; Gospel: Mark 1.14-20. **Intention:** Weigan Wilson [RIP, A]

Monday 25th January: Conversion of St. Paul [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 22.3-16; Psalm: 116; Gospel: Mark 16. 15-18. **Intention:** Brian Foley [RIP]

Tuesday 26th January: Ss Timothy and Titus [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: 2Timothy 1.1-8; Psalm: 95; Gospel: Luke 10.1-9. **Intention:** James Murphy [RIP]

Wednesday 27th January: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Hebrews 10.11-18; Psalm: 109; Gospel: Mark 4. 1-20. **Intention:** Susan Brennan [RIP]

Thursday 28th January **NO SERVICE**

Friday 29th January: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Hebrews 10.32-39; Psalm: 36; Gospel: Mark 4.26-34. **Intention:** Josephine Visone [RIP] .

Saturday 30th January: [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Deuteronomy 18.15-20; Psalm: 94; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 7.32-35; Gospel: Mark 1.21-28. **Intention:** People of the Parish.

Sunday 31st January: 3rd In Ordinary Time [10.00am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Deuteronomy 18.15-20; Psalm: 94; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 7.32-35; Gospel: Mark 1.21-28. **Intention:** Denis Buckley [RIP, A]

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

Is on Sunday 31st January. The theme for this year is "A Time to Act". Please visit: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/racial-justice-sunday-2021/>

In case you are admitted to hospital.....

In the light of data protection 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. [Fr. Peter]

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]