



St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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OFFICE: Closed.



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY, YEAR C

24TH AUGUST, 2025

THEME: **THEME: Many Will Come From East and West**



Everyone likes to go to a house where the doors are always open in welcome. That is how Jesus wants the Church to be: a house of welcome open to anyone. Jesus says of himself that he is the gate or the door. He welcomes all who seek him and even goes out of his way to look for people. But at the same time the door is narrow. We have to make an effort to become like Jesus and to serve and love God and people with him and to live in the spirit of the gospel. With Jesus we thank the Father and ask that we too may be open to all.

MEDITATE: The entire Gospel of Luke is set in the context of a journey. The journey serves two purposes. It is a symbol of the Christian life, and it is Jesus' movement towards his destiny.

ACT: Is there anyone in my life who is currently unwelcome? What will be my Christian response?

SEASON OF CREATION [September 1st – October 4th]

The theme is "Peace With Creation" inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18, which envisions a peaceful and secure dwelling for God's people, achieved through justice and a restored relationship with creation.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST 2025

For Mutual Coexistence



Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

SAVE THE DAY: FUND RAISING - THE "FAT PACK"

will present ***Swinging from the Rafters*** [not literally I hope] in the Church Hall at 7.30pm **on Saturday, 20th September 2025**. Live Entertainment & Licensed Bar. **Tickets £8** – see poster. Book on line <https://www.facebook.com/fatpackswing> or see Elizabeth [A joint fundraiser for St. Erconwald's Church and Chameleon's Pan-to Fund]



ROOF REPAIRS UPDATE



With the erection of scaffolding at the back of the Church, there is restrictive use of the Church.

Please exercise caution when moving around the Church.

We are making good progress, thank God. All the side windows are now repaired and the scaffolding on both sides has been removed. Work has also commenced on the big front window [the one with the Red Cross]. Once the work on the front window is finished, scaffolding will go up at the back [on the Sanctuary] to repair the windows at the back and paint the wall.

Scaffolding will also be in place in the Car Park and in the Nursery Garden so a section of the Car Park will be cornered off as a Nursery Play Area.

Just a gentle reminder - In order to facilitate the work, we are asked to vacate the Church immediately after Mass.

We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

We are aiming to keep disruption to a minimum and thank you for your patience and co-operation during this time. Please see noticeboard for photos of repairs to be done. [Fr. Anthony]

DONATIONS

We thank you for your kind donations so far. It is really appreciated. If you wish to donate via the Card Readers please do so under the **Church Restoration Fund** heading. If you prefer to donate 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.

REPOSITORY

The Repository remains closed for the moment.

There will be a limited number of cards available at the weekend.

CHURCH CLEANING

*While works are in progress Church cleaning will take place on **Saturdays at 10.00am.***

If you are available to help on Saturday, please do come and help to clean God's House.

Your help would be greatly appreciated at this time.

THE LARDER

Thank you for your kind donations.

Please leave your donations in the box provided by the Lady Chapel.



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.

RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS – REGISTRATION FORMS

for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion [May 2026]

are available at the back of the Church.

[You must submit a photocopy of your child's Baptismal Certificate if your child was not baptised in this Parish]

The forms need to be returned by the weekend of **30th/31st August**.

Forms arriving after this date will **not** be accepted.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults [RCIA]

Are you, or is someone you know, interested in becoming a Catholic, wishing to be Confirmed, married to, or about to marry a Catholic, or just wishing to know more about the Catholic faith?

Registration Forms will be available later.

THE "ANGELUS"

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary

R. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit

Hail Mary

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done to me according to your word.

Hail Mary

V. [with head bowed] And the word was made flesh

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary....

V. Pray for us O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that, we whom the incarnation of Christ your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

LITURGY FOR TWENTY-FIRST WEEK OF YEAR 1 - 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 24th August: Twenty-First Sunday, Year C [10.00am/11.30am]

Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 66.18-21; Psalm: 117; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 12.5-7,11-13; Gospel: Luke 13.22-30. **Intention:** 10.00am: People of the Parish
11.30am: In Thanksgiving

Monday 25th August: Feria [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: 1Thessalonians 1.2-5,8-10; Psalm: 149; Gospel: Matthew 23.13-22. **Intention:** Tommy Hassan [RIP]

Tuesday 26th August: Feria [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: 1Thessalonians 2.1-8; Psalm: 138; Gospel: Matthew 23.23-26. **Intention:** Stella Murray [Intention]

Wednesday 27th August: St. Monica [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: 1Thessalonians 2.9-13; Psalm: 138; Gospel: Matthew 23.27-32. **Intention:** Kathleen Turner [RIP]

Thursday 28th August: NO SERVICE

Friday 29th August: Passion of St. John the Baptist [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Jeremiah 1.17-19; Psalm: 70; Gospel: Mark 6.17-29. **Intention:** Paddy O'Sullivan [RIP]

Saturday 30th August: Twenty-Second Sunday, Year C [5.30pm] Readings: 1st Reading: Sirach 3.17-18,20,28-29; Psalm: 68; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 12.18-19,22-24; Gospel: Luke 14.1,7-14. **Intention:** Mark Tablet [RIP].

Sunday 31st August: Twenty-Second Sunday, Year C [10.00am/11.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Sirach 3.17-18,20,28-29; Psalm: 68; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 12.18-19,22-24; Gospel: Luke 14.1,7-14.

Intention: 10.00am: People of the Parish
11.30am: Cathy Cox [RIP]

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



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Patrick O'Halloran, Sue McGovern, Cathy Singer, Martin Geary, Susan Bradley, Radwan Naffa, and Yves Remedios.

We remember also those in Kenbrook, Birchwood Grange and Brook House.

*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 Alphonus Liguori]