



## St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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### THIRD SUNDAY, YEAR A

25TH JANUARY, 2026

#### THEME: A Light Has Dawned.



We are convinced that the coming of Jesus was a radical change for the world. With him God's light began to shine on a world plunged in the dark. Today, is all darkness gone from our world? Even from his Church? Is Jesus still our light today? Our lives should reflect God's light on all people far and near. We acclaim Jesus here among us as the light of our life.

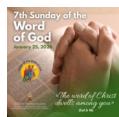
**MEDITATE:** Because the Kingdom of heaven has come near, Jesus invites some fishermen to follow him.

**ACT:** Reflect on what it is about our faith that would act as "bait" to attract those who are searching and questioning.

#### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

"The Word of Christ dwells among you"

[Colossians 3.16]



#### PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

**MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> February**, we celebrate Candlemas Day. We will be blessing the Church Candles for the year. You are welcome to bring your own candle for it to be blessed. A range of candles are available from the **REPOSITORY** for those who wish to purchase one for Candlemas Day.



If you are joining us online, please have your candle ready for blessing.



#### MASS IN THANKSGIVING

for the Cardinal's ministry over his sixteen and more years as Archbishop of Westminster. This is to take place on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February** at 5.30pm in the Cathedral. All are welcome.



#### PALM CROSSES

In preparation for the Lenten Season please return your Palm Crosses to the church by the beginning of February for use on Ash Wednesday [18<sup>th</sup> February].

## **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.*

## **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.

## **QR CODE**

Don't use cash? Prefer to make your offering by phone?

Scan the QR code with your smartphone.

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



## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT**

## **REPOSITORY**

Now available – candles for Candlemas Day [ 2<sup>nd</sup> February]; and various items for St. Bridget's Day [1<sup>st</sup> February] and Our Lady of Lourdes [11<sup>th</sup> February]. We also have Church Art Calendars 2026 and final few 2026 Catholic Diaries and Westminster Yearbooks 2026. 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.

## **TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY – SAINT BLAISE**

There will be "Blessing of Throats" after the 9.30am Mass.

## **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2026**

For prayer with the Word of God.



Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

## THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP



A missionary from Bethlehem, the Holy Land, will visit us on the weekend of **21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> February** to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood to help and support the poor Christian families, any help you could give them will be highly appreciated.

## **PC/FC MEETING**

The Parish Council and the Finance Committee will be meeting on **WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY** at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.  
It is important that all members attend this meeting.

## **OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

On **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February, at 2.00pm**, Cardinal Vincent will celebrate the Annual Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes at the Cathedral, during which anointing of the sick will be offered.

Whilst a ticket is required, it can only be booked through the Parish. There are three categories of tickets available:

- “ 1. Wheelchair users who require anointing,
- “ 2. Walking sick who require anointing,
- “ 3. Those assisting the sick, who **do not** require anointing.

Time is limited, so we require details ASAP and not later than **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February**.

Please email: [wembley3@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:wembley3@rcdow.org.uk) [including your contact details and what category of ticket] or phone the office: 020 8904 6031.

## **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> July 2026. Registration is now open at

<https://pilgrimates.rcdow.org.uk/registration-form/>

or via the Pilgrimage Office on 0207 798 9173



## **ST. ERCONWALD'S QUIZ NIGHT WITH FISH AND CHIPS**

### **IN AID OF THE CHURCH RESTORATION FUND**



We will be holding our first Quiz Night of 2026, on **SATURDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY**. If you have not attended one of our Quiz Nights, now is the time to test your skills and memory on **General Knowledge, Sport** or the **Picture Round**. No mobile usage allowed. This event is open to all so please invite your friends, relatives or neighbours to join your team. You may book a complete table of eight, individual places or small groups. Raffle and bar available, there is the option to book with or without food. Please complete a Booking Form and return to the box marked **RESTORATION FUND** at the back of the Church not later than **Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> January**. We need to know numbers so we can order correct amount of Fish/Chicken/Sausage/Vegetarian and Chips meals. Price £17 [with meal] £10 [without]. **We look forward to seeing you!**

## **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 THIRD WEEK OF YEAR 2 - Psalter Week 3**

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 25th January: Third Sunday, Year A** [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 9.1-4; Psalm: 27; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Corinthians 1.10-13,17; Gospel: Matthew 4.12-23. **Intention:** 10.00am: Mary and Pat Cafferkey [RIP, A]

11.30am: Paddy, Nancy and Jacqueline Greolis [RIP, A]

**Monday 26th January: Ss Timothy and Titus** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

2Samuel 5.1-7,10; Psalm: 88; Gospel: Mark 3.22-30. **Intention:** Pete Nielson [RIP]

**Tuesday 27th January: Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 2Samuel 6.12-19; Psalm: 23; Gospel: Mark 3.31-35. **Intention:** Anne Moloney [Intention]

**Wednesday 28th January: St. Thomas Aquinas** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup>

Reading: 2Samuel 7.4-17; Psalm: 88; Gospel: Mark 4.1-20. **Intention:** Ann Gallagher [RIP].

**Thursday 29th January** **NO SERVICE**

**Friday 30th January: Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 2Samuel 11.1-17; Psalm: 50; Gospel: Mark 4.26-34. **Intention:** Joseph Tomusange [RIP, A]

**Saturday 31st January: Fourth Sunday, Year A** [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup>

Reading: Zephaniah 2.3,3.12-13; Psalm: 146; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Corinthians 1.26-31; Gospel: Matthew 5.1-12. **Intention:** Maria Manuela Marques Ferreira [RIP].

**Sunday 1st February: Fourth Sunday, Year A** [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Zephaniah 2.3,3.12-13; Psalm: 146; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Corinthians 1.26-31; Gospel: Matthew 5.1-12. **Intention:** 10.00am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Sonia McCarthy [RIP, A]

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



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Claudette Roby, Magdalene Davis, 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]*