



St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY, YEAR A

27TH SEPTEMBER, 2026

THEME: We Say At Times A Reluctant Yes.



Quite often we feel within us the tension between what we know to be right and our own interests and inclinations. We usually know what our faith demands and yet we act against it or give only a reluctant Yes. Let us ask Jesus that we may always say Yes promptly with him.

MEDITATE: This story is not about two sons, rather it is about two kinds of religious people.

ACT: Be patient with those who change their minds. Try to meet them where they are.

SEASON OF CREATION 2026

This year's theme, "Living Water," comes from Ezekiel 47.9-12 - a biblical vision of hope and ecological restoration. Ezekiel's message emerged during Babylonian exile after Jerusalem's destruction. Yet his prophecy doesn't end in judgment. The river in Ezekiel 47 shows renewal, and carries distinct environmental meaning: global restoration of life, ecological healing, the interdependence of humanity and the natural world. It brings hope for both humanity and creation.



OCTOBER ROSARY

During the month of October the morning Mass on Wednesdays will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Benediction at 11.00am.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The first parents and children's session will take place on **Saturday 3rd OCTOBER**, at 10.30am in the Parish Hall.

Rite of Christian Initiation of 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?

For Registration Forms please see Fr. Anthony.



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/>

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]

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALL YOUR DONATIONS,
HOWEVER YOU CHOOSE TO GIVE.**

CAR PARK

will be closed on **Tuesday, 29th and Wednesday, 30th September** whilst essential work is being carried out.
We apologise for the inconvenience caused.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th October
Christmas Religious Card and Gift Faire



Our full range of Advent Calendars & Candles; Christmas cards, candles both wax and battery, Nativity Sets, Nativity Tree Decorations, huge selection of Cribs and Nativity Figures. Also on sale November Grave candles, lanterns etc and 2027 Calendars [including Church Art] and Catholic pocket Diaries. Prices to suit all pockets. Parishioners can also reserve items on display. We look forward to seeing you at the Fair. The Fair is organised by the Repository Team, and all money raised goes to St. Erconwald's Church.

SCHOOL OPEN DAYS / FORMS

For School Open Days please visit the schools' websites for details.
If you need any forms signed please see Fr. Anthony to make an appointment.
[A gentle reminder that unless you have been practicing regularly at St. Erconwald's, Fr. Anthony will not be able to sign your child's form.]

CHURCH BENCH

It has come to our attention that a Church Bench has been defaced. A child or children have been allowed to etch into the hand rest of a bench in the Lady Chapel. This is really not acceptable. Whilst we know that this is only a small minority, we are pleased that most parents do supervise and instruct their children on how to behave in God's House. Likewise, children should **not be allowed to light candles without supervision or remove glass inserts** from the shrines. We do not want to see a child get burnt or cut, something that is avoidable. You have brought your child to church because you want them to be part of God's family, which is a good thing, now please help them to learn why we come to church.

NOTICE FOR ALL PARENTS

A reminder that parents should accompany their child to the **toilets**, for their child's safety. The toilet area is accessible to people from outside as well as those in Church. SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN AND THE VULNERABLE should be practised at all times.

ADOREMUS NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

will take place in London this year on **Saturday 10th October**. At 3.00pm there will be a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament from St. George's Cathedral, Southwark, along the South Bank of the Thames, to Westminster Cathedral. **The Procession will finish at 5.00pm with Solemn Benediction at Westminster Cathedral. There will be Mass at 6.00pm**, followed by an All Night-Vigil. Please visit: <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/adoremus/>



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

For the Care of Water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY HARVEST APPEAL 2026

Is on **Friday 2nd October**. Please donate to our *Family Fast Day* parish collection. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at: cafod.org.uk/envelope or call **0303 303 3030**. Envelopes and Prayer Cards are available at both entrances to the Church.



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 TWENTY-SIXTH 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 27th September: 26th Sunday, Year A [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Ezekiel 18.25-28; Psalm: 24; 2nd Reading: Philippians 2.1-11; Gospel: Matthew 21.28-32. **Intention:** 10.00am: Claudette Roby [RIP]
11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 28th September: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Job 1.6-22; Psalm: 16; Gospel: Luke 9.46-50. **Intention:** Moya O'Reilly [Intention].

Tuesday 29th September: Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Daniel 7.9-10,13-14; Psalm: 137; Gospel: John 1.47-51. **Intention:** Michael Rogers [RIP]

Wednesday 30th September: St. Jerome [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Job 9.1-12,14-16; Psalm: 87; Gospel: Matthew 13.47-52. **Intention:** Special Intention.

Thursday 1st October: NO SERVICE

Friday 2nd October: The Holy Guardian Angels [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Exodus 23.20-23; Psalm: 90; Gospel: Matthew 18.1-5,10. **Intention:** Edmond and Eileen Mitchell [RIP, A].

Saturday 3rd October: 27th Sunday, Year A [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 5.1-7; Psalm: 79; 2nd Reading: Philippians 4.6-9; Gospel: Matthew 21.33-43. **Intention:** Rophina D'cunha [RIP]

Sunday 4th October: 27th Sunday, Year A [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 5.1-7; Psalm: 79; 2nd Reading: Philippians 4.6-9; Gospel: Matthew 21.33-43. **Intention:** 10.00am: Edmund Wilson [RIP, A]
11.30am: People of the Parish

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



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Theresa Lowman, Sandra Warren, Angela Tora, Sue McGovern, Cathy Singer, Martin Geary, Susan Bradley, Radwan Naffa, Yves Remedios 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.

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]