

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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PARISH HALL LETS: Suspended until further notice.

THE OFFICE: Closed.

MICROSITE: www.parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad



SECOND OF LENT, YEAR B

28TH FEBRUARY 2021

During Lent, the Church calls us to fasting and abstinence; to prayer; and to reach out to those who are less fortunate than us.

Each Friday we recall the events of Good Friday by fasting in some way.

THEME: On the Mountain... For a moment



We continue our journey through Lent. Where will the road lead us? For Jesus it led to Jerusalem, to the cross. With Jesus we have to take up our cross, but with Jesus we also know that the end will be not death but life, not suffering but resurrection. This consolation may look meagre at times, but for a Christian it is real. We don't have to ask for suffering; but when it comes we take it, like Jesus, for God, for the sake of others. That is why, again like Jesus, we see an encouraging vision on the mountain. God is with us, he sees us, he loves us. We trust him.

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

MEDITATE: Most of us probably think we would welcome the opportunity to see Jesus in his glory. But when Peter, James and John, witnessed the transfiguration, they were both attracted by what they saw and overwhelmed by fear, for here, on the high mountain, they catch a glimpse of his divinity.

ACT: Spend some time in silent meditation each day this week. Afterward, reflect on or jot down a thought or feeling that rose up within you during this meditation time.

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.

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.





THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent is a time of grace, conversion, renewal and healing.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Mondays and Wednesday after the 9.30am Mass, and Friday evening at 6.30pm – private and live-streamed.

PRIVATE PRAYER: The Church will be open for Individual Private Prayer on Wednesdays from 11.00 to 11.30am and from 3.30 to 4.00pm [Please be generous and attend only once.]

Cardinal's Lenten Alms Appeal:

Helps in the evangelization and formation among young people; promotion and strengthening of marriage and family life and our service within society. For more information please visit www.CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk

PRAYER TIME: "Holy Week Voices from the Holy Land"

The reflections for weeks 1 and 2 are on the parish website or the microsite. There are limited copies available from the Repository. Or you may wish to purchase a physical copy directly from Friends of the Holy Land or obtain an electronic/digital version (also priced £7.99), both of which are available from their website: www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

THE PASSAGE

To mark 40 years of service to homeless people this Lent we have produced 40 reflections for Lent each marking a year of service and reflecting on the needs of homeless people today. Please visit: <https://passagereflections.wordpress.com> or the Parish website or microsite.

"THE LARDER"

Like previous years we will be supporting "The Larder" [formerly known as "St. Lawrence's larder"]. Please bring your "food items" when you attend Mass.

THANK YOU

To all who helped in the delivery of our Ash Wednesday Packs. We received numerous emails, texts and telephone calls expressing thanks. We wish to pass our thanks and those from recipients for your help.

CAFOD: LENT FAST DAY



"Will you go the extra mile this Lent" is the theme of this year's Fast Day. Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else.

Please visit www.cafod.org.uk/lent You can Donate on line at www.cafod.org.uk/give or by using one of our envelopes.

CAFOD: WATER POVERTY

Daily Walk? Something positive this Lent. Could you walk 10,000 Steps either on one day or everyday this Lent? The walk could be a sign of your solidarity with all those who do not have access to a safe water source and who have to walk for water each day. Find out more or sign up online at www.cafod.org.uk/walk and go the distance this Lent and help to end water poverty.

COMING TO MASS: COVID-19 SAFE ENVIRONMENT
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.

Booking to come to Mass: Apply using the ticketing system <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad/events/>

Booking by phone if no internet available: you can call the parish office on 020 8904 6031 [press option 2 when prompted]

**(Visit website for the latest regulations for attending Mas,
or see notice on Church door)**

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]

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

*If you are looking for a way to engage your children in the gospel from home, join **CAFOD** for our virtual children's liturgy of the word at 10am GMT this Sunday. Register now to take part here.*

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5095942131288155403>

REPOSITORY

We are operating on an appointment, email, or phone call order system at present.

Currently in stock: St. Patrick's Day Cards, Badges, Medals, etc. Mother's Day Cards and Easter Cards as well as candles, cards, etc. A selection of St. Joseph's statues, pictures, medals and prayer cards. Also, "Candle of Hope" price £1.60, with Pope Francis' "Prayer for Protection from Coronarvirus" on the reverse of the candle.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

Evangelisation - Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.



LITURGY FOR THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

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

Private Masses: Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday

Public Masses: Tuesday, Friday and Sunday

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

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

Sunday 28th February: 2nd of Lent, B [10.00am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Genesis 22.1-2,9-13,15-18; Psalm: 115; 2nd Reading: Romans 8.31-34; Gospel: Mark 9.2-10. **Intention:** People of the Parish

Monday 1st March: St. David [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Philippians 3.8-14; Psalm: 1; Gospel: Matthew 5.13-16. **Intention:** Diana Mazza [RIP]. **Followed by Private Stations of the Cross.**

Tuesday 2nd March: Lent Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 1.10, 16-20; Psalm: 49; Gospel: Matthew 23.1-12. **Intention:** Mary Faherty [RIP].

Wednesday 3rd March: Lent Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Jeremiah 18.18-20; Psalm: 30; Gospel: Matthew 20.17-28. **Intention:** Janet Pearson [RIP]. **Followed by Private Stations of the Cross**

Church open for Individual Private Prayer: 11.00-11.30 and 3.30-4.00pm

Thursday 4th March **NO SERVICE**

Friday 5th March: Lent Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Genesis 37.3-4,12-13,17-28; Psalm: 104; Gospel: Matthew 21.33-43,45-46. **Intention:** Thomas Goldrick [RIP]

Friday 5th March: 6.30pm: Private Stations of the Cross.
[Live-streamed and recorded]

Saturday 6th March: 5.30pm **Readings:** 1st Reading: Exodus 20.1-17; Psalm: 18; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 1.22-25; Gospel: John 2.13-25. **Intention:** Roy Brattesani [RIP].

Sunday 7th March: 3rd of Lent, B [10.00am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Exodus 20.1-17; Psalm: 18; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 1.22-25; Gospel: John 2.13-25. **Intention:** Mary and Richard Govan [RIP]

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]