

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



FOURTH SUNDAY, YEAR B

31ST JANUARY 2021

THEME: Here Is a Teaching That Is New

When priests or teachers speak to you about our faith as if they are reciting a lesson learned by heart, you will probably pay little attention. But when you feel personally addressed, if they speak from their own experience that shows that they deeply believe in what they say, you are eager to listen. That is the way Jesus speaks to us today. He addresses each of us with the force of his own life behind his words. We open our ears and hearts to him.



FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Tuesday 2nd February we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. It will be a public Mass. To book a place please visit the website or ring the office. The Celebration starts with the Blessing of Candles.

You are invited to bring a candle with you to have it blessed.

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.



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>

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: In the gospel we see how Jesus taught the people in the synagogue on this day. First he taught by his words, then by his actions. Words and actions combined to make a powerful statement.

ACT: Call to mind the people who have taught you by their words and actions in the course of your life. Find an appropriate way to thank them for this.

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>

THE SEASON OF LENT



Lent is a time of grace, conversion, renewal and healing. The season starts with Ash Wednesday on 17th February. The Lenten Programme will be available from next week-end.

REPOSITORY

The latest “Sunday Missal” is now available. It contains Sunday and Holy days of Obligation Mass and Readings, including “Three Year Cycle” Calendar up to November 2024.

Also in stock “Candle of Hope” price £1.60, with Pope Francis’ “Prayer for Protection from Coronavirus” on the reverse of the candle.

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: Bishop Pat O’Donoghue, Ronald Fernando and Petra Threlude. Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May + they rest in peace. Amen.

LITURGY FOR THE FOURTH WEEK OF YEAR 1

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

Private Masses: Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday

Public Masses: Tuesday and Sunday

All services can be followed online: <https://www.churchservices.tv/wembley3>
[Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 10.00am Masses are recorded]

Sunday 31st January: 4th 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]

Monday 1st February: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Hebrews 11.32-40; Psalm: 30; Gospel: Mark 5.1-20. **Intention:** Mary Mahony [RIP]

Tuesday 2nd February: Presentation of the Lord [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Malachi 3.1-4; Psalm: 23; Gospel: Luke 2.22-32. **Intention:** Dominic Tiernan [RIP]

Wednesday 3rd February: Ss Laurence, Dunstan & Theodore [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Hebrews 12.4-7,11-15; Psalm: 102; Gospel: Mark 6.1-6. **Intention:** Janet Pearson [RIP]

Thursday 4th February **NO SERVICE**

Friday 5th February: St. Agatha [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: 1Corinthians 1.26-31; Psalm: 30; Gospel: Luke 9.23-26. **Intention:** Mary Govan [RIP] .

Saturday 6th February: [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Job 7.1-4,6-7; Psalm: 146; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 9.16-19,22-23; Gospel: Mark 1.29-39. **Intention:** Giovanni Marcis [RIP, A].

Sunday 7th February: 5th In Ordinary Time [10.00am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Job 7.1-4,6-7; Psalm: 146; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 9.16-19,22-23; Gospel: Mark 1.29-39. **Intention:** Ian Norman [RIP, A]; Delia Bonner [RIP, A]



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.

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]