

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

3RD MARCH, 2024

THEME: True Worship



Today we proceed on our way of Lent to Easter. We are told how Jesus drove the merchants out of the temple. It might be a good time to ask ourselves: what would the Lord wish to be driven out of us so that we become better Christians? What stands in our way of being closer to him in everyday life? What matters for us Christians is that we are attached to the Lord and close to the people he has entrusted to us. Then we can worship him with our whole life.

MEDITATE: For pious Jews of his day, and indeed for Jesus himself, the Temple of Jerusalem was a sacred place. It was the special dwelling place of God in the midst of a holy city.

ACT: Imagine in prayer that your own life is a temple in which God dwells. Imagine that Jesus visits that temple. What will he see that needs to be "driven out"?

PRAYERS FOR THE HOLY LAND

Cardinal Vincent has asked that on **Friday 8th March** there will be a special focus of prayer for the Holy Land across the Diocese. Our regular Lenten devotions that day will be offered for this intention.

Please do make a special effort to take part.



APF/MISSIO

The Spring issue of *Mission Today* is now available for collection.

Please do not forget to keep the Missions in your prayers.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY: BACON & CABBAGE: SUNDAY 10th MARCH



Doors open at 12.30pm. Food will be served from 12.45pm – 2.00pm. After lunch there will be entertainment by George Harte, and a raffle with some fantastic prizes. Tickets: Adults: £10, Family [2 Adults & 2 Children]: £30. Children need to be accompanied by parent/guardian for the duration of the event. Tickets on sale after Mass. *In aid of the Church Refurbishment Fund.*

SEASON OF LENT - OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

"We Dare To Say"



For us Christians, Lent is a time of grace, conversion, renewal and healing. During this season, the Church calls us to fasting and abstinence; to works of self-denial; to personal and communal worship, and to reach out to those who are less fortunate than us. The aim is to help us examine the way we live, to look beyond the surface, and see once more God's presence in the world. Thank you for your support, and have a good Lent.

Stations of the Cross: Weekdays [except Thursdays and Saturdays] at 9.00am. Friday evening at 6.30pm followed by Mass at 7.00pm.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesdays after 9.30am Mass. During the exposition we will follow the booklet "We Dare To Say" There will be Benediction at 11.00am.



Rite of Penance: Every Saturday between 4.30pm and 5.00pm.

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION WITH ABSOLUTION **Friday 22nd March at 7.00pm.**

ST. LAURENCE'S LARDER: Please leave your donations in the boxes provided by the Lady Chapel. Thank you for your donations.

CARDINAL'S LENTEN ALMS APPEAL 2024

All funds raised go towards projects across our Diocese, such as: the evangelization and formation among young people; promotion and strengthening of marriage and family life and our service within society - Caritas Westminster. Cardinal Vincent has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the appeal, with whatever they can afford. Donation box and envelopes are available on the display by the Blessed Sacrament. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. [Please do **not** use the Card Readers in Church]. Thank you for your generosity.



ANNUAL MASS FOR MATRIMONY

The annual Mass for Matrimony will be celebrated in the Cathedral by Cardinal Vincent on **Saturday 25th May at 2.30pm** for couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2024. If you qualify, please contact the Parish Office not later than the weekend 6th/7th April.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: FRIDAY 23rd FEBRUARY



Thank you for giving to CAFOD Family Fast Day appeal this Lent. Your generous donations, given in love, will support families around the world and help them with the resources to feed their families for good. You can still give on line at **cafof.org.uk** and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults [RCIA]

The next session will take place on **Wednesday 6th March** at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

On Saturday **16th March at 10.30am**, the First Holy Communion children will be making their First Reconciliation [Confession].

Please remember the children and their families in your prayers.

CANDLE SAFETY

In the interest of keeping everyone safe:



1. Please use the candle lighters provided.
2. Refrain from holding candles in your hand, these candles are not designed to be held.
3. Please light candles from the top row down, to avoid people reaching over lit candles.
4. Do **NOT** let children play with the glass shades and holders, or allow young children light candles unsupervised.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

For New Martyrs

Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.



NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH: 10th – 18th MARCH

St. Joseph's Church, Maidenhead. You are welcome to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena booklet. Please write to Novena Director, 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead SL6 7GZ or email novenamhm@gmail.com
Please see noticeboard for details.



REPOSITORY

Easter cards, St. Patrick's and Mother's Day cards and religious goods on sale from next Tuesday. Also, as we are in the **Year of Prayer** a wide selection of Prayer reading material, perhaps Lent is an appropriate time to start.

If you require a religious object or a particular card please ask a Repository Helper. You are welcome to browse. We kindly request to ensure that children do not damage Repository items. Damaged goods will need to be paid for. Payments can be made by card reader – pick Repository and follow the prompts.

CHURCH CLEANING

The Church closes for cleaning after the 9.30am Mass on Tuesdays, if you have any spare time please come along and join us.
This is also a good way of meeting others in our parish.

LITURGY FOR THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT - Psalter Week 3

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

[Sunday 11.30am Mass is recorded]

Sunday 3rd March: Third of Lent, Year B: [10.00/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Exodus 20.1-17; Psalm: 18; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 1.22-25; Gospel: John 2.13-25. **Intention:** 10.00am: People of the Parish
11.30am: Ellen and Edward Thompson [RIP, A]

Monday 4th March: Lent Feria: [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: 2Kings 5.1-15; Psalm: 78; Gospel: Luke 4.24-30. **Intention:** John Harkin [RIP].

Tuesday 5th March: Lent Feria [[9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Daniel 3.25,34-43; Psalm: 24; Gospel: Matthew 18.21-35. **Intention:** Pat O'Rourke [RIP].

Wednesday 6th March: Lent Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4.1,5-9; Psalm: 147; Gospel: Matthew 5.17-19. **Intention:** Maria Gazzi [RIP]. *Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reflection and Benediction at 11.00am.*

Thursday 7th March: NO SERVICE

Friday 8th March: Lent Feria: [9.30am/7.00pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Hosea 14.2-10, Psalm: 80; Gospel: Mark 12.28-34.

Intention: 9.30am: Cornelius Morley [RIP]

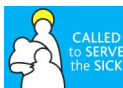
6.30pm: Meditative Stations of the Cross.

7.00pm: Christina Killian [RIP]

Saturday 9th March: Fourth of Lent, Year B: [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: 2Chronicles 16.14-16,19-23; Psalm: 136; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 2.4-10; Gospel: John 3.14-21. **Intention:** Donald Coyle [RIP]

Sunday 10th March: Fourth of Lent, Year B: [10.00/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: 2Chronicles 16.14-16,19-23; Psalm: 136; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 2.4-10; Gospel: John 3.14-21. **Intention:** 10.00am: People of the Parish
11.30am: Michael O'Toole [RIP]

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Martin Geary, Susan Bradley, Helga Ojinmah, Mary Owen, Margaret Beeby, Radwan Naffa, Kathryn McGinnis, Sheila O'Hara, 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.

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]