



St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

3RD MAY, 2026

THEME: Jesus Is the Way

"Where are you going in life, or what are you living for?" is the most important question to ask ourselves, one another, the Church, our people. Many do not know the answer to give to this. Even, we, Christians at times feel lost. Yet we should not, for we have Jesus who shows us the way, who is our way, to God, to ourselves, to people. Jesus is not only our way but he is our companion on the road. Let him show us his way this week.



MEDITATE: "Do not let your hearts be troubled" [Jn 14.1]. This invitation of Jesus to the apostles is the same invitation he gives to each one of us.

ACT: What causes your heart to be troubled? Pray for the help you need to listen and obey Jesus' words.

MANDATORY TRAINING FOR ALL STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Louise Mahon, Head of Health & Safety in the Diocese will be holding a training session on Health & Safety, Fire Warden and Martyn's Law [**now required under Law and for Insurance purposes for all Public Places**] **on Saturday 9th May 2026 at 10.30am**, in St. Erconwald's Parish Hall. The training should take 2.5hrs. If you are unable to attend this session we will advise you, where and when you can complete this training. Tea/Coffee and Juice with biscuits and cake will be served on the day. Louise needs to know numbers in order to have enough training material for the session. We will be requiring Fire Marshalls at all Masses, so please volunteer, we would like as many parishioners as possible to attend on Saturday, we need to know by **Tuesday, 5th May 2026** you can either fill out the form or email wembley3@rcdow.org.uk

PRIEST TRAINING FUND - THANK YOU

for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available at each entrance to the church. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information or to make your donation online visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations



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.

QR CODE

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

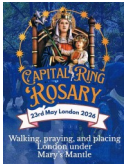
Scan the QR code with your smartphone.

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



THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALL YOUR DONATIONS.

RADIO MARIA – PENTECOST EVENT – SATURDAY 23rd MAY



St. Erconwald's Church has been chosen to act as a meeting point for the Rosary Pilgrims before they begin their walk. Our "Route" is through Preston Park, then through streets to Fyrent Country Park, Brent Reservoir, along the banks of the river to Hendon Park. If taking part please wear appropriate footwear and clothing and bring plenty of water. For more information and to register please visit <https://radiomariaengland.co.uk/capital-ring-rosary/>. Details on the noticeboard.

PROCESSION OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN

The May procession **at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, Nicoll Road, NW10 9AX**, will take place on **Sunday May 10th at 3pm**, and the Preacher will be Fr Nigel Woollen, Parish Priest of Our Lady of Victories, Kensington. The intention of the Procession is the Protection of London, and for Peace.

REGINA CAELI

["Queen of Heaven" is a prayer addressed to the Blessed Virgin Mary that is used during the Easter Season, from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. During this season, the Marian Prayer takes the place of the traditional *Angelus*.]

V. O Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia

R. For He Whom you were worthy to bear. Alleluia

V. Has risen as He said. Alleluia

R. Pray for us to our God. Alleluia

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.

R. For the Lord has risen indeed, Alleluia.



Let us pray:

God our Father, you give joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PENTECOST SUNDAY: 24th MAY 2026 - INTERNATIONAL DAY

On the feast of Pentecost we celebrate our "Unity in Diversity" and the different cultures, food and traditions that are part of our Parish. This event is a wonderful, joyous celebration, and it requires a lot of work. **We need as much help as possible**. Tickets will be on sale after Mass: Adults: £15, Senior and Children over 12 years: £10, Family Special [2Adults and 3Children]: £45. In aid of the Church Restoration Fund.



FLAGS: *A sheet is provided at the back of the Church for you to write your country of origin/heritage. We will use the information to ensure that we have flags representing all the different parts of the world that make up our community.*

INTERNATIONAL CUISINE: As in the past, we will be asking people to provide National Dishes. Currently, we have Jerk/Kentucky Fried Chicken, Home cooked Ham, Baked Pasta and Salmon. We would like to have food from as many cultures as possible, perhaps consider making a traditional family dish either as a main course or dessert, or nibbles [i.e. prawn crackers etc.]

We need enough of each dish to serve 10 or more people, perhaps two or more people could cook the same dish. We would like people to volunteer to co-ordinate the food. Please complete the food sheet form at the back for the Church.

*[Due to Data Protection Laws, we can no longer leave out lists as in the past, so if you could complete the forms at the back of the church to indicate your donation of food/drink. Then post these forms into the box provided, we would be most grateful. **Please, do not leave completed forms with your details on the table.**]*

RAFFLE: Tickets are available on the pews and at both entrances to the Church to buy for yourself or to sell to your family, friends and neighbours. Please put counterfoils and money into the box provided. Do not leave completed tickets on tables. Counterfoils/unsold tickets need to be returned not later than Saturday morning 23rd May. To be drawn on Sunday 24th May, 2026.

ENTERTAINMENT: *There will be live music. If anyone would like to contribute to the entertainment on the day, please let us know.*

CHURCH GARDENS CLEAN-UP

We would love to see the Gardens looking good for Pentecost and the First Holy Communion. We are calling on volunteers, once again to come on **Saturday 16th May** 2026, to root out those weeds, cut back the hedges etc. Please only volunteer if you are fit and able, as we would not like anyone to hurt themselves.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY 2026

That everyone might have food.

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



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 FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER - Psalter Week 1

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 3rd May: Fifth of Easter, Year A [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st

Reading: Acts 6.1-7; Psalm: 33; 2nd Reading: 1Peter 2.4-9; Gospel: John 14.1-

12. **Intention:** 10.00am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Tom McEvaddy [RIP, A]

Monday 4th May: The English Martyrs [10.00am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Hebrews 11.32-40; Psalm: 31; Gospel: Matthew 10.17-22. **Intention:** John Terence Sugrue [RIP]

Tuesday 5th May: Easter Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 14.19-28; Psalm: 144; Gospel: John 14.27-31. **Intention:** Matilda Boston-Mammah [RIP].

Wednesday 6th May: Easter Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 15.1-6; Psalm: 121; John 15.1-8. **Intention:** Bridie and Eddie Thompson [RIP, A]. **Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary for Vocations and Benediction at 11.00am.**

Thursday 7th May: **NO SERVICE**

Friday 8th May: Easter Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 15.22-31; Psalm: 56; Gospel: John 15.12-17. **Intention:** Mollie and Leo Hannigan [RIP, A].

Saturday 9th May: Sixth of Easter, Year A [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 8.5-8,14-17; Psalm: 65; 2nd Reading: 1Peter 3.15-18; Gospel: John 14.15-21. **Intention:** Breda Moore [Intention].

Sunday 10th May: Sixth of Easter, Year A [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Acts 8.5-8,14-17; Psalm: 65; 2nd Reading: 1Peter 3.15-18; Gospel: John 14.15-21. **Intention:** 10.00am: Bartley McDonagh [RIP, A]
11.30am: Crystal Rosario [RIP, A]

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



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Magdalene Davis, Angela Tora, Claudette Roby, Sue McGovern, Cathy Singer, Martin Geary, Susan Bradley, Radwan Naffa, and Yves Remedios.

We remember also those in Kenbrook, Birchwood Grange and Brook House.

*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]