



## St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY, YEAR C**

**7TH SEPTEMBER, 2025**

### THEME: **Conscious Discipleship**



At first sight it looks contradictory that on the one hand Jesus presents his message and even himself as an invitation, a free offer that we can either accept or reject; and on the other hand as a strict demand. Today's gospel sheds light on this paradox: Yes, what he offers us is a present, and no one is forced to accept it. We remain free, but if we accept it, it will be demanding, Jesus and his kingdom are to be put above even our dearest relationships and desires. So,

we have to think twice before we accept. But we must know that with him and by his strength we can answer his call, however difficult, and we will be happy.

**MEDITATE:** Today's gospel serves as just one more wake-up call in a series of such calls we have heard these past weeks.

**ACT:** In what concrete way does this gospel invite me to carry the cross?

### **DAY OF PRAYER**

The Cardinal has asked us to mark **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September**,

Our Lady of Sorrows, as a day on which there is particular prayer for peace in the Holy Land, and especially for all those who suffer in Gaza.

### **SAVE THE DAY: FUND RAISING - THE "FAT PACK"**

will present ***Swinging from the Rafters*** [not literally I hope] in the Church Hall at 7.30pm **on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> September 2025**. Live Entertainment & Licensed Bar. **Tickets £8** – see poster. Book on line <https://www.facebook.com/fatpackswing> or see Elizabeth [A joint fundraiser for St. Erconwald's Church and Chameleon's Pan-to Fund]



### **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]**



## **ROOF REPAIRS UPDATE**



With the erection of scaffolding at the back of the Church, there is restrictive use of the Church.

Please exercise caution when moving around the Church.

We are making good progress, thank God. All the side windows are now repaired and the scaffolding on both sides has been removed. Work is nearing completion on the big front window [the one with the Red Cross]. Scaffolding has gone up at the back [on the Sanctuary] to repair the windows at the back and paint the wall.

Scaffolding is also in place in the Car Park and in the Nursery Garden so a section of the Car Park is cornered off.

We are aiming to keep disruption to a minimum and thank you for your patience and co-operation during this time. [Fr. Anthony]

## **DONATIONS**

We thank you for your kind donations so far. It is really appreciated. If you wish to donate via the Card Readers please do so under the **Church Restoration Fund** heading. You can also use the QR Code on the front of the newsletter, or displayed in the Church. If you prefer to donate via the bank, please send us an email detailing your name, date, and amount and stating that you intend your donation to go towards the Church Restoration Fund. We require this for auditing purposes. ***“Church Restoration Fund” appeal forms are also available by the Donation Boxes.***

## **REPOSITORY**

The Repository remains closed for the moment.

There will be a limited number of cards available at the weekend.

## **CHURCH CLEANING**

*While works are in progress Church cleaning will take place on **Saturdays at 10.00am**. If you are available to help on Saturday, please do come and help to clean God's House.*

***Your help would be greatly appreciated at this time.***

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October, Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, at 11.00am followed by Soup and Rolls.

### **FUND RAISING EVENT**

QUIZ NIGHT - SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> October, from 6.30pm.

### **CHRISTMAS CARD AND GIFT FAIR**

Weekend of 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> October

### **MASS FOR BEREAVED PARENTS**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm

Followed by Refreshments in the Parish Hall

## **WELCOME BACK**

Welcome back to all who have been away, and welcome to St. Erconwald's Parish any newly-arrived parishioners.



## **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.*

## **Rite of Christian Initiation for 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?*

*Please see Fr. Anthony for more details.*



## **SCHOOL OPEN DAYS / FORMS**

For School Open Days please see noticeboard or 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.]***

## **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/>

**Via Dona [the company who supply our card readers].**

<https://portal.mydona.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=268>

### **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]**

### **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES & GIFT AID**

If your circumstances have changed please do inform the Parish Office.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT**



## **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2025**

**For Our Relationship With All Of Creation**

Let us pray that, inspired by St. Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

## **LITURGY FOR TWENTY-THIRD WEEK OF YEAR 1 - Psalter Week 3**

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 7th September: Twenty-Third Sunday, Year C [10.00am/11.30am]**

**Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Wisdom 9.13-18; Psalm: 90; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philemon 9-10,12-17; Gospel: Luke 14.1,25-33. **Intention:** 10.00am: People of the Parish  
11.30am: Ronald Fernando [RIP]

**Monday 8th September: Nativity of BVM [9.30am]** **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Micah 5.1-4; Psalm: 12; Gospel: Matthew 1.1-16. **Intention:** For peace in Ukraine and the Middle East.

**Tuesday 9th September: Feria [9.30am]** **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Colossians 2.6-15; Psalm: 144; Gospel: Luke 6.12-19. **Intention:** George Shaw [RIP, A]

**Wednesday 10th September: Feria [9.30am]** **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Colossians 3.1-11; Psalm: 144; Gospel: Luke 6.20-26. **Intention:** Billy Cantillon [RIP, A]

### **Thursday 11th September: NO SERVICE**

**Friday 12th September: Feria [9.30am]** **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Timothy 1.1-2,12-14; Psalm: 15; Gospel: Luke 6.39-42. **Intention:** Stella and John Rocha [RIP, A]

**Saturday 13th September: Exaltation of the Cross [5.30pm]** **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Numbers 21.4-9; Psalm: 77; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 2.6-11; Gospel: John 3.13-17. **Intention:** People of the Parish.

**Sunday 14th September: Exaltation of the Cross [10.00am/11.30am]** **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Numbers 21.4-9; Psalm: 77; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 2.6-11; Gospel: John 3.13-17. **Intention:** 10.00am: Mark Featherstone [RIP, A]  
11.30am: Willie, Pat and Matt Thompson [RIP, A]

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



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Magdalene Davis, Michael Andrew, Patrick O'Halloran, Sue McGovern, Cathy Singer, Martin Geary, Susan Bradley, Radwan Naffa, 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.**

*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]*