



## St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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**THIRD OF LENT, YEAR A**

**8TH MARCH, 2026**

### **THEME: Living Water**

The liturgy of today reminds us strongly of our baptism. It is the water that began to quench our thirst for all that is good and worthwhile, above all for God himself. It is the water that never dries up; for baptism is not just a ritual but life, a new way of living, a lasting attachment to the person of Christ and union with the community of the Church. It is the life of Christ that keeps growing in us. Jesus himself nourishes this life.



**MEDITATE:** In the meeting between Jesus and the Samaritan woman, we have a story with many levels of meaning.

**ACT:** In your own quiet, be in the presence of Jesus and listen to him as he did to the Samaritan woman.

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

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am.** Followed by soup and rolls.

[This Mass is for everyone especially the sick and the elderly

There will be **NO** 9.30am Mass]

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

### **REPOSITORY**

Easter cards, St. Patrick's and Mother's Day cards and religious goods are now available at the repository.

### **ST. PATRICK'S DAY: BACON & CABBAGE/IRISH STEW** **SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> 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: £20; Senior: £15; Children: £10; Family Special [2 Adults & 2 Children]: £45. Children need to be accompanied by parent/guardian for the duration of the event. Please choose from

Stew or the Bacon & Cabbage Meal. The ticket you purchase will reflect your choice and it will be exchanged for the meal you have chosen on the day. *In aid of the Church Restoration Fund.* Tickets on sale after Mass

## **FUNERAL**

With sadness we announce the death of Anna Curran. Her funeral will take place at St. Joseph's, Wembley on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March, at 11.30am. She will be received into the Church on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 5.00pm. We offer our sympathy to her family and friends. May she Rest in Peace.

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

On Saturday **14<sup>th</sup> 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.

The "Link Mass" will take place on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March at the 10.00am Mass**

## **MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MATRIMONY**

**Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony  
Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 23rd May 2026 at 2:30pm.**

The Archbishop is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2026. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please contact the parish office by the **weekend of 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> April**, with the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and contact email (or telephone number, if no email).

## **NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH: 10<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> 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 [nove-namhm@gmail.com](mailto:nove-namhm@gmail.com) Please see noticeboard for details.



## **APF/MISSIO**

The *Mission Today*, Spring edition is now available for collection.

Please do not forget the ongoing needs of the Missions and thank you for your generosity to date.

## **CAFOD – THANK YOU**



CAFOD is deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to the recent CAFOD appeal. Your donations will make a real difference, helping to support communities facing poverty, crisis, or injustice around the world. Thank you for your contributions.

## **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.*

## SEASON OF LENT - WE DARE TO ASK

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.



**Stations of the Cross:** Weekdays [except Thursdays and Saturdays] at 9.15am. Friday evening at 6.30pm followed by Mass.



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

**Lenten Talks:** will take place on Wednesday evening 7.00 – 8.00pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

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

### **SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION WITH ABSOLUTION Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm.**

**LENTEN APPEAL 2026:** Helps fund vital projects across our Diocese, including: Youth & Evangelisation, Social Action, Marriage & Family Life, and Education. 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.



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



**REPOSITORY:** A selection of Lenten Books, Statues, various sizes, Rosaries, Crosses, Cards for all occasions. If you require assistance please ask any of the Repository helpers.

## **EASTER REMEMBRANCE**



The Easter Vigil and the Easter Sunday Masses will be offered for the repose of the souls of our deceased relatives and friends. If you would like to have your loved ones, family members, and friends included in the intentions of these Masses, please complete the *Form* provided, and place it, together with a donation, in the box marked "Easter Remembrance". Donations go towards the decoration of the Church at Easter.

## **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH 2026**

For disarmament and peace.

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



## **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 THIRD WEEK OF LENT - 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 8th March: 3rd of Lent, Year A** [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup>

Reading: Exodus 17.3-7; Psalm: 95; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 5.1-2,5-8; Gospel: John 4.5-42. **Intention:** 10.00am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Patsy and Eddie Murphy [Intention]

**Monday 9th March: Lent Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 2Kings 5.1-15; Psalm: 42; Gospel: Luke 4.24-30. **Intention:** Tony McGovern [RIP]

**Tuesday 10th March: 11.00am: Mass with Anointing of the Sick**

**Wednesday 11th March: Lent Feria** [9.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Deuteronomy 4.1,5-9; Psalm: 147; Gospel: Matthew 5.17-19. **Intention:** Wilson Family Intentions. **Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reflection and Benediction at 11.00am.**

**Thursday 12th March NO SERVICE**

**Friday 13th March: Lent Feria [9.30am/6.30pm]** **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Hosea 14.1-9; Psalm: 81; Gospel: Mark 12.28-34. **Intention:** Michael Kelly [RIP]

**6.30pm: Meditative Stations of the Cross. Followed by Mass. Intention:** Martin Nevin [RIP].

**Saturday 14th March: 4th of Lent, Year A** [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1Samuel 16.1,6-7,10-13; Psalm: 23; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 5.8-14; Gospel: John 9.1-41. **Intention:** Valentine Rosario [RIP, A].

**Sunday 15th March: 4th of Lent, Year A** [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1Samuel 16.1,6-7,10-13; Psalm: 23; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 5.8-14; Gospel: John 9.1-41. **Intention:** 10.00am: People of the Parish  
11.30am: James Cournane [RIP]

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



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: 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]*