

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate and welcome into the church community, Jude Thomas O'Donnell who was baptised last week in our church. Please pray for them and their families.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Fridays in Lent: Stations of the Cross after **Friday 7 Apr:** Day of Eucharistic Adoration.
12.30pm Mass & 7pm in OLSG. 7.30pm in OLW. 9.30am concluding 7pm with Latin Mass.

LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASS TIMES

Sun 19 March 3rd SUNDAY IN LENT *Ps week 3*

Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42 (p.158)

Mass - **OLSG:** 8am, 9.15am, 10.30am, 12 noon, 6pm **OLW:** 9am, 10.30am

Mon 20 March S JOSEPH, Spouse of BVM, Patron of the Diocese (transferred)

HFC: 7.30am Mass **OLSG:** (10am-12noon church cleaning) 12.30pm Mass,
6pm Funeral Mass of Eamon Gunn RIP

Tue 21 March Lent Feria

HFC: 7.30am Mass, 7-8pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

OLSG: 12.30pm Mass

Wed 22 March Lent Feria

OLW: 10am Mass **OLSG:** 12.30pm Mass;

HFC: 8-gpm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thu 23 March Lent Feria

OLW: 10am Mass **OLSG:** 12.30pm Mass

HFC: 4.45-5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Fri 24 March Lent Feria

OLSG: 12.30pm Mass followed by Stations of the Cross ; 7pm Stations of the Cross. **OLW:** 7.30pm Stations of the Cross

Sat 25 March THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

OLSG: 9.30am Mass (followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament);
10.45am Benediction; 10-11am Confessions; 5pm Evening Prayer followed by
Adoration until 5.45pm; 5.15-5.45pm Confessions; 6pm Mass

Sun 26 March 4th SUNDAY IN LENT *Ps week 4*

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41 (p.164)

Mass - **OLSG:** 8am, 9.15am, 10.30am, 12 noon, 6pm **OLW:** 9am, 10.30am

In **OLSG:** On weekdays the Litany, Angelus and Rosary are said at 12 noon,
before 12.30pm Mass.

OLSG: Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Saint George,
45 London Road

OLW: Our Lady of Walsingham, Holtwhites Hill

HFC: Holy Family Convent, 52 London Road

OLSG is open daily for private prayer: Monday-Friday 7am-8.30pm; Saturday-Sunday 7am-7pm



Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Saint George

with Our Lady of Walsingham & the English Martyrs

No. 1368

Third Sunday in Lent

19 March 2017

THE DIGNITY AND RIGHTS OF WORKERS

At the moment you only have to open a newspaper to see a story about workers' rights. This last week we have seen strikes on trains, lorry drivers being paid an unjust wage and workers not being able to wear religious symbols and signs of their faith at work.

Catholic Social Teaching is very clear about dignity in the work place, it is not just about a fair wage, but is also concerned with the quality of life that a worker will have. Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical *Rerum Novarum* wrote 'The condition of the workers is the question of the hour. It will be answered one way or another, rationally or irrationally, and which way it goes is of the greatest importance to the state'. The words he wrote in 1891 still ring true today. Pope Leo XIII was influenced by Cardinal Manning of Westminster who shared the horrific conditions and saw the treatment of the dock workers of east London.

In Britain today we have a minimum wage and there is the target of a living wage. These are important in helping a worker have dignity. We hear of cases where a person may have to hold down three jobs just to simply live, especially in our own city of London where living expenses are not cheap.

Work is important, it is not punishment or a necessary evil, nor is it a means of accumulating control, power and wealth. Both of these ideas are contrary to the biblical view of work. We understand work as something intrinsically good, we are co-creators of God's world and work is part of our contribution.

Dignity in work also touches upon work life balance, in some places cultures where people are expected to give more and more to their employers to the detriment of other spheres of our lives. The keystone of this is the importance of the Sabbath, but the principle extends to other areas of our lives and has implications for how we use our own time and how we manage the work of others in our employment.

Each of us has a responsibility for the dignity of workers. Do we buy things that are made or delivered in unjust ways? Do we engage with companies that use their workers rather than see their dignity? Do we know how the goods that we buy got to us? If not then perhaps we should look a bit deeper to see how the workers are treated? Then we can make sure they live with dignity.

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PARISH NOTICES

Please pray for those who have died: Ellen Bolger, Anna Marie McCarthy, Una Devin, Mary Coelho, Eamon Gunn and for those whose anniversaries occur about now: Sam Magowan, John Ennis, Sarah McDonnell, Luc Chimwoon, and Sr Rosalina Pike.

Please pray for sick and housebound parishioners: Iris Egerton, Henk Windau, Piet de Jong, Betty de Jong, Daisy Taylor, Mary Kerrin, Anya Diamond, Pat Harwood, Cassy Coelho, Donal Rodgers, Ida Sanderson, Michael Hannigan, Paul Corcoran, Mary Casey, Donal Gray, Betty Jolley and Robert Tillman.

Please collect your Planned Giving Envelopes TODAY. The new envelope year starts on Sunday 9th April and the boxes of envelopes are ready. Please collect your box before/after Mass today from the back of the church. Thank you for your co-operation.

Fridays in Lent: Stations of the Cross after 12.30pm Mass & 7pm in OLSG. 7.30pm in OLW.

Lenten Alms. This year the Cardinal has asked that the Lenten Alms collection be directed to the Cardinal's Appeal fund. The funds raised will go to support parishes or groups in their work to further the mission of the Church: to serve the evangelisation of youth, to develop marriage and family life projects, and to provide service in society, especially to those on the margins. Please be as generous as you can.

Love in Action: Faith Sharing Group, an opportunity to reflect more fully on the theme of the Sunday homily, 7.30pm. Thursdays during Lent, Challoner room (Presbytery). Refreshments from 7.15pm. All welcome.

Easter Lily. A lily has long been associated with the resurrection of Christ and our hope in eternal life; our parish proudly continues this ancient tradition. You are invited to buy a lily in memory of a departed loved one, by placing £5 donation and the name of the person in an envelope, and leaving it in the Presbytery. The lilies will be used to decorate the Sanctuary during Easter and a Mass will be offered for their names during Eastertide on Friday 5th May at 12.30pm.

RCIA: First Scrutiny of the Elect. Four members of the parish RCIA group were elected by Cardinal Vincent on 5th March to go on to receive sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil Mass on 15th April. Our parish community will celebrate the first scrutiny this Sunday with those who will be baptised. The scrutiny is designed to encourage self-searching and recognition of a need for repentance and conversion not only of the elect but of the whole community so that what is sinful in our hearts is resisted and what is upright and good is strengthened. The scrutiny focuses on the transformation of the life of the tenacious Samaritan woman at the well on her encounter with Jesus who is the living water which saves the world. Let us pray for the elect in our parish and with them as we journey towards Easter.

Retreat for all Eucharistic Ministers & Readers on Sat 1st April, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Great Missenden, led by the Parish Priest, Fr Wayne Coughlin. 10am-4pm. Bring a packed lunch. Cost £5 per person. The coach will leave from OLSG Church at 9am and will be back in time for the Sat evening Mass. Please let Maria know if you will be coming mariamitchell@hotmail.co.uk or let Hilary know (OLW). Please leave £5 at the presbytery for a place on the retreat.

Repository in OLSG - now on sale: Mothering Sunday and Easter cards and many other items. The bookshop is run by volunteers and is open before/after Mass.

Marriage Preparation Course. Fri 28th 7pm-9pm & Sat 29th April 10am-7pm for engaged couples preparing to marry in the Catholic Church. To book, please complete a registration form available from the presbytery reception or email the parish secretary: enfield@rcdow.org.uk

St George's Association Bingo. Alternate Tuesdays in the Parish Centre. Next session 21st Mar from 8pm. Bar, raffle, jackpot game. Free tea & biscuits. Contact Natalie.

Year 9 Youth Group will meet on Friday 24th March 7.30-9pm in the parish centre.

Members from the African and Caribbean communities within the parish are invited to meet in the parish centre after 12noon Mass on Sunday 26th March (and the last Sunday of each future month, unless otherwise stated) to network and plan upcoming activities. Anyone who is unable to attend but interested to learn more should please contact Chika.

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Date for your diary - Cleaning OLW church. Volunteers are needed on Saturday 8th April 9am-12noon to help clean the church for Easter. If you can spare an hour or more, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the noticeboard.

CATECHETICS

Parish Saturday Club in partnership with St Joseph's Pastoral Centre next meet on Saturday 25th March at Our Lady of Walsingham from 3-5pm. If you would like to help, please contact Sybil. If you know of someone who would benefit, please invite them and they will receive a warm welcome.

OTHER NEWS

Come and See - becoming a Permanent Deacon. Men wanting to know more about the permanent diaconate are invited to come to a meeting at St Edward the Confessor, 700 Finchley Rd, NW11 7NE on

Sat 25th March from 10am-12noon. No booking needed. Wives welcome. Contact Deacon Adrian Cullen or Deacon Anthony Clark.

Quiz Night at St. Anne's School on Friday 24th March, 7pm, Upper Site in Palmers Green, N13 5TY. Tickets are £10 each (includes a Ploughman's). Tables of 5-8 people. To book a table email FOSA@st-annes.enfield.sch.uk or call 0208 886 2165.

St. Anne's Catholic School for Girls are in the top 5% nationally of schools in terms of the progress our students make between Key Stage 2 and the end of Key Stage 4 using the new Progress 8 Measure. Congratulations to all students & staff.

The Mayor, Councillor Bernadette Lappage, invites you to her Mayor's Charity Spring Ball on Sat 25th March at the Royal Chace Hotel, The Ridgeway, EN2 8AR. Drinks reception 7pm, 3 course dinner with wine & coffee. Auction, Tombola & Raffle with local musicians entertaining. Carriages midnight. Tickets £60 each. Proceeds to the Mayor's Charity Appeal 'Enfield Sounds Great'. Please contact Koulla Panaretou on 020 8379 4835 or email koulla.panaretou@enfield.gov.uk or Mayor@enfield.gov.uk

From Conflict to Communion: Catholic Lutheran Common Prayer, Sun 26th March at 3pm, St George's Cathedral, Southwark with Archbishop Bernard Longley of Birmingham & Bishop Martin Lind of the Lutheran Church.

Catholic Speed Dating on Friday 24th March, 7.30pm. Many women have registered for this event but we need more MEN. Suggested age range: 20s-40s. £10 entry and cash bar available. All proceeds go towards our free English lesson programme. Address: Austin Forum, Hammersmith W6 8AU. Must register with Gabriella@austin-forum.org.

St Ignatius College Spring Concert, Wed 29th March at 7pm. All are welcome. £3 per adult, £1 per student/child. Light refreshments during the interval.