

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate and welcome into the church community, Angel Lyus, Maryann Ozurumba and Lucy Ravat who were baptised recently in our church.

Please pray for them and their families.

LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASS TIMES

Sun 16 April	+ EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION <i>Acts 10:34,37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9 (p. 251)</i> OLSG: 8am, 9.15am, 10.30am, 12noon (NO EVENING MASS) OLW: 9am, 10.30am	<i>Ps week 1</i>
Mon 17 April	MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER HFC: <u>10am</u> Mass, OLSG: (10am-12noon church cleaning,) , 12.30pm Mass	
Tue 18 April	TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER HFC: 7.30am Mass, 7-8pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament OLSG: 12.30pm Funeral Mass of Brian Murray RIP	
Wed 19 April	WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER OLW: 10am Mass OLSG: 12.30pm Mass; HFC: 8-9pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Thu 20 April	THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER OLW: 10am Mass OLSG: 12.30pm Mass HFC: 4.45-5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Fri 21 April	FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER OLSG: 12.30pm Mass	
Sat 22 April	SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER 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 23 April	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31 (p.255)</i> Mass - OLSG: 8am, 9.15am, 10.30am, 12 noon, 6pm OLW: 9am, 10.30am	<i>Ps week 2</i>

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

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EASTER SUNDAY

16 April 2017

"Why do you look for the living among the dead?" (Luke 24.5)

At the Easter Vigil, we celebrate the light of Christ which we carry, filled with hope, into a world of darkness and uncertainty.

For some of us, the spirit of Easter may be dampened by illness, bereavement, family breakdown, addiction, or unemployment. When life has let us down or when old struggles are succeeded by new ones, we may find it challenging to trust in the victory of God.

Easter is meant to leave us with a very different sense of the present and the future. It offers a reality that is full of joy. Easter proclaims that fear and death are not the end of the story. Indeed, the prayers of Easter assure us that if we keep the memorial of the Lord's paschal solemnity we shall have the sure hope of sharing his triumph over death and living with him in God.

Easter interrupts our lives with the unexpected: "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" (Luke 24.5). This paradoxical question was posed to the three women who arrived at the empty tomb at early dawn on the first day of the week. What they eventually discovered could not be predicted from life's natural cycles; for just as old age is not followed by youth, so Jesus' death could not *naturally* be followed by life.

But there is nothing natural about the Resurrection. It is an event in which time and nature are themselves turned upside down and inside out.

Only as an act of God is the Resurrection possible; and like all acts of God, it is a wakeup call to each of us, that God who raises the dead is more real, more powerful than any crisis or setback we can ever encounter.

For all of us standing at the empty tomb, whatever the circumstances, there is a message of hope. There is hope for those on the peripheries of society; hope for governments and leaders; hope for the Church in this time of purification and renewal, hope for you and for me striving to lead a holy life.

This Easter, with our hearts lit by the unquenchable fire of God's love, we are asked to entrust ourselves to Christ's care as we hope in the divine power that "dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners, drives out hatred, fosters concord, and brings down the mighty." (Easter Proclamation)

To each of you, I wish to extend my prayers and blessings for a hope-filled Easter Season.

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Please pray for those who have died: Brian Murray, Tim Moloney and for those whose anniversaries occur about now: Adenike Gbadebo, Regina Bucknall, Delia Flaherty, John Bennett and Margaret Culverwell.

Please pray for sick and housebound parishioners: Babies Byron and Benjamin Paterson, Iris Egerton, Mary Kerrin, Pat Harwood, Ida Sanderson, Anya Diamond, Betty Jolley, Valerie Warner, Kenneth Cox, George Hall, Paul Worrall, Paul Corcoran, Mary Casey, Mary Gurner, Michael Hannigan, Austin Pickering, Juliana D'Souza -Gomes, Alice Morgan and Sid Smith.

LOVE IN ACTION



Over the past few weeks we have explored the six guiding principles of Catholic Social Teaching and we will now have the opportunity to deepen our understanding and further develop a parish plan for our social action.

Love in Action Workshop:

Friday 21st April (1.15-2.45pm) or (7.30-9pm)
in the Challoner room (Presbytery entrance)

or

Monday 24th April (7.30-9pm) in Our Lady of Walsingham, Holtwhites Hill.

The workshops will be run by a representative of Caritas Westminster.

All are very welcome to attend.

Creating our Love in Action Parish Plan:

Sunday 21st May (3-5.30pm) in the Parish Centre.

PARISH NOTICES

Change to Mass time on Monday 17th April. Mass at 10am in Convent (instead of 7.30am) followed by refreshments. Mass at 12.30pm in OLSG.

Congratulations to those baptized at the Easter Vigil this year: Ana and Barbara Trigueiros, Adetola Fujah, Josef Olah and Lucy Smith; Linden Cooke, received into full communion with the Catholic Church; and

Shauna Finnegan, Rhian Keady and Edelmira Costa Trigueiros, who were confirmed. They warmly thank the parish for the prayers and support they have received during the year.

Celebrating the Feast of St George. On Sunday 23rd April, the 12noon Mass at OLSG will mark the Feast of St George. This will be followed by a **bring and share social occasion** in the Parish Centre. We rely on the support of parishioners and welcome all contributions to the bring and share. Please let us know what you plan to bring by adding your details to the chart in the porch. This year we are inviting the children of the parish to take part in a **competition for the best St George's shield** (please no swords), which will be judged in the parish centre after the 12noon Mass that day. All are welcome.

Thanksgiving Civic Mass. On Sunday 30th April at the 12 noon Mass we will welcome our parishioner, the Mayor of Enfield, Councillor Bernadette Lappage, to thank God for her term in office as Mayor over the past year. All are welcome.

Church Car Park. As from now the only entrance into the car park will be from London Road and the one way service road (off Sydney Road) will be exit ONLY. Please do not enter the car park this way.

Please collect your box of Planned Giving Envelopes from the presbytery. The new envelope year has started already. Please only use the envelopes (pink) in the new box.

Easter Lily. Thank you to everyone who bought Easter Lilies in memory of departed loved ones which are being used to decorate the Sanctuary during Eastertide and a Mass will be offered for the dearly departed on Friday 5th May at 12.30pm at OLSG. The list of names is displayed in the church.

We are looking for new volunteer drivers to join the rota to transport housebound parishioners to/from Sunday Mass. Every Sunday a group of volunteer drivers bring elderly/housebound people who live within the parish boundaries to 10.30am Mass at OLSG on a 15 seater minibus. The commitment of each driver is about one Sunday every six weeks. If you have a clean drivers licence and would like to help, please contact the parish secretary on 020 8363 2569 or email enfield@rcdow.org.uk

New to the Parish. If you are a new parishioner, please come to the presbytery and collect a parish registration form to register. Presbytery reception is situated next to the church (behind the green grass area).

St George's Association Bingo. Alternate Tuesdays in the Parish Centre. Next session 18th April from 8pm. Bar, raffle, jackpot game. Free tea & biscuits. Natalie

Mount Carmel Ladies Group. Guide Dogs for the Blind is the next meeting we look forward to on Thursday 20th April at 1.45pm. Please join us if you would like to in the Parish Centre from 1pm.

Year 8 Youth Club next meet on Friday 21st April 7.30pm to 9pm in the Parish Centre.

TWIN East Africa Appeal. Many thanks to parishioners for donations. A further £90 has been sent to CAFOD.

CATECHETICS

First Holy Communion & Confirmation Programmes: classes resume from Monday 24th April at the usual times.

Parish Saturday Club in partnership with St Joseph's Pastoral Centre next meet on 22nd April at Our Lady of Walsingham from 3-5pm. If you would like to help, if only in a small way, please contact Sybil. If you know of someone who would benefit, please invite them yourself, or give Sybil their contact details so they can be given a warm welcome.

OTHER NEWS

Welcoming the Stranger - a Worship and Prayer service for the Enfield Refugee Welcome Project, Wed. 19th April 7:30pm, St Monica's, Palmers Green N13 4DJ. All are welcome.

St Ignatius Parish 10 mile sponsored walk on 23rd April at 11am. Starting at St Ignatius Church, Stamford Hill and walking along the River Lea. All funds raised go to CARIS Haringey, who help homeless families. Contact Pauline Daly

Niland Conference Centre. Mindfulness in the Christian Tradition with Fr Malachy Keegan. Wednesday 26th April (10am-3pm). How does it differ from secular mindfulness? What is its place in our life of faith and prayer? Suggested donation £14 please bring a packed lunch. (Part II Wednesday 24th May). Niland Centre at Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath WD23 4EE. For information www.nilandconferencecentre.co.uk.

Come and See - becoming a Permanent Deacon. Men wanting to know more about the permanent diaconate are invited to come to a two hour meeting at Ealing Abbey Parish Centre, Charlbury Grove, W5 2DY on Saturday 29th April from 10am to noon. No booking needed. Wives welcome. Contact details Deacon Adrian Cullen or Deacon Anthony Clark.

Job Vacancies in the Westminster Diocese. Please see: <http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/>