

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**3/4 Feb:** Annual parish collection for the homeless in aid of the Manna Society.  
**Fri 2 Feb:** Presentation of the Lord. Blessing of candles at 12.30pm Mass. Last day the crib will be in the church.  
**Sat 3 Feb:** The traditional blessing of St Blaise on throats will take place after 9.30am Mass at OLSG. As a result Confessions will be from 10.15am to 11am this morning.

### LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASS TIMES

<b>Sun 7 Jan</b>	<b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b> <i>Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12 (p.115/118)</i> Mass - <b>OLSG:</b> 8am, 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon, 6pm <b>OLW:</b> 10am	<i>Ps week 1</i>
<b>Mon 8 Jan</b>	<b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b> <b>HFC:</b> 7.30am Mass, <b>OLSG:</b> (10am-12noon church cleaning) 12.30pm Mass	
<b>Tue 9 Jan</b>	<b>HFC:</b> 7.30am Mass, 7-8pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament <b>OLSG:</b> 12.30pm Funeral Mass: Romaldina Lopes RIP	
<b>Wed 10 Jan</b>	Feria <b>OLSG:</b> 12.30pm Mass <b>HFC:</b> 8-9pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
<b>Thu 11 Jan</b>	Feria <b>OLSG:</b> 12.30pm Mass <b>HFC:</b> 4.45-5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
<b>Fri 12 Jan</b>	Feria <b>OLSG:</b> 12.30pm Mass	
<b>Sat 13 Jan</b>	Feria <b>OLSG:</b> 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	
<b>Sun 14 Jan</b>	<b>2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>1 Samuel 3:3-10,19; 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20; John 1:35-42 (p.127)</i> Mass - <b>OLSG:</b> 8am, 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon, 6pm <b>OLW:</b> 10am	<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*

No. 1407

**Epiphany of the Lord**

7 Jan 2018

*"Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we have observed his star in the East, and have come to worship him"*

They reflect the image of all those who in their lives have let their hearts be anesthetized.

(Mt 2:2). A holy longing for God wells up in the heart of

believers because they know that the Gospel is not an event of the past but of the present. A holy longing for God helps us keep alert in the face of every attempt to reduce and impoverish our life. A holy longing for God is the memory of faith, which rebels before all prophets of doom. That longing keeps hope alive in the community of believers, which from week to week continues to plead: "Come, Lord Jesus". (...)

With these words, the Magi, come from afar, tell us the reason for their long journey: they came to worship the newborn King. To see and to worship. These two actions stand out in the Gospel account. We saw a star and we want to worship.

The Magi experienced longing; they were tired of the usual fare. They were all too familiar with, and weary of, the Herods of their own day. But there, in Bethlehem, was a promise of newness, of gratuitousness. There, something new was taking place. The Magi were able to worship, because they had the courage to set out. And as they fell to their knees before the small, poor and vulnerable Infant, the unexpected and unknown Child of Bethlehem, they discovered the glory of God.

These men saw a star that made them set out. The discovery of something unusual in the heavens sparked a whole series of events. The star did not shine just for them, nor did they have special DNA to be able to see it. As one of the Church Fathers rightly noted, the Magi did not set out because they had seen the star, but they saw the star because they had already set out (cf. Saint John Chrysostom). Their hearts were open to the horizon and they could see what the heavens were showing them, for they were guided by an inner restlessness. They were open to something new.

The Magi thus personify all those who believe, those who long for God, who yearn for their home, their heavenly homeland.

**Pope Francis**

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**Parish Secretary:** Susi Thompson (Monday - Thursday)

## PARISH NOTICES

**Please pray for those who have died:** Johnny Carneiro, Therese Egan, Glynn Watson, John Grehan, Mira Slater, Shirley Bright, Mary Malone, Clodagh Loizou, and for those whose anniversaries occur about now: Wendy McHugh, Nora Houston, Keith MacDonald, Vittorio Giordano and Margaret Shiel.

**Please pray for sick and housebound parishioners:** Iris Egerton, Vanessa Jackson, Evelyn Hughes, Kenie De'Wall, Tyler Cox-Smith, Eveline Hughes, Patrick Timoney, Anya Diamond, Melanie and Eileen Perciato.

### Thank you

For so many cards and greetings; for so many presents and gifts.

Above all, thank you for your prayers and support throughout the year, for your patience and tolerance, for your understanding, appreciation and encouragement.

With you we bless God for the gift of his Church, and for all the graces we receive. We remember especially those who are sick at home or in hospital, and all those, some very far away, who still cherish their links with our parish.

Our thanks go to all those who have made our Christmas celebrations so wonderful: all those who had been involved in the Carol Service, the Christmas Masses, all altar servers, musicians, Eucharistic ministers, readers, all who made the church a welcoming place, those who built the cribs, and last but not least our thanks go to all who volunteered to help with the Christmas Day Lunch for the elderly and the housebound of the parish.

We want to wish you all every peace, happiness and blessing for the New Year.

**Fr Witon and Fr Chinedu**

**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.

**Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes with Anointing of the Sick on Saturday 10th February at 2pm in Westminster Cathedral.** The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during the Mass by the bishops and priests. All are welcome, no seat reservations or tickets. Please do let us know if you will be attending in a wheelchair as spaces can be reserved in the Cathedral. If you are sick or infirm and would like to attend but require transport, please leave your details (name, address and tel. no.) marking the envelope 'Mass—Anointing of the Sick' at the Presbytery or by email to: [enfield@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:enfield@rcdow.org.uk) by Thursday 1st February. We will then see if transport can be provided and let you know the outcome.

**SVP meeting** in the presbytery at 7.30pm on Monday 8th January.

**Christian Meditation Group** will recommence on Monday 8th January at 8pm in the Presbytery. You are most welcome to come and discover this ancient form of prayer.

**Justice and Peace meeting.** All are welcome to the next Justice and Peace group meeting on Thursday 11th January at 8pm in the Presbytery. During the meeting we will prepare for the forthcoming Manna Society Collection and Peace Sunday.

**Joints & glands exercise classes.** Chair sessions at 10am and mat sessions at 11am in the parish centre on Fridays. Newcomers welcome. £5 per person. To book please contact Alice.

**Volunteer needed for position of local secretary for APF - Red Boxes for our parish.**

To find out more details about this role please contact Margaret.

**The St. Vincent de Paul Society** are collecting all old, foreign, UK and Irish coins and banknotes. A collecting jar is available in the presbytery reception. Thank you to all parishioners who have donated so generously recently.

**St George's Association Bingo.** Alternate Tuesdays in the Parish Centre. Next session 16th January from 8pm. Bar, raffle, jackpot game. Free tea & biscuits. For further details contact Natalie.

**Year 8 Youth Club** will next meet in the parish centre on Friday 12th January 7.30-9pm.

**Westminster Year Book 2018** (includes the Liturgical Calendar) is now on sale in the repository, £4.50.

**Therese Egan's Funeral** will be at 12.30pm on Friday 12th January at Christ The King, Bramley Road, Oakwood followed by burial at Lavendar Hill at 2.15pm. Therese was one of the original members of the Wives Club and a 29th Enfield Brownie and Guide Leader back in the late 50's early 60's.

**Going into Hospital?** If you or a family member is admitted to hospital and would like a visit from the Catholic Chaplain, in light of data protection you now need to request this from the nursing staff on the ward. Please ensure you let them know that you are a Roman Catholic and that you would like the RC Chaplain to visit you.

**Parish Centre:** The Centre is available for hire by all Parishioners and provides an excellent facility for family occasions such as baptisms, birthdays and anniversary celebrations. Hire includes well equipped kitchen and a fully stocked bar. Very

competitive rates. Booking form and further information is available from the Presbytery.

## OTHER NEWS

**'God alone suffices.'** Men wishing to explore a vocation with the Discalced Carmelite Order please contact Fr. John McGowan OCD (Vocation's Director) Carmelite Church, 41 Kensington Church Street, London, W8 4BB. Email: [johnmcgowan50@gmail.com](mailto:johnmcgowan50@gmail.com). Anyone wishing to explore a vocation with the Discalced Secular Carmelite Order please contact: Pam Murray [murraypam4@gmail.com](mailto:murraypam4@gmail.com)

**New year's resolution: Make a difference with CAFOD.** Make 2018 the year you meet new friends, inspire others to act for social justice, and use your skills to help our sisters and brothers working to overcome poverty around the globe. Are you a people-person who would relish involving and encouraging others in your local area? Or maybe you are a good communicator who would enjoy speaking in churches or presenting assemblies and workshops in schools? Please get in touch with us on [westminster@cafod.org.uk](mailto:westminster@cafod.org.uk) or 020 8449-6970 to find out more and book a place on one of our CAFOD information sessions: on Sat 20 January from 10am to 12.30 at St Mary Moorfield's Parish near Liverpool Street EC2.

**Please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia.** On Friday 12 January, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives. Please also pray that buffer zones around abortion centres won't be introduced. For information on the days of Prayer & Fasting: <http://www.goodcounselnet.co.uk/Prayer-and-Fasting-Days.html>

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