

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate and welcome into the church community, Rory Skingley, Jimmy Ward and Milda Grigaitis who were baptised recently in our church.

Please pray for them and their families.

LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASS TIMES

Sun 11 Feb	6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<i>Ps week 2</i>
	<i>Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46, 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1, Mark 1:40-45, (p.137)</i>	
	Mass - OLSG: 8am, 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon, 6pm OLW: 10am	
Mon 12 Feb	Feria	
	HFC: 7.30am Mass, OLSG: (10am-12noon church cleaning)	
	OLSG: 12.30pm Mass Funeral Mass Robert James Collins RIP	
Tue 13 Feb	Feria	
	HFC: 7.30am Mass, 7-8pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	OLSG: 9am Mass	
Wed 14 Feb	ASH WEDNESDAY	
	Mass - OLSG: 12.30pm, 3pm (for families with young children), 7pm OLW: 10am	
	HFC: 8-9pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Thu 15 Feb	Lent Feria	
	OLSG: 12.30pm	
	HFC: 4.45-5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Fri 16 Feb	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 17 Feb	Lent Feria	
	OLSG: 9.30am Mass (followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament); 10.45am Benediction; 10-11am Confessions; 5pm Exposition but No evening Prayer; 5-5.45pm Confessions; 6pm Mass	
Sun 18 Feb	1st SUNDAY OF LENT	<i>Ps week 1</i>
	<i>Genesis 9:8-15, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:12-15, (p.152)</i>	
	Mass - OLSG: 8am, 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon, 6pm OLW: 10am	

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. 1412

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11 Feb 2018

Return wholeheartedly to the Lord

Each year God offers us the season of Lent, see if we are falling prey to the lies of these which starts this Wednesday, as a false prophets.

"sacramental sign" of our conversion, and therefore we are enabled to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life. This is the message that the Holy Father has given us for this Lent. Pope Francis divided his message for Lent into four sections:

"False Prophets"

"A Cold Heart"

"What are we to do"

"The fire of Easter"

Warning against **false prophets**, Pope Francis said that they assume various forms, such as "snake charmers" or "charlatans", who manipulate human emotions in order to enslave others and lead them where they would have them go. They offer easy and immediate solutions to suffering that soon prove utterly useless.

In order to confound **the human heart**, the Pope said, the devil, who is "a liar and the father of lies" (Jn 8:44), has always presented evil as good, falsehood as truth. That is why each of us is called to peer into our heart to

The Holy Father went on to warn against our hearts becoming 'cold,' and asked us to reflect on when we become indifferent and isolated. While we may see deep within ourselves these negative signs, Francis said, the Church proposes a 'soothing remedy,' namely: **prayer, fasting and almsgiving.**

By devoting more time to prayer, we enable our hearts to root out our secret lies and forms of self-deception, and then to find the consolation God offers.

Almsgiving, he continues, sets us free from greed and helps us to regard our neighbour as a brother or sister, whereas fasting weakens our tendency to violence. *"It disarms us and becomes an important opportunity for growth."*

God constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew.

Let us all take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by prayer, fasting and almsgiving, so that **the light of Christ** may rise in glory and dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Fr Witon

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PARISH NOTICES

Please pray for those who have died: Kate Turner, Paddy Tyrell, Rebecca Ash, Robert Collins and Eileen Perciato and for those whose anniversaries occur about now: Mike McKenzie, Jude Theodore, Grace D Kotei Hood, Elizabeth Quinn, Bernadette Ward, Anne Ennis, Anne Hayes and Paddy Caplis.

Please pray for sick and housebound parishioners: Iris Egerton, Evelyn Hughes, Lenie De Waal, Anya Diamond, Daisy Taylor, Gemma Marengi, Maura Gardiner, Cristina Rochford-Gardiner, Lucia Bremner, Noel Graydon, Betty Jolley, Alma Thompson, Betty Goddard, Shelia Lewin, Maria Gomez, Patrick Timoney and Ong Ngoai The Cau.

Manna Centre Collection. Thank you to all who supported the collection of food, toiletries and clothing for the MANNA Society www.mannasociety.org.uk at London Bridge. Thank you to all who helped to sort the goods on Sunday afternoon, esp J&P Group, Confirmation candidates, parishioners and our friends from St Andrew's Church.

The Justice and Peace Group will next meet on Thursday 1st March at 8pm.

Change to Mass Time. Tuesday 13th February Mass at 7.30am in the Convent and 9am in OLSG (not 12.30pm) due to deanery meeting.

ASH WEDNESDAY - 14th February. First day of Lent and a day of fast and abstinence. Due to Ash Wednesday falling during the school half-term, this year Masses will be celebrated at: **OLSG:** 12.30pm, 3pm (for families with young children) & 7pm. **OLW:** 10am.

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

Confessions on Sundays in Lent. As well as the regular Confession times on Saturdays 10-11am & 5.15-5.45pm, Confessions will also be heard during 12 noon Mass on Sundays in Lent.

Lenten Alms 2018. This year's Lenten Alms will go to the Cardinal's Appeal which offers funding to new programmes of outreach across the Diocese that address some of today's more pressing problems here at home. During last year, the generosity of

many people to the Cardinal's Appeal has enabled us to create a new programme of support for prisoners, especially young prisoners; it is helping us to establish a social enterprise initiative to create employment and training opportunities for some of the most marginalised people in our community; it is helping to expand Catholic marriage counselling programmes, as there is nowhere quite as lonely as a deeply unhappy marriage. These are some examples of the work that the Appeal supports in its key areas of social outreach, young people and marriage and family life. We hope you will be as generous as you can.

Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 19th May at 3pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2018. If you are celebrating an anniversary and would like to attend, please email enfield@rcdow.org.uk or tel. 020 8363 2569 with the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or tel. no. if no email).

Children's Book Appeal by the Sisters of the Holy Family Convent. The Sisters are collecting books in order to create a library for their two newly built schools in Ghana. The books needed are for pre-school and primary school (ages 2 to 15) such as: baby

board books, picture books, early readers, BIG books, dictionaries, encyclopaedias, thesauruses, paperback textbooks (all subjects), flash cards, educational games & puzzles, etc. All donated books will be gratefully received at the Convent, 47 London Road (opposite OLSG church) until the end of February. The books will then be transported to Ghana. Donations to buy teaching aids are also welcome. Thank you.

Parish Volunteer needed to coordinate The Red Mission Boxes (Missio). Missio is the Catholic Church's official charity for overseas. To find out more about this role and without any commitment, please contact Margaret. It is a very valuable and rewarding role and we are appealing to the parish to enable us to continue with the red donation boxes.

St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) Meeting in the presbytery at 7:30pm on Mon 12th Feb.

SVP Coffee Morning. We would like to thank everyone that participated in the recent coffee morning where we raised about £200.

Mount Carmel Ladies Group next meet on Thursday 15th February for a talk on Agatha Christie. We start to gather in the Parish Centre after 12:30pm Mass. All Welcome.

TWIN (Third World In Need) AGM will be on Wednesday 21st March.

Pat Watson and her family would like to thank everyone who sent the many Mass cards and messages of sympathy following the recent passing of Glynn. We would especially like to thank the clergy for the beautiful Mass and the Ladies Group for arranging the refreshments. Glynn was very much loved and will be greatly missed. May he rest in peace.

OTHER NEWS

Pax Christi Annual Ash Wednesday Service - Repentance and Hope in our nuclear age - at the Ministry of Defence. February 14 starting in Whitehall Gardens at 3 pm. If you would like to join others please meet in the rear carriage of 13:52 from Enfield Town Station. Further details from Malcolm Green. This fits in with the 12:30pm Mass.

Awake London - Catholic Bible Convention on Sat 17th Feb 2-6pm at St Anne's School, 6 Oakthorpe Road, Palmers Green, N13 5TY (parking available) led by Fr Soji Olikkal and Anointing Fire Ministry, Sehion UK. Convention includes, Mass, Praise and Worship, Preaching the word of God and Eucharistic Adoration. There will be a music fest for children to share the Gospel through music. For more details: www.sehionuk.org

Charity Quiz Night (in aid of MIND Enfield) on Saturday 3rd March in the Mount Carmel Parish Centre from 7.30pm for 8pm start. £10 per person to include a ploughman's supper. Tables of 6-8. Bar available. To book please contact Di.

St Ignatius College will be holding a Quiz Night on Friday 23rd March at 7pm for a prompt 7.30pm start. Tickets £10 per person (payable in advance) including ploughman's supper. A raffle and heads and tails game will also be held. Please bring your own drinks and snacks. Lots of parking available. Tables of 8-10 welcome or come on your own and will find you a table. For details and to book email: trish1011@gmail.com

Healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following separation, divorce or the death of a partner from 20th to 22nd April at Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell. For details please email johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk.