

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate and welcome into the church community, Aiyla Edwards-Tabebeche, Daisha Ava Brown, Myles Colin Kierans, Arthur Stephen King and Roisin Mary Munroe who were baptised recently in our church. Please pray for them and their families.

LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASS TIMES

Sun 11 Mar	4th SUNDAY OF LENT (Laetare Sunday) <i>2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23, Ephesians 2:4-10, John 3:14-21 (p.167)</i> Mass - OLSG: 8am, 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon, 6pm OLW: 10am	<i>Ps week 4</i>
Mon 12 Mar	Lent Feria HFC: 7.30am Mass, OLSG: (10am-12noon church cleaning) OLSG: 12.30pm Mass	
Tue 13 Mar	Lent Feria HFC: 7.30am Mass, 7-8pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament OLSG: 9am Mass	
Wed 14 Mar	Lent Feria OLSG: 12.30pm Mass HFC: 8-9pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Thu 15 Mar	Lent Feria OLSG: 12.30pm Mass, 7.30pm Stations of the Cross - Lead by Justice & Peace Group HFC: 4.45-5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Fri 16 Mar	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 Mar	ST PATRICK, Patron of Ireland OLSG: 9.30am Mass (followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament); 11am Benediction; 10-11am Confessions; 5pm Evening Prayer followed by Adoration until 5.45pm; 5.15-5.45pm Confessions; 6pm Mass	
Sun 18 Mar	5th SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33 (p.174)</i> Mass - OLSG: 8am, 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon, 6pm OLW: 10am	<i>Ps week 1</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. 1416

4th SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE)

11 Mar 2018

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Every year, when we come to the mid Sunday in Lent we celebrate "Mothering Sunday". Many call it "Mother's Day", to which some object blaming America for introducing the name and making it commercial!

In America, of course, Mother's Day is the second Sunday in May. It is marked on that day because it was the result of a campaign by Anna Jarvis (1864-1948) whose mother had died on May 9.

The British tradition of the celebration is a little bit complicated. The revival of Mothering Sunday is attributed to Constance Smith (1878-1938), who was inspired in 1913 by Anna Jarvis's campaign in America.

Constance Smith was a High Anglican who believed that "a day in praise of mothers" was fully expressed in the liturgy of the Church of England on the 4th Sunday of Lent, because the Lesson for the day says: "Jerusalem which is above is free; which is the mother of us all."

This Sunday, however, goes back to the pre-Reformation celebration of *Laetare Sunday*, on which the Introit, the first prayer of the Mass, says: "Rejoice, O Jerusalem: and come together all you that love her ... and be filled from the breasts of your consolation."

Laetare Sunday's connection with mothers

came through it being the day to visit the mother church or cathedral.

Some customs of the day outlived the Reformation. One of them is making a simnel cake and taking it to mother. "I'll to thee a Simnel bring, / Gainst thou go'st a Mothering," wrote the celebrated poet Robert Herrick in the mid 17th-century.

Constance Smith reconnected simnel cakes with the honouring of mothers. Constance Smith's idea was not that Mothering Sunday should be limited to one Christian denomination, and its popularity spread through the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides. By 1938 it was claimed that Mothering Sunday was celebrated in every parish in Britain and in every country of the Empire.

Neither Constance Smith nor Anna Jarvis ever became mothers themselves. Anna Jarvis regretted the growing commercialisation of the day, even to disapproving of pre-printed Mother's Day cards. "A printed card means nothing," she said, "except that you are too lazy to write to the woman who has done more for you than anyone in the world."

Happy Leatare Sunday and Mothering Sunday everyone!

Fr Witon

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PARISH NOTICES

Please pray for those who have died: Andrew Wilson, Sally Southan, Theresa Bridgeman, Marie Alice Bragg, Jozef Czarnik, Agostina Denaccaro, Peter Riley, Maureen Waldrow and for those whose anniversaries occur about now: Anne Peacock, Teresa Montella, Terry Fitt, Susan Rushbrook and Sara McDonnell.

Please pray for sick and housebound parishioners: Michael Rochford, Maura Gardiner, Anya Diamond, Iris Egerton, Lenie De Waal, Daisy Taylor, Russell Barrow, Reheima Jagga, Joan Flaherty, Michael Archer and Georgette Matadeen.

Thank you to everyone who supported last weekend's Enfield Foodbank collection.

Change to Mass Time on Tuesday 13th March. Mass at 9am (not 12.30pm) due to the clergy attending the deanery meeting.

Holy Week & Easter Services Leaflet now available to take from the porch. Also on: www.catholicenfield.org

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

Stations of the Cross with reflections from Blessed Oscar Romero. On Thursday, 15th March at 7.30pm The Justice and Peace Group will lead the Stations of the Cross in the Church at OLSG using reflections by Blessed Oscar Romero. Oscar Romero was a priest and bishop in El Salvador. His love for the poor, who were suffering violence and oppression, led him to take their side and to denounce their oppressors. For this he was killed, whilst celebrating Mass, on 24th March 1980. Oscar Romero said. "Many would like the poor to keep on saying it is God's will for them to live that way. But it is not God's will for some to have everything and others to have nothing. That cannot be of God." His struggle for justice lives on today in the lives of the Salvadoran people.

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. The Cardinal's Lenten Appeal funds the work of Catholic parishes, schools and charities in London and Herts

contributing to three fundamental areas of the Church: Marriage and Family Life, Youth and Evangelisation, and the Church's Social Outreach within Civil Society. Please consider making the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal part of your Lenten Almsgiving and sacrifice for the benefit of others, and to support the Church's dynamic efforts to increase outreach in these three focal areas of ministry. The Cardinal's Lenten Appeal donation leaflets are available in the porch. Thank you for your generosity.

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 13th April at 12.30pm

Feast of St Patrick On Saturday 17th March 6pm Mass at OLSG will mark the feast of St Patrick with music played by Feith an Cheoil, School of traditional Irish Music. Afterwards there will be an evening of celebration hosted by Feith an Cheoil in the Parish Centre. 7pm-11pm. Admission £5 per adult and children free. (Proceeds from Saturday night will help fund Feith An Cheoil to travel to the All Britain Championships in Scotland this year. All welcome.)

A Call to Young Adults. Catholic young adults, aged 18 - 30, are invited to meet with

Bishop John Sherrington to discuss the theme of the next Synod of Bishops: '*Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment*'. The meeting will take place on Friday, 16th March at 6.30 -8.30pm at Christ The King (Vita et Pax), 29 Bramley Road, Oakwood N14 4HE. If you would like to attend please feel free to turn up, although it would be helpful if you could let us know by emailing youth@rcdow.org.uk. For more info.: <http://dowym.com/events/>

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, email enfield@rcdow.org.uk or tel. 020 8363 2569 with the following: husband & wife's names, wedding date, full postal address & email (or tel. no. if no email).

RCIA: Second Scrutiny of the Elect. This Sunday, we continue the celebration of the Scrutinies. On the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent we pray in a particular way for those who are to be baptised at the Easter Vigil. We pray that any attachment to evil might be removed, and that they be truly converted to Christ.

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

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

Year 9 Youth Club next meet on Friday 16th March 7.30 to 9pm in the parish centre.

St George's Association Bingo. Alternate Tuesdays in the Parish Centre. Next session 20th March from 8pm. Bar, raffle, jackpot

game. Free tea & biscuits. For further details contact Natalie.

Third World In Need Annual General Meeting will be on Wed 21st March at 2.30pm in the Presbytery followed by the first meeting of the newly constituted Committee. Any parishioner interested in Third World matters will be welcome. Light refreshments provided.

Year 7 Youth Club. Due to the weather last Friday's Year 7 Youth Club was cancelled and has been re-scheduled for Friday 23rd March from 7.30 to 9pm in the parish centre.

OTHER NEWS

Bl. Archbishop Oscar Romero Week. Annual Ecumenical Service at St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, Saturday 17th March at 11am with address by Rubén Zamora about the ongoing struggle for peace in Romero's beloved El Salvador. Feast day Mass Saturday 24th March at 12.30pm, St George's Cathedral, Southwark, main celebrant: Archbishop Peter Smith.

Easter Workshop for kids aged 4-10 on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th April 10am-1pm in the Mount Carmel Parish Centre. Cost £20. Limited spaces. Contact marialouvazquez@yahoo.com

Catholic History Walk - The King's Good Servant on Sunday 18th March, 3pm. Meet at Church of Our Most Holy Redeemer & St Thomas More, Cheyne Row. SW3 5HS. Contact: chwalkslondon@gmail.com Poster on noticeboard in the porch.

St Ignatius College are hosting a Tea Party for those Elderly in our community on Wed 18th April 3-5pm, held at the college, Turkey Street, EN1 4NP. It promises to be a great event, hosted by the students. If you are interested in attending, please confirm by email: admin@st-ignatius.enfield.sch.uk or call the school :01992 717835 Ext. 239 as it will help for catering purposes.