

## CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate and welcome into the church community, Maria Philomena McCarthy, Azaria Olu, Albie Jay Togher, Toby William Baker, Lucia Emelie Varnava and Eva Faith Agyemang who were baptised recently in our church.  
Please pray for them and their family.

## LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASS TIMES

<b>Sun 15 April</b>	<b>+ THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<i>Ps week 3</i>
	<i>Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2:1-5; Luke 24: 35-48 (p.262)</i>	
	Mass - <b>OLSG:</b> 8am, 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon, 6pm <b>OLW:</b> 10am	
<b>Mon 16 April</b>	Easter Feria	
	<b>HFC:</b> 7.30am Mass, <b>OLSG:</b> (10am-12noon church cleaning)	
	<b>OLSG:</b> 12.30pm Mass	
<b>Tue 17 April</b>	Easter Feria	
	<b>HFC:</b> 7.30am Mass, 7-8pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	<b>OLSG:</b> 12.30pm	
<b>Wed 18 April</b>	Easter Feria	
	<b>OLSG:</b> 12.30pm Mass	
	<b>HFC:</b> 8-9pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
<b>Thu 19 April</b>	Saint Alphege, Bishop & Martyr	
	<b>OLSG:</b> 12.30pm Mass	
	<b>HFC:</b> 4.45-5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
<b>Fri 20 April</b>	Easter Feria	
	<b>OLSG:</b> 12.30pm Mass	
<b>Sat 21 April</b>	Easter Feria	
	<b>OLSG:</b> 9.30am Mass (followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament); 11am Benediction; 10-11am Confessions; 2pm Marriage of Habeeb Alli-Owe and Paulet Adimoye; 5pm Evening Prayer followed by Adoration until 5.45pm; 5.15-5.45pm Confessions; 6pm Mass	
<b>Sun 22 April</b>	<b>+ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<i>Ps Week 4</i>
	<i>Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18 (p. 265)</i>	
	Mass - <b>OLSG:</b> 8am, 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon, 6pm <b>OLW:</b> 10am	
	In <b>OLSG:</b> 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. 1420

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

15 April 2018

## The call to holiness in the contemporary world

On Monday 9th April, being the Solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord, Pope Francis published his third Apostolic Exhortation; Gaudete et exsultate, or "Rejoice and be glad," It is subtitled "On the call to holiness in the contemporary world." Pope Francis teases out one of the most salient features of second Vatican Council framework; The Universal Call to Holiness. Pope Francis invites us to understand holiness as a mission of life for every Christian. Pope Francis said that all Catholics, like the saints, "need to see the entirety of their life as a mission," and explained that this is accomplished by listening to God in prayer and asking the Holy Spirit for guidance in each moment and decision.

Our Christian Journey is to seek holiness, and prayer connects us to the Holy One — God the Father, through His Son Jesus. The Holy Spirit ensures that we receive God's grace and manifest it through holy living as intentional missionary disciples. In other words, our mission is holiness itself.

"A Christian cannot think of his or her mission on earth without seeing it as a path of holiness," Pope Francis stated, explaining that this path has its "fullest meaning in Christ, and can only be understood through him. Holiness is nothing other than charity

lived to the full." the measure of our holiness stems not from our own achievement and efforts, but "from the stature that Christ achieves in us." common error is to believe that it is by our own effort that we achieve sanctity, forgetting that everything in fact "depends not on human will or exertion, but on God who shows mercy (Rom. 9:16)."

It is very beautiful to hear people say with great humility; I am not holy or I am far from being holy. It shows that they trust God and rely on His grace. However, it is important we do not underestimate our daily simple and generous actions as signs of holy living. Pope Francis acknowledged holiness "in those parents who raise their children with immense love, in those men and women who work hard to support their families, in the sick, [in the housebound and those who live alone] , in elderly religious who never lose their smile. In their daily perseverance. I see the holiness of the Church militant. Very often it is a holiness found in our next-door neighbours, those who, living in our midst, reflect God's presence." May the Paschal Light shine in our world to make us holy.

**Fr Chinedu**

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

## PARISH NOTICES

**Please pray for those who have died:** Bob Roberts, Phillip Norman, Iris Egerton, Florence Memee, Maura Kingett, Peggy Attlee and Barbra Barnwell, Martin Caufield and for those whose anniversaries occur about now: Patrick Cunningham, Ellis Authors and Jacqueline McGuirl.

**Please pray for sick and housebound parishioners:** Richard Wallington, Anya Diamond, Lenie De Waal, Daisy Taylor, Reheima Jagga, George Ennis, Manuela Martin, Patrick De Veigas, Mary Hayes, Mary Elliott, Sheila Lewin, Joan Flaherty, Stephen and Joan Hoye.

**Thank you** to everyone who supported last weekend's Enfield foodbank Collection.

**Priest Training Fund.** Next weekend is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will also take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 45 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 28 of whom are for our own Diocese, and last year eight men ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation leaflets are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can donate online: [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations)

**Celebrating the Feast of St George.** On Sunday 22nd 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. As in previous years, 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.

**Please collect your box of Planned Giving Envelopes from the presbytery.** The new envelope year has started already. Please only use the envelopes (yellow) in the new box. The presbytery reception is open 9am to 8.30pm Monday to Friday; 9am to 1pm Saturdays and 10.15am to 1pm on Sundays.

Due to new General Data Protection Regulation which comes into force on 25th May 2018, we would like to ask you to fill-in the Planned Giving form again and return it in the envelope provided at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Parish Saturday Club for children and adults with learning disabilities,** in partnership with Caritas St Joseph: meet on 21st April, 3-5pm, Our Lady of Walsingham, Holtwhites Hill. If you know someone who would enjoy coming and being part of this social group (with activities, refreshment and eats), please invite or accompany them. It is a great opportunity to form friendships.

**Bereavement Visiting Group** meets on Monday, April 16th at 7pm in the presbytery.

**St George's Association Bingo.** Alternate Tuesdays in the Parish Centre. Next session 17th April from 8pm. Bar, raffle, jackpot game. Free tea & biscuits. For further details Contact Natalie.

**Mount Carmel Ladies Group** next meet on Thursday 19th April for Confessions of a Very Civil Servant. We start to gather in the Parish Centre after 12:30pm Mass. All Welcome.

**SVP Coffee Morning** will be taking place on Saturday 21st April after 9:30am Mass until 12noon in the parish centre. All ages welcome.

**SVP - Thank you** to all those who continue to donate to the old and foreign coins collection and everyone who responded to the appeal for prizes.

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

**Repository.** In stock among other items are cards and gifts for First Communion and Confirmation. The shop is usually open before and after the weekday and weekend Masses.

## OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

**OLW Pentecost Family Celebration and Church AGM on Sunday 20th May.** After the 10am Mass at OLW there will be the annual Pentecost family celebration, followed by a celebration brunch organised by the OLW Committee and children's activities, including a bouncy castle.

**The OLW Committee is appealing for new members to join the Committee,** which meets once a month to help with the running of the church and to organise various events throughout the year. If you are interested, please talk to any of the Committee members after Mass.

**Prayer Group - Wednesdays** in OLW at 10am followed by tea/coffee. All are welcome.

## CATECHETICS

**Friday Classes for older children for baptism and children who attend a non-Catholic school:** 6-7pm (term time): Classes recommence on 20th April. These classes ensure a proper foundation for Sacramental preparation. For more information, please speak to one of the priests.

## OTHER NEWS

**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 St., EN1 4NP, hosted by the students. If you are interested in attending, please confirm by email: [admin@st-ignatius.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-ignatius.enfield.sch.uk) or call the school 01992 717835 Ext. 239 as it will help for catering purposes.

**Awake London - Catholic Bible Convention on Sat 21st April 2-6pm** at St Anne's School, 6 Oakthorpe Road, Palmers Green, N13 5TY (parking available) led by Fr Shyju Naduvathaniyil 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](http://www.sehionuk.org)

**New Music Project** celebrating the centenary of WW1 requires dedicated singers to learn the work with a view to performing it at the end of July. Rehearsals begin on Mon 30th April @ 7.30pm in St Edmund's Church, Ng. Contact [mairaz2buonocore@gmail.com](mailto:mairaz2buonocore@gmail.com)

**Permanent Deacon 'Come & See'.** Men wanting to know more about the Permanent Diaconate are invited to come to a meeting 10am-12noon at Our Lady and St Vincent, Potters Bar on Sat 12th May. No booking needed. Wives welcome. Contact Deacon Adrian Cullen or Deacon Anthony Clark.