

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Mon 28th May: Bank Holiday. Mass at 10am OLSG. The presbytery reception will be closed. (not 7.30am) in the Convent and 12.30pm in

LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASS TIMES

Sun 13 May + SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER *Ps Week 3*
 Acts 1:15-17,20-26; 1 John 4:11-16; John 17:11-19 (p. 277)
 Mass - **OLSG:** 8am, 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon, 6pm **OLW:** 10am

Mon 14 May ST MATTHIAS, Apostle
HFC: 7.30am Mass, **OLSG:** (10am-12noon church cleaning)
OLSG: 12.30pm Mass

Tue 15 May Easter Feria
HFC: 7.30am Mass, 7-8pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
OLSG: 9am Mass (**not 12.30pm**); 7pm Reception of the body of Kathleen Bennett

Wed 16 May Easter Feria
OLSG: 12.30pm Funeral Mass of Kathleen Bennett RIP
HFC: 8-9pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thu 17 May Easter Feria
OLSG: 12.30pm Mass
HFC: 4.45-5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Fri 18 May Easter Feria
OLSG: 12.30pm Mass

Sat 19 May Easter Feria
OLSG: 9.30am Mass, **10-11am No Confessions; 10am No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & No Benediction;** 11.30am & 2.30pm Confirmation Masses; **5pm No Evening Prayer & No Adoration;** 5.15-5.45pm Confessions; 6pm Mass

Sun 20 May + PENTECOST SUNDAY *Pentecost Proper*
 Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13; John 20:19-23
(Sat 6pm Vigil Mass p.280. All other regular Masses p.290)
 Mass - **OLSG:** 8am, 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon. **3pm Confirmation Mass.** 6pm Mass
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. 1424

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

13 May 2018

Holy Father, Consecrate them in the Truth

Last Thursday, 10th May, we celebrated the Solemnity of Ascension. We recalled the great event of Jesus ascending to heaven. This is what we profess every Sunday in the creed; "He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father." Before Jesus ascended to heaven he passed on the baton to his disciples, to continue his mission of love and mercy on earth. Jesus said to his disciples; "He who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father." The disciples are commissioned to preach the Gospel to the whole world. Jesus also prayed to his heavenly Father in these words; "consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth."

As Christians of the 21st Century, the Gospel mandate is also applied to us, this is because the baton has been passed down from one generation to another and then to us. Besides, we have been consecrated through the Sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion).

Firstly, as pointed out by Pope Francis, every Christian is called to be an intentional missionary disciple of Jesus. The proclamation of the Gospel is not solely the tasks of the Pope, Bishops, Priests, Deacons and Religious. Through our Baptismal Priesthood, everyone is called to

evangelise. It is a mandate from Jesus. To ignore this mandate is to separate oneself from the True Vine (Jesus), and thus a refusal to bear fruits.

Secondly, as Jesus was preaching, he was also healing and casting out devils. You and I are called to be like Jesus; to bring healing, to unbound, to wage war against principalities and powers in the dark places. The Church has been given the power and the authority to do so. You and I have the power to do so, "because greater is He who is in us than He who is in the world". Are you repressing, suppressing and ignoring the power of God in your life. Release it and use it.

Finally, Jesus' name is Emmanuel which means God – with – us. Jesus clearly told his disciples; "I will be with you always, to the very end of time." He promised his disciples the Holy Spirit to protect them, to guide them, to teach them and to empower them for the mission. When Zerubbabel needed encouragement from the Most High God, The Lord said him, "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD Almighty" (Zechariah 4:6). Our vocation, our mission, our life pilgrimage, our faith, our healing and our success are not achieved by our power or might but through the Spirit of the Lord, the Paraclete! As we prepare to celebrate the Pentecost next Sunday, may the Spirit of the living God fall afresh on us. Amen.

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PARISH NOTICES

Please pray for those who have died: Monty Montgomery, Keith Woollard, John Patrick O'Malley, Kathleen Bennett, Martin Philbin and for those whose anniversaries occur about now: Austin Pickering, Jack Evans and Joan Jennings.

Please pray for sick and housebound parishioners: Peter Howarth, Lenie De Waal, Daisy Taylor, Reheima Jagga, Patrick De Veigas, George Ennis, Joan Flaherty, Rosie Grady, Helen Chami, Sheila Lewin, Stephen and Joan Hoye.

Month of Mary. The month of May is traditionally associated with honouring Our Lady. To mark the occasion we will pray the Hail, Holy Queen at the end of every Mass in May. Also from Mon to Fri at 12noon we pray the Regina Caeli (Angelus), the Rosary and the Litany of Loretto. All welcome.

Thank you for your continued support towards the monthly Enfield Foodbank Collection. All donations were gratefully received.

Change to Mass time on Tuesday 15th May: Mass at 9am (not 12.30pm) in OLSG due to Enfield Deanery meeting.

RCIA Thanksgiving Mass on Tuesday 15th May in the Convent Chapel at 8.15pm followed by a reception in the Challoner Room. Everyone who has had any involvement at any time with the Parish RCIA group and anyone interested in finding out what Catholics believe, is welcome to attend. For more details please contact Michael Walsh michaelwalsh2001@live.co.uk

Altar Servers needed for the Confirmation Masses with Bishop John Sherrington, especially 2.30pm Saturday 19th May. Please sign up on the list in the sacristy, as we need a full team for each celebration.

Mount Carmel Ladies Group next meet in the parish centre on Thursday 17th May starting at 1.30pm with sandwiches, cake and good conversation. All Welcome.

The Bereavement Group meets on alternate Tuesdays in the presbytery, 1pm-2.30pm. Members share their experiences, reflections and prayers in a friendly and

relaxed atmosphere. Next meeting on 22nd May. All are welcome.

Third World In Need (TWIN) next Meet on Wed 23rd May at 2.30pm in the Presbytery. At our last meeting we sent £250 to medical sisters in Uganda and to reserve a further £250 – depending on availability of funds - for the Materi Girls' Centre in Kenya, founded in 1973 to provide secondary education for girls, but since broadened in scope. We will be pleased to welcome any interested parishioners at the Meeting.

Neophytes meeting on Thursday 24th May at 8pm in the Richard Challoner Room.

Bake Sale after 10.30am & 12 noon Masses on Sunday 27th May. Our parishioner Petula, who will be going on the Westminster Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes again this July as a volunteer nurse, is raising funds to go towards medical supplies etc. We hope you will support Petula by baking or by coming into the parish centre and buying homemade cakes, biscuits, etc.

Volunteers to help with washing the altar linen. We are looking for new volunteers to join the group and help wash the small cloths (purificators) that are used to dry the chalice and other sacred vessels during Mass. The cloths can be collected at a convenient time to suit you, wash and iron and return to the church the following week. If you would like to know more or are interested in helping, please speak with Fr Witon or contact Pat Archer, who is familiar with this role and welcomes new people to join the team.

Parish Gardens. Please be careful around the Statue of Our Lady on the grass as well as when getting out of parked cars in the church car park because the flowers, plants etc are being stepped on and damaged. The gardens are looked after by dedicated volunteer parishioners who spend time making the parish grounds look beautiful for all to enjoy and we hope everyone will take care and be mindful of this.

Volunteer cook/s required to help at the Parish Christmas Day Lunch for the elderly and for those who would otherwise be alone. In order for this wonderful initiative to be able to continue, we are appealing for an experienced and willing cook to volunteer to cook this year's Christmas Day Lunch. Please contact Chandra Woollard for more information if you think you may like to help without any commitment.

Annual Pilgrimage to Aylesford with Knights of St Columba on Sunday 10th June. Coach £15. OLSG pick up 9.45am. Mass at 12noon celebrated by Archbishop Peter Smith. Returning around 7pm. Contact Mike Malone or John McKenna.

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.

CATECHETICS

Singers and Musicians are needed at the Confirmation Masses on 19th May 11.30am and/or 2.30pm & 20th May at 3pm.

OTHER NEWS

Vacancies at St George's Catholic Primary School. The Governors of St George's School are seeking to appoint two HLTA's who shares our vision for providing the

highest standards of attainment, care and personal development for every child. Closing date for applications is Friday 18th May. Interviews will be held on Friday 25th May. Start date June 2018. For full details and application forms visit school website: <http://www.st-georges.enfield.sch.uk> If you require any further details please email our School Business Manager, Julie Jones-Owen: sbm@st-georges.enfield.sch.uk

CAFOD. Pope Francis has invited us all to "Share the Journey" with refugees and so CAFOD has set up a CAFOD 'Share the Journey' campaign. This includes a prayerful walk around the London Outer Orbital Path (LOOP) in May & June with the aim to draw attention to the plight of refugees and send a message to world leaders that ambitious new agreements must be made. For more details: <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Share-the-Journey> and on the parish noticeboard. The 2nd leg of the LOOP on Wed 16th May will start in Cockfosters and walk 9.5 miles to Enfield Lock. If interested contact oliasah-peace@yahoo.co.uk or CAFOD 020 8449 6970.

The Sistine Chapel Choir, Holy Father's personal choir, performs a sacred choral music concert from the repertoire they sing in the Vatican on Sat 26th May, 8pm in Westminster Cathedral. The concert will last an hour, and is free (no tickets required). Come & experience this world-famous choir singing in the beautiful setting of the Cathedral.

St. Anne's School for Girls Gospel Choir Concert on Friday 25th May 7pm, at Oakthorpe Road, N13 5TY. All welcome. £5 Adults, £3 Students & Children (Under 5s go free) & £12 Family Ticket (2 Adults & 2 Children). Tickets can be purchased online via the school E-Shop: <https://goo.gl/KdNVwy> or call the school on 020 8886 2165.