

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 24th November — Blessing of Graves at 1pm at Lavender Hill/Strayfield Road Cemetery. Meet in front of the chapel for a short service. Priests will then be available to bless individual graves.

Saturday 1st December — Advent Recollection afternoon for everyone in the parish, especially the Readers and Eucharistic Ministers. Deacon Ronnie Seary will be leading the session from 3-5pm with a break in OLSG church.

LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASS TIMES

Sun 4 Nov	+31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<i>Ps Wk 3</i>
	Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28-34 (p. 152) Mass - OLSG: 8am, 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon, 6pm OLW: 10am	
Mon 5 Nov	Feria HFC: 7.30am Mass OLSG: (10am-12noon church cleaning), 12.30pm Mass	
Tue 6 Nov	Feria HFC: 7.30am Mass, 7-8pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament OLSG: 12.30pm Mass	
Wed 7 Nov	Feria OLSG: 12.30pm Mass, HFC: 8-9pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Thu 8 Nov	Feria OLSG: 12.30pm, Mass HFC: 4.45-5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Fri 9 Nov	THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA OLSG: 12.30pm Mass; 7pm Funeral Mass of Nora O'Sullivan RIP	
Sat 10 Nov	Saint Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor OLSG: 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	
Sun 11 Nov	+32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<i>Ps Wk 4</i>
	1 Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:41-44 (p. 154) 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. 1446

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

04 November 2018

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord and let Perpetual Light Shine upon them

November is the month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Church offers us this month, which begins with All Saints Day and All Souls Day to pray for those who have died in the state of grace but who are not yet free from all punishment due to their unforgiven sins for which satisfaction is still to be made.

As we look to commemorate those who are deceased and pray for those Souls in Purgatory every day this month, we would do well to draw closer to our Heavenly Father when we consider the words of God in this Sunday's First Reading and the Gospel from Mark: "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength". This may seem difficult to do when we are filled with sadness remembering the Faithful Departed, but as the words of the Psalm tell us, "My God is the rock where I take refuge" and as we contemplate this in prayer we may ask God to lessen the burden of grief and the weight on our hearts. Grieving is our way of not only remembering the people we love but thanking God for the blessings those who have passed brought into our lives. Our emotional pain contributes to our developing our appreciation of our mortality and the mor-

tality of those still around us. It does not make us fatalistic about life, but rather makes our vital, human emotional strength all the more stronger. If we lived in a utopian world where there was no grieving or sadness and everyone was happy all the time there would not only be a gross disservice to the dead as no one would mourn, but the risk of fatalism about life would become all too real. If we were robbed of the blessing of offering our remembrance and grief to God, we would deprive ourselves of the comfort the Almighty can and does bestow on us in our need. If we did not have the faculty of grief we would become shells – not the fortress of strength through faith that is so desperately needed in this 21st century life. When we as individuals pray for ourselves and others we build up the Church as a fortress against evil. As we put in to practice the selflessness and charity of our Catholic faith by praying, however briefly each day for the Souls in Purgatory, we will realise with increasing clarity that God is our shield, our mighty help and our stronghold, not only when we are in difficulty but when we are getting on with our lives, with all its joys and all that is commonplace. **Deacon Ronnie**

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PARISH NOTICES

Please pray for those who have died: Nora O'Sullivan, Kristine Evers Lally, Espiridion Ercilla, Mary Curran, Michael Ainger, Gladys Keating, Hannah Purcell and for those whose anniversaries occur about now: Arlene Rodillado.

Please pray for sick and housebound parishioners: Liz Mackenzie, Lenie De Waal, George Ennis, Reheima Jagga, Logan Valera-Ramos, Henk Windau, Sheila Lewin, Stephen and Joan Hoye.

Thank You to all the children and parents who came to celebrate All Hallow's Eve, the Eve of All Saints, last Wednesday and looked amazing dressed up as many different saints. Thank you to the parents who helped, to Fr Krzysztof and to the Sisters of the Holy Family Convent for assisting Fr Chinedu with the preparation and permitting us to use the Family Convent Chapel to pray and venerate the relics of various saints together before having a party for the children in the parish centre.

Parish Visitation this weekend (3rd/4th Nov.) Bishop John Sherrington, responsible for the Northern Area of the Diocese is visiting our parish and is celebrating some but preaching at all the Masses in OLSG. He will visit some of the sick and housebound parishioners and meet members of the finance committee. Please make him feel welcome as you always do.

Enfield Foodbank this weekend (3rd/4th Nov). The most needed items are: tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, tinned meat, tinned meat soup, rice pudding, custard, instant mash, UHT milk, hot chocolate & squash. Thank you for your support and generosity.

November - Month of the Holy Souls Book of Remembrance. After All Souls' Day, every day of November one Mass will be offered for the Holy Souls. Please add the names of your own dear departed to the lists available from the back of the church, and return them (with a donation in an envelope marked 'Holy Souls' if you wish), so that they can form the pages of the book of remembrance that will be placed on the Holy Souls Altar in St George's Chapel this month.

Safeguarding Correction: Contact number for Deborah Thompson is 07720 845 291.

Requiem Mass for deceased priests and lay people of the Enfield Deanery on Tuesday 13th November at 12.30pm at OLSG, celebrated by priests of our deanery. All welcome.

Praying the Rosary by the Fountain. As every 13th day of the month, on Tuesday 13th Nov. at 7pm, all are invited to join one of the clergy at the fountain (near HSBC Bank & Nandos) to pray the rosary publically for our families, our parish and the whole world.

The annual collection for the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund takes place next weekend. Your generous donation helps ensure these men who've lived their vocation and given their lives to the Church are provided for in their elderly and infirm years. The Sick & Retired Priests Fund helps cover medical, housing, convalescence, & personal needs of these priests, often alone and many without personal savings. Envelopes are available in the back of the church — please take one home and bring it back next weekend. They've been here for us; let's be there for them. Please continue to pray for all our clergy: active, retired & ill. You can donate online at: www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

Primary School Priest References. The list of appointment times with the priests to obtain a Certificate of Catholic Practice is now available to book. Please come to the presbytery during office hours to book a time. Appointments involve a brief interview with the parent/carer and child and the certificate will be provided at the interview.

SVP Christmas Coffee Morning will take place on Saturday 17th November, between 10am to 12:30pm in the Parish Centre. Tombola, Christmas Cards, good company with coffee and cakes. All ages welcome.

Fairtrade Fayre: Sunday 18th November in the Parish Centre after the 9am, 10.30am and 12noon Masses or you're most welcome anytime from 10am to 1.30pm. Stalls including Traidcraft, CAFOD, OXFAM, Pax Christi & TWIN. Refreshments - fairly traded tea and coffee will be available. An ideal opportunity to buy Christmas cards & gifts.

Parent and Toddler Group meet in the parish centre on Wednesdays 10-11.30am (term-time). For details email KellyOgrady85@gmail.com

Mount Carmel Ladies Group next meet on Thursday 8th November for a talk by Mr Bayford in the Parish Centre after 12.30pm Mass.

The Tuesday Bereavement Group will meet 13th and 27th November from 1-2.30pm in the presbytery. All are welcome.

Over 60's new comers welcome to drop in to the gentle exercise classes every Friday at our parish centre. 10am chair session and 11am mat session. Learn diaphragmatic breathing, relaxation & Christian meditation.

Questions people have asked us about the new parish Courtyard Youth Outreach Project (3 of 3). Whilst we've been beginning to set up Courtyard in the parish, some parishioners have told us that they don't think the project is for them. But after just a few minutes of conversation, they've realised that their reasons not to learn more or get involved might not be true. Our last example is "why work with non-Catholics if you are not evangelising or converting?" Courtyard seeks a dialogue, where through mutual discovery and teamwork in projects, young people gain a deeper sense of purpose. We see the Pope washing the feet of young offenders, of all faiths and none, and see a call to reach out - regardless of whether these young people will

believe the same as us in the end. We think of the Church, and whether it should be for those who are already blessed, or those in need of blessing, and we think of Christ, surprising us when we ask "Lord, who is my neighbour?" If you are interested to learn more about Courtyard, please email tadz@millionminutes.org

CATECHETICS

Children Attending Non-Catholic Schools: classes are held on Fridays, 6-7pm. If your child attends a non-Catholic school, please contact Sybil. Do bring your child to the class held in the Challoner room (via presbytery).

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Wine Tasting Evening - Fundraiser for OLW church organised by the OLW committee on Sat. 17th of Nov. 7.30-9.30pm run by a French sommelier. Some nibbles provided. £15 per person. To book contact Charlotte Beddoes: charlottefarge@btinternet.com

OTHER NEWS

St George's Catholic Primary School- Admissions for 2019. The Governor's invite applications from parents of children born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015. Application information is available on the school website or call the school on 8363 3729.

CAFOD Memorial Mass in memory of all our supporters & volunteers at Christ the King, 29 Bramley Rd., Oakwood N14 4HE at 11am on Wed. 7th Nov. followed by refreshments. If you would like someone to be included in our Book of Remembrance, please send us their name by contacting us on 020 8449 6970 or westminster@cafod.org.uk

Christmas Carols: what are they? An illustrated talk given by Philip Norman on Thursday 8th Nov., 8pm at St Andrew's Church, Market Place, Enfield Town, EN2 6LS. Car park entrance in Silver St., EN1 3EG. Admission free with retiring collection.

St Anne's School — Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 22nd Nov., 6pm-8pm at the Upper Site, 6 Oakthorpe Rd., Palmers Green, N13 5TY.