

FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN ADVENT

Tues 11 Dec: Mass at 7.30am in the Convent and 9am (not 12.30pm) in OLSG due to deanery meeting.
Thurs 13 Dec: Praying the Rosary by the fountain (outside HSBC/Nandos) at 7pm.

Sun 16 Dec: Parish Carol Service at 3pm in OLSG followed by refreshments in the parish centre. All welcome.

LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASS TIMES

Sun 2 Dec **+1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT** *Ps Wk 1*
Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28; 34-36 (p. 82)
Mass - **OLSG:** 8am, 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon, 12noon-1pm Confessions 6pm
OLW: 10am

Mon 3 Dec St Francis Xavier, Priest
HFC: 7.30am Mass **OLSG:** (10am-12noon church cleaning), 12.30pm Mass

Tue 4 Dec Advent Feria
HFC: 7.30am Mass, 7-8pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
OLSG: 12.30pm Mass

Wed 5 Dec Advent Feria
OLSG: 9am Mass (not 12.30pm), **HFC:** 8-9pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thu 6 Dec Advent Feria
OLSG: 12.30pm Funeral Mass of John Mackenzie RIP
HFC: 4.45-5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Fri 7 Dec St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor
OLSG: First Friday Devotions: 9.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
12.30pm Mass followed by Adoration; 6.30pm Benediction

Sat 8 Dec **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,**
Patron of the Diocese
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 9 Dec **+2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT** *Ps Wk 2*
Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6; 8-11 Luke 3:1-6 (p. 84)
Mass - **OLSG:** 8am, 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon, 12noon-1pm Confessions, 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. 1450

+FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2 December 2018

Preparing to Prepare

This is the season to string up Christmas lights, decorate the tree, plan party menus, and buy gifts at shopping centres where it's close to impossible to find parking. Brothers and Sisters, the Christmas season is in full effect ... **and December has only started!**

Oddly enough, we constantly complain about how fast time flies, but we speed through a whole month to get to the holiday season. The to-do list of things that take over our lives leading up to the Christmas season usually causes more stress and anguish than joy.

Thankfully, the liturgical season of Advent is here to rescue Christmas. Advent is a time when we can step back from the hectic routine, slow down and contemplate the Mystery of the Incarnation. It marks the beginning of a new liturgical year in the Church that slowly builds momentum towards Christmas as the weeks go by. As with all new beginnings, this

season is intended to renew our joy, hope, faith and love.

Begin the journey of Advent through spending more time in prayer. Offer your heart as a dwelling place for the Holy Family to live in. Ask Jesus, Joseph and Mary to help you live out Advent as a time to prepare and wait for the coming of Jesus.

Make a list of things that need to get done before Christmas, i.e. buying gifts, decorating your home, etc. This will free up time during Advent and help you avoid distractions that can rob you of time, joy and anticipation of the Christmas season.

Start to eliminate unnecessary distractions and plan on being present during the season of Advent. Limit the time spent on your phone, computer and social media. Increase the time you spend with family and friends ... now is the time to ... prepare to Prepare.

Novena to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Father, you prepared the Virgin Mary to be the worthy Mother of your Son.

You made it possible for her to share beforehand in the salvation of your Son, Jesus Christ, who would bring life by His death,

and kept her without sin from the first moment of her conception.

Give us the grace by her prayers ever to live in your presence without sin.

We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Reception Times: Monday-Friday 9am-8.30pm; Saturday 9am-1pm; Sunday 10.15am-1pm

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PARISH NOTICES

Please pray for those who have died George Ennis, John Mackenzie, Leny De Waal, Evelyn Hughes, Bert Hillier, Simon Jones and for those whose anniversaries occur about now: William Loughnane, Odette Carpen, Terry Noone and Phyllis Noone.

Please pray for sick and housebound parishioners: Liz Mackenzie, Daisy Theodore, Reheima Jagga, Logan Valera-Ramos, Henk Windau, Sheila Lewin, Chanel Wisepart, Mary McGarty, Stephen and Joan Hoye.

Enfield Foodbank collection this weekend (1st/2nd Dec). The list of most needed items are: tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, tinned meat, tinned soup, rice pudding, custard, instant mash, UHT milk, hot chocolate & squash. Thank you for your support and generosity. Foodbank collections will **then resume in March 2019**.

Altar Servers: Congratulations to our servers who will be admitted to the Guild of St Stephen and receive their medals this weekend (1st/2nd Dec) at the Mass they normally serve.

Confessions in Advent. As well as the regular Confession times on Saturdays 10-11am & 5.15-5.45pm, Confessions will also be heard 12 noon-1pm on Sundays in Advent.

Change to Mass Time on Wednesday 5th Dec. Mass at 9am (not 12.30pm) due to the clergy attending an Advent Recollection Day.

First Friday, 7th December Day of Eucharistic Adoration 9.30am. Exposition & Morning Prayer; 10am Silent Prayer; 12pm Angelus & Rosary; 12.30pm Mass; 1pm Exposition & Silent Prayer; 6.30pm Benediction.

Ways to learn more about Courtyard youth outreach project: 'Pizza Fuelled Purpose', youth chat & pizza, 5th Dec. from 7pm. If you are aged 16-25 join us on Wed 5th Dec., in the parish centre to help us think about our new youth outreach work in Enfield & share your ideas of how to reach out & show that our Church cares about the community. **'Courtyard Coffee Morning', 8th Dec. 10-12noon.** For anyone who would like to learn more, see our new Enfield Film, or just have

a cuppa & pastry. Join us after 9.30am Mass on Sat. 8th Dec. in the parish centre. **'You Know Who?!, Enfield Edition, 12th Dec. 7-9pm.** Join us for a mapping event, to find where we could meet young people, volunteers & make links into our community. Wed. 12th Dec. 7-9pm parish centre. For more details see the posters in the porch or email: tadz@millionminutes.org to let the Courtyard team know you're coming.

Re-Commissioning of Readers at all Masses on 8th and 9th December.

Campaign in Support of Human rights defenders next weekend 8th/9th December. Every year, the Justice and Peace group invite us to write messages of support to people around the world who have suffered injustice, to show them how we support their campaigns for justice. At Mass next weekend you will be invited to sign a card to either a prisoner of conscience or an individual who is in danger of arrest.

Third World In Need — TWIN. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 5th December at 2.30pm in the Presbytery. We welcome parishioners interested in Third World development.

Mount Carmel Ladies Group next meet on Thursday 6th December for a quiz. We start to gather in the Parish Centre after 12:30pm Mass. All Welcome.

Fairtrade Fayre. Thank you to everyone for your support. Total takings were £1126. A big thank you to our Confirmation Candidates for their enthusiastic help with Fairtrade

samples, refreshments and raffle etc. Please remember to look for the Fairtrade Logo when you shop.

Baptism Welcomers. New volunteers are invited to join the team who welcome families coming to baptise their child/ren on Saturday mornings in OLSG. Commitment is once a month from 11am-12.30pm. To find out more contact the parish secretary: enfield@rcdow.org.uk or 020 8363 2569.

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Parish Visitation. Following on from Bishop John Sherrington's visit recently to OLSG, Bp John has confirmed that he will celebrate 10am Mass in OLW on Sunday 9th December to complete his parish visitation. Please make him feel welcome as you always do.

CATECHETICS

Children's Liturgy of the Word at 9am, Sunday Mass in OLSG: we would like to recruit many more catechists to support this liturgy. Help is required to prepare the venue, to ensure the safety and well being of children and to conduct the celebration of the word with children in ways that enhance the quality of the liturgy. A DBS check will be initiated by the parish safeguarding rep for this work. Please contact Sybil: sybillee@rcdow.org.uk

Catechists for sacramental programmes and people with special needs: if you would like to know more, please email Sybil to arrange a time to meet.

OTHER NEWS

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

St Ignatius College Enfield invites boys & girls to our 6th Form Open Evening on Thurs. 6th Dec. 6pm-8pm. Speeches at 7.15pm.

Enfield Churches Winter Night Shelter. Once again the churches in Enfield are offering their accommodation on a rota basis to provide a Night Shelter for the homeless during the coldest winter months, this year for 14 weeks from 4 January. Previous years volunteers from our parish mainly assisted at St Luke's, Clay Hill on Friday/Saturday and hopefully more parishioners will join this year. There are three shifts: evening, night and morning, it is well organised and teams of volunteers aren't required every week. For further details visit: <http://www.clayhillparish.org.uk/shelter.htm> and to volunteer please email Peter Livermore and John Rhatigan stlukesshelter@gmail.com or come to St Luke's at 7.30pm on Friday 7th December for a training session.

Creative Mess Winter Art Workshop for kids aged 4-10 on Friday 28th December 11am-4pm in the Mount Carmel Parish Centre. Cost. Contact Maria marialouvazquez@yahoo.com

Westminster Youth Ministry will be celebrating its annual diocesan Youth Mass on Saturday 8th Dec. at 3pm at St. Dominic's Priory (Southampton Rd, Belsize Park NW5 4LB), Led by Bishop John Wilson. Young people from all parishes are welcome. The music for the Mass will be provided by Catholic artist Edwin Fawcett and the young Music Ministry scholars who spent a year preparing for this day. For more details about the Youth Mass or how to apply for next year's free music scholarship, see: dowym.com

Current Reception Class Pupil vacancies at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School, New Southgate, N11 1RD. If you are interested in applying for a place for your child please see the school's website www.ololschool.enfield.sch.uk to find detailed Admissions information and guidance, or contact the school: 020 8361 0767.

Job Vacancies in the Westminster Diocese. Please see: <http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/>