

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate and welcome into the church community, Flynn Williams, Jan Jelen, Carter Magnus-George, Ashton Prince, Daria Balan, Alice Howard, Leyna Lapinid, Alexander Morgan, Sarah Freire Dos Santos who were baptised in our church recently. Please pray for them and their families.

LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASS TIMES

Sun 6 Jan	+ EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (Solemnity) <i>Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6; Matthew 2:1-12 (p. 115)</i> Mass - OLSG: 8am, 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon, 6pm. OLW: 10am	<i>Ps Wk 2</i>
Mon 7 Jan	Christmas feria HFC: 7.30am Mass OLSG: (10-12noon church cleaning,) 12.30pm Mass, 7pm Reception of the body Catherine Halvey RIP	
Tue 8 Jan	Christmas feria HFC: 7.30am Mass, 7-8pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament OLSG: 12.30pm Funeral Mass of Catherine Halvey RIP	
Wed 9 Jan	Christmas feria OLSG: 12.30pm Funeral Mass of Christine Kennedy RIP HFC: 8-9pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Thu 10 Jan	Christmas feria OLSG: 12.30pm Mass HFC: 4.45-5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Fri 11 Jan	Christmas feria OLSG: 12.30pm Mass	
Sat 12 Jan	Christmas feria OLSG: 9.30am Mass (followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament); 10-11am Confessions; 10.45am Benediction; 5pm Evening Prayer followed by Adoration until 5.45pm; 5.15-5.45pm Confessions; 6pm Mass	
Sun 13 Jan	+THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD <i>Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 (p. 118)</i> 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.	<i>Ps Wk 1</i>

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. 1453

+THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

6 January 2019

What is in the Title?

The EPIPHANY of Our Lord is normally written in capitals to distinguish it from the other valid meanings in other contexts of the word: epiphany.

The others can mean (in our secular appreciation) a moment when we have a striking and vivid instance of really clear understanding of a particular problem or issue—it becomes our epiphany.

But Epi: means **above** and from late Greek *epiphaneia* it means a "manifestation, striking appearance **from above**".

So the EPIPHANY of Our Lord was incorporated in the Roman Catholic Canon in the 14th century and thereon lies our blessing of faith completely together. The Gospel of Matthew is the only one of the four Gospels to mention the Magi. Matthew reports that they came "from the east" to worship the "king of the Jews".

The Gospel never mentions the number of Magi, but most Christian denominations have traditionally assumed them to have been three in number, based on the statement that they brought three gifts. The revelation of the Magi goes to show we have an example of complete adoration when we can only consider their arduous stint of travelling over many

distances. The adoration of the Magi (whatever their number in total!) is an inspiration to us all as a keystone of keeping strong in faith before Jesus Christ.

If you want to pray in your private prayer over 300 Magi you will have my collaborative support in doing so.

We can be strong in our realisation of an epiphany of our **geographical** history as well as our religious history together. And we must celebrate this whenever we can. Our geographical parish name most likely came from *Anglo-Saxon Eanafeld* or similar, meaning "open land belonging to a man called Eana" or "open land for lambs". God Bless Him!

The EPIPHANY washes all with the Overarching Presence of Jesus Christ!

This time can be slightly overwhelming with all manner of tasks, the return to work, the starting afresh to school and all that means for both children, parents and guardians.

I pray for you all that the frenetic pace of life will be eased at the start of 2019. May you all have a blessed and peaceful New Year.

And God Bless Enfield Parish in 2019!!!

Deacon Ronnie

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PARISH NOTICES

Please pray for those who have died: Fr Bob Barry, Catherine Halvey, Christine Kennedy, Gloria Morley, Simon Jones, Chen Mao and for those whose anniversaries occur about now: Michael Greene, Rosaria Parente, Seamus Nugent, Vanessa Jackson, Wendy McHugh.

Please pray for sick and housebound parishioners: Liz Mackenzie, Daisy Theodore, Ros Keenaghan, Logan Valera-Ramos, Henk Windau, Spyroulla Kozinos, Sheila Lewin, Molly Mortimer, Stephen and Joan Hoye.

THANK YOU!

For so many Christmas greetings, cards and gifts. Thank you for all your prayers and the support you gave us throughout the year, above all thank you for your understanding, appreciation and encouragement.

With you we bless God for the gift of his Church, and for all the many graces we receive. We remember especially those who are sick at home or in hospital, and all those, some very far away, who still cherish their links with our parish community.

Our thanks go to all those who have made our Christmas celebrations so special: all involved in the Carol Service and the Christmas Masses, all altar servers, musicians, Eucharistic ministers, readers, all who made the church such a welcoming place, those who built the cribs and decorated the Christmas trees, and last but not least our thanks go to all who volunteered to help with Christmas Day Lunch for those who would otherwise spend Christmas on their own.

May God bless you all and grant you every peace, happiness and blessing for the New Year.

Fr Witon, Fr Chinedu and Deacon Ronnie

New to the Parish. If you are a new parishioner, please come to the presbytery (situated next to the church) and collect a parish registration form to register.

Praying the Rosary by the Fountain. As every 13th day of the month, on **Sunday 13th January at 7pm** (straight after 6pm Mass), 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.

St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP). Next meeting in the presbytery at 7.30pm on Monday 7th January.

Justice and Peace Group. Next meeting on Monday 7th January, 8pm in the presbytery. Key item will be to prepare for this month's annual collection for the Manna Society.

Lay Fraternity of Bl. Charles de Foucauld. Next meeting will be on Tuesday 8th January from 10.30am-12noon in the Bishop Challoner room, behind the sacristy. Future meetings will take place on the first Tuesday of the month. We come together to discern how we live the Gospel message in our life today as we follow the spirituality of our mentor Bl. Bro. Charles de Foucauld. All are welcome.

The Sunday Café 10-11am. A big thank you to all the volunteers and parishioners who make the Café such a success. We have raised £255 for the Noah's Ark children's hospice. Join us in 2019 when our next charity is the Tanzania Project run by St Ignatius College. Everyone is welcome after 9am Mass in the Parish Centre. If you would like to help occasionally please contact Mary.

Parish Repository (in the church porch) has now on sale, among other religious articles, the **Westminster Year Book 2019**, £4.50. The shop is run by volunteers and opens before and after Masses.

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

St George's Association Bingo. Alternate Tuesdays in the Parish Centre. Next session 15th January from 8pm. Bar, raffle, jackpot game. Free tea & biscuits. For further details Contact Natalie

Charity Quiz Night in aid of Mind (Enfield) on Saturday 9th February in the parish centre, 7.30pm for 8pm start. Tables of 6 or 8. £10 per person to include ploughman's supper. Bar open. To book contact Di or Margaret.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society continue to collect all old, foreign, UK and Irish coins and banknotes. A collecting jar is available in the presbytery reception. Thank you to all parishioners who have donated so generously.

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

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

CATECHETICS

Children's Liturgy of the Word during the Family Mass on Sundays at 9am in OLSG. We are in need of volunteer helpers to join the existing team of coordinators of the Children's Liturgy. The helpers will be involved (on a rota basis) in setting up the parish centre, leading and assisting with the liturgy in a child friendly manner. Training will be provided. To find out more please contact Sybil, or speak to Kate or Stephen after the 9am Mass.

OTHER NEWS

New Year's Resolution: Volunteer for CAFOD in the Westminster Diocese. Do you have good public speaking skills and want to help us tackling poverty and injustice? CAFOD needs volunteers to speak on their behalf in parishes and/or schools in the Westminster Diocese. To find out more or to book a place on the next Volunteer information day in London on Saturday 19th January contact CAFOD on 0208 449 6970 or westminster@cafod.org.uk

The SVP are distributing 11,500 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless and those spending the principal part of their day on the streets. Each pack contains a thermal hat, two pairs of socks, gloves, wet wipes, toothbrush, toothpaste, information sheet and pen. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £3.50 per pack. Donations can be sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ with cheques made out to SVP. Thank you for your support.

St Vincent de Paul Society - Admin Assistant Vacancy in their National Office, London SE1. Closing date: 8th Jan. 2019. Details on the noticeboard in the porch.

Irish Chaplaincy is looking for a Resettlement Caseworker. Come and be part of an exciting new project, assisting Travellers in selected London prisons into post-release employment. Salary: £26,360 (three year fixed-term contract, with continuation dependent on further funding). NB The successful candidate will not be able to begin in post until prison-vetting has taken place. Closing date: 30th Jan 2019. Interviews: 19th Feb. Contact Eddie Gilmore, CEO: 0207 482 5528 or eddie.gilmore@irishchaplaincy.org.uk

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