

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate and welcome into the church community Evie Chandramohan and Leo Hunt who were baptised last week. Please pray for them and their families.

LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASS TIMES

Sun 08 Sep	23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Wisdom 9:13-18; Philemon 9-10,12-17; Luke 14:25-33 (p. 133)</i> Mass - OLSG: 8am, 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon, 6pm. OLW: 10am	<i>Ps Wk 3</i>
Mon 09 Sep	Feria HFC: 7.30am Mass OLSG: (10-12noon church cleaning,) 12.30pm Mass	
Tue 10 Sep	Feria HFC: 7.30am Mass, 7-8pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament OLSG: 9am Mass	
Wed 11 Sep	Feria OLSG: 12.30pm Mass HFC: 8-9pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Thu 12 Sep	The Most Holy Name of Mary OLSG: 12.30pm Mass HFC: 4.45-5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Fri 13 Sep	Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor OLSG: 12.30pm Mass	
Sat 14 Sep	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS OLSG: 9.30am Mass (followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament); 10-11am Confessions; 10.45am Benediction; 2pm Wedding of Claudia Nistor and Ronald Camp; 5pm Evening Prayer followed by Adoration until 5.45pm; 5.15-5.45pm Confessions; 6pm Mass	
Sun 15 Sep	24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14; 1 Timothy 1: 12-17; Luke 15: 1-32 (p.136)</i> Mass - OLSG: 8am, 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon, 6pm. OLW: 10am	<i>Ps Wk 4</i>

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

A Parish of the Catholic Diocese of Westminster

No. 1487

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8 September 2019

Pray to the saints! Pray to St Thérèse!

On 6th September 1910, a silent crowd of over 500 people gathered in the Municipal Cemetery at Lisieux, in Normandy, France. Among them were: the local bishop, several priests, the Chief of Police and a group of doctors. They have come to exhume the body of a Carmelite nun who 13 years earlier, at the age of 24, had died from TB. Her grave by then had become a popular place of pilgrimage and hundreds of people claimed to have received great favours and healings through her intercession. Most of the crowd were convinced that this young nun was a saint. They were right. Today we know her as St Thérèse of the Child Jesus.

On that September afternoon in 1910, however, she was simply Sister Thérèse. Many present hoped for a miracle and were convinced that her body would be perfectly preserved and incorrupt. They were greatly disappointed. When the coffin was carefully opened, far from being incorrupt, every trace of her flesh had disappeared. It was as if the TB which had racked her body in life, continued to destroy her body in death. Only the skeleton remained.

The crowd that had waited so patiently and hopefully was then allowed to venerate her remains. Later they were to be enshrined in the convent where she had died in 1897.

It was these remains, her relics, that were brought to Rome in October 1997 when St Thérèse was proclaimed a Doctor of the Universal Church, and 10 years ago, on 16th September, were brought to England, to be venerated by thousands of people.

Why are the saints so important? Why are their relics so venerated? Because they help us to pass from Christianity of ideas, concepts and theory, to Christianity as liveable, possible, achievable "real Christianity". Saints are the living sign that God can change our hearts and refashion our lives. They are witnesses to the power of God's grace.

Pray to the saints! Pray to St Thérèse! It does not matter how you approach her. Ask a favour, a grace for yourself or for someone else you love. Ask! Allow yourself to be very surprised.

The "Communion of Saints" is not a theory, not a concept, not an idea. It is for real! Be part of the communion of saints today. **Fr Witon**

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PARISH NOTICES

Please pray for those who have died: Anthony Mould, Anne Smith, Doris McKiernan
and for those whose anniversaries occur about now: David Vincent Canham, Marcus Cox,
Peter and Betty Cullen, John Ennis, Richard Greer and Mark Tindle.

Please pray for sick and housebound parishioners: Biddy Woodland, Sheila Lewin,
Liz McKenzie, Daisy Theodore, John Ernest, Sylvia Woollard, Logan Valera-Ramos,
Peter Clasquin, Liz Nunny, Iris Wilder, Beatrice de Zilva, Sofia Michael, Bridie Faherty,
Monica Massarella, Susi Beer, Susi Thomas, Stephen and Joan Hoye.

Thank you to everyone who supported last weekend's Foodbank Collection. We are grateful for your continued support & generosity.

Change to Mass times on Tuesday 10th September. Mass in the Convent at 7.30am and at gam (not 12.30pm) in OLSG due to the clergy attending the deanery meeting.

Praying the Rosary by the Fountain. As every 13th day of the month, on Friday 13th September 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 & the whole world.

Interested in Catholicism? If you want to explore it and find out what Catholics believe why not join the new Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults group which will meet on Tuesday 10th September at 8pm in the Presbytery next to the church? All enquirers are welcome. Meetings are friendly and informal. Come without any commitment to become a Catholic though the group meetings will be invaluable to people who desire that. Weekly meetings may be arranged for people not able to make Tuesdays. Please speak to one of the priests or contact Michael Walsh michaelwalsh2001@live.co.uk

New Altar Servers. If you have made your First Holy Communion and think you would like to become an Altar Server, please come and find out what is involved on Tuesday 17th September, 6.30pm in church at OLSG. Important: Parents, please ensure you come and collect your children at 7.45pm. Any

queries email: servers@catholicefield.org Sessions for those servers who have been serving consistently for a year and would like to be considered to join the Guild of St Stephen will be held on Tuesdays 12th and 19th November. Full details in due course.

The Westminster North Province of the Knights of St. Columba will be celebrating the centenary of the Order at the 12 noon Mass on Sunday 15th September in OLSG church. After the Mass there will be a reception in the parish centre which all are invited to. Please keep the Knights in your prayers that they can continue their good works and they can find new Brothers to carry the works out."

Parish Saturday Club, 21st September, 3-5pm, Our Lady of Walsingham for those of any age with particular needs, in partnership with Caritas St Joseph. If you know someone who would benefit, please invite or accompany them and expect a warm welcome for all..

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 21st Sept. Members of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Filipino Community in Enfield are organising transport from OLSG Church to Walsingham. The day includes Mass, Rosary procession and Benediction in the Abbey grounds. Cost £20 adults, £12 children under 12yrs. Expected departure 7.30am, returning to Enfield around 8.30pm. Payment required at time of booking via the presbytery. Last remaining seats. Contact Fely or Mila.

The Sunday Café re-opens today, 8th Sept. 10-11am. Our target charity (to Christmas) is the RNLI. Your custom is important to us. If you would like to join the team serving light refreshments one Sunday a month please contact Mary Newman maryvnewman@btinternet.com

Bereavement Visiting Group meets on Monday 9th September at 7pm in the presbytery .

St George's Association Bingo. Alternate Tuesdays in the Parish Centre. Next session 10th Sep. from 8pm. Bar, raffle, jackpot game. Free tea & biscuits. For further details Contact Natalie.

SVP Coffee Morning on Saturday 21st September 10am to 12:30pm in the parish centre. Good company with coffee, cakes and tombola. Any age welcome.

Secondary School Priest References. The list of appointment times with the parish priest to obtain a Certificate of Catholic Practice will be available soon. Please keep looking at future newsletters for more details.

Charity Quiz Night on Saturday 5th October, 7pm for prompt 7.30pm start at the Parish Centre. Tickets £8 per person (Max. 8 per team). Please bring your own food & cutlery. Licensed bar, heads and tails, raffle. All profits to go to 29th Enfield Scout Group. For tickets please contact Andrew andrewryde@gmail.com

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

The Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham will be celebrated at the 10am Mass at OLW church on Sunday 22nd September followed by a breakfast brunch organised by the OLW Committee and with children's activities. During the brunch, the AGM will be held. All are welcome to attend. There will be a raffle in aid of Church Funds, so any donations welcome. **Please note:** due to the celebrations, there will be very limited car parking available in the church grounds.

Lost Property left from Children's Week at Our Lady of Walsingham Church. Items can be collected from there after 10am Mass on Sundays or after Wednesdays 10am Prayer Group. Any uncollected items will be disposed of after Sunday 8th September.

CATECHETICS

First Reconciliation Programme: Parent Induction meeting, Monday 9th Sept., 7-8pm, OLSG church. **Training for Catechists & helpers:** Saturdays 21st Sept., 10.30am-1.30pm AND 28th Sept., 10.30am-12.30pm. Both in the parish centre. Check our website for details and to book.

Confirmation Programme: Parent & Candidate Induction, Monday 16th Sept., 7-8pm, OLSG church. **Training for Catechists & Helpers:** Saturdays 5th Oct., 10:30-1.30pm, in the parish centre AND 12th October, 10.30am-12.30pm, in the Challoner room. See our website for details and to book.

Diocesan Training for Children's Liturgy: Saturday 9th Nov., 10.30am-1.30pm, parish centre. All children's liturgy helpers & those interested please attend. More helpers urgently required and this training will give you confidence for planning and action.

OTHER NEWS

Enfield Health & Wellbeing Centre - Tea/Coffee Morning. Every Tuesday from 10am at the parish centre. Come join us for tea and cakes with lovely people and good company. Everyone is welcome.

Invitation CAFOD Information Afternoon - Wed 18th Sept, Oakwood. Guest speaker, Laura Ouseley, who has first-hand experience of our work overseas. Come and hear how CAFOD is helping communities, thanks to your support. Meeting will take place 2.30-4pm at CAFOD's Volunteer Centre, 1st Floor, Christ the King Church, 29 Bramley Rd., Oakwood, N14 4HE. To book: 020 8449 6970 or westminster@cafod.org.uk