

LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASS TIMES

The daily 12noon Mass is also live-streamed. Everyone is welcome to join: WWW.HTTPS://WWW.CATHOLICENFIELD.ORG/LIVE-STREAM/

Sun 27 Dec + THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS MARY AND JOSEPH

Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3, Colossians:3:12-21, Luke 2:22-40

OLSG: 8am, 10am, 12noon Mass

OLW: 10am Mass

Mon 28 Dec THE HOLY INNOCENTS, Martyrs

OLSG: Church opens 11.30am (not 9.30am) private prayer
12noon Mass as usual.

Tue 29 Dec ST THOMAS BECKET, Bishop & Martyr

Wed 30 Dec 6th DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

OLSG: 9.30am Funeral Mass of Lydie Marie Mann RIP.
Only the mourning family (maximum 30) will be able to attend.
Church opens 11.30am (not 9.30am) for private prayer;
12noon Mass as usual.

Thu 31 Dec 7th DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

Fri 1 Jan SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Numbers 6:22-27, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:16-21

Church opens 11.30am (not 9.30am) for private prayer;
12noon Mass as usual.

Sat 2 Jan Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors

Sun 3 Jan + SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2, 8-12; Ephesian 1:3-6, 15-18; John 1:1-18

OLSG: 8am, 10am, 12noon Mass

OLW: 10am Mass

Mon 4 Jan Christmas feria

Tue 5 Jan Christmas feria

Wed 6 Jan + THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

OLSG: 12noon and **7pm** Mass

Thu 7 Jan Christmas feria

Fri 8 Jan Christmas feria

Sat 9 Jan Christmas feria

Sun 10 Jan + THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (Solemnity)

Isaiah 55:1-11; 1 John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11

OLSG: 8am, 10am, 12noon Mass

OLW: 10am Mass

Usual liturgy times,

unless indicated

otherwise:

MASS TIMES

Our Lady of Mount

Carmel & Saint

George (OLSG)

Sunday

8am, 10am, 12noon

Monday-Friday

12noon

Saturday

12noon, 6pm

Our Lady of

Walsingham (OLW)

Sunday

10am

Holy Family

Convent (HFC)

Monday-Tuesday

8.30am (celebrated
with the Sisters only)

CONFESSIONS

Friday (OLSG)

11-11.45am

Saturday (OLSG)

11-11.45am,

5pm-5.45pm

OLW: Our Lady of

Walsingham,

Holtwhites Hill

HFC: Holy Family

Convent, 52

London Road

OLSG: Open for private

prayer: Mon-Fri

9.30 - 12noon;

Sat 11 - 12noon

& 5pm - 6pm.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Saint George

with Our Lady of Walsingham & the English Martyrs

A Parish of the Catholic Diocese of Westminster

+The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 27 December 2020

THE HOLY FAMILY

For many of us, the last few days will have been somewhat odd. The restrictions placed upon social gatherings have led to a much quieter celebration of Christmas than usual. Here in Enfield, we were very sorry indeed not to be able to provide the traditional Christmas Day lunch in the Parish Centre. It is our sincere hope that next year will see normal service resumed. In church, we were discouraged from singing the familiar carols which are so much part of the celebration of the birthday of Jesus Christ. Perhaps we will value these traditional aspects of Christmas more when they are duly restored to us next year. I offer these words in hope and expectation.

This Sunday is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. It is a lovely way to mark the Sunday after Christmas Day. It reminds us that Our Lord was brought up in an earthly home in Nazareth. There 'he grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom', as we hear in the Gospel reading. What a home that must have been! The Son of God, and Our Lady and St Joseph all under the same roof. Pope St Paul VI wrote about this:

'Here gladly would I become a child again, and go to school once more in this humble and sublime school of Nazareth: close to Mary, I wish I could make a fresh start at learning the true science of life and the higher wisdom of divine truths.'

We are spending so much time at home at the moment, not only relaxing and recharging our batteries, but even working from home. There is a danger of overfamiliarity with our four walls and also our families and close friends. The Holy Family teach us to be patient and generous, and to seek the maturity and wisdom which come from our true home, which is heaven itself. We can be sure that the love which filled the home at Nazareth can fill our homes also, if we sanctify them, pray in them, and invite the Holy Family to dwell with us there.

Fr Chinedu joins me in thanking parishioners for their kind greetings and generous gifts. They are much appreciated.

With my prayers for a healthy and happy 2021.

Fr Daniel Humphreys

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The sick and housebound: Joseph Grachvogel, Liz Nunny, James Rowley, Paul Tanner, Emma Haynes, Betty Tindle, Liz MacKenzie, Francis Braganza, John Ward, Michael Horgan, Maria Horgan, Anne Marie Flynn, Carol Ennis, Linda Leepow, John McDonald, Olga Skinner, Charlie Watson, Barry Corbett, Mary Goulding, Evette Simon, Turqar Yamanef and John McDonagh.

Those who have died: Claude Lindor, Antonio Darwin Ananayo, Evelyn Browning, Christine Dallison, John Margan, Lydie Marie Mann, Tamanya Mushanga and Lombe Mulenga.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Calogero Cicero, John Cullen and Rose Pennycad.

Thank you to all involved in making the Virtual Christmas Carol Service such a wonderful celebration to bring some festive cheer into our homes. Thank you to St Anne's School, St Ignatius College and St George's School for their participation together with all the readers from our parish. Special thanks to Peter, Luke and James for all their hard work in organising and recording the Service.

Thank you also to all the volunteers who delivered the Christmas Hampers this week to the elderly who would have normally been with us on Christmas Day.

Visitors to the Church. Please wear a face covering over nose & mouth, use the hand sanitisers provided in the porch before entering the church, observe social distancing, sign in for track and trace and follow the guidance of stewards. The toilet facilities are not available. Please do not come to the church if you or anyone in your household is ill.

Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession Times: Friday 11am-11.45am; Saturday 11am-11.45am, 5pm-5.45pm in the St Anne's Chapel (church entrance). Please ensure that you wear a face covering. Your confession needs to be brief, so please arrive prepared.

The Epiphany of the Lord - Wednesday 6th January. Mass at 12noon and at [7pm](#) in OLSG church.

Church Opening Times for Quiet Prayer:

Monday 28th December 11.30am - 12noon;
Tuesday 29th December 9.30am - 12noon;
Wednesday 30th December 11.30am - 12noon;
Thursday 31st December 9.30am - 12noon;
Friday 1st January 11.30am - 12noon;
Saturday 2nd January 11.00am - 12noon;
Monday 4th to Friday 9th Jan 9.30am - 12noon;
Saturday 10th January 11.00am - 12noon.

Parish Office Opening Times: Mon-Sat, 9.30-1pm; Sun 10-1pm. However, if possible please call 020 8363 2569, or email enfield@rcdow.org.uk and only come to the presbytery if it is really necessary or you have an appointment. If you need to come, please wear a face covering & adhere to social distancing. Reception closed on Monday 27th December and Friday 1st January.

Volunteer Stewards. We are very grateful to those who volunteered to help steward/clean in the church to ensure everyone is safe. Some have served more than once a week almost every week. We are looking to recruit more volunteers (aged between 18-70 with no underlying health conditions). To volunteer, please email the parish: enfield@rcdow.org.uk and Fr Chinedu will contact you. Thank you.

The Newsletter has information for the next two weeks. The first edition for 2021 will be on 10th January.

Crib Appeal 2020. Our Crib Offering will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society to support their work with disadvan-

taged children and families. Offerings for this may be placed in the candle box by the crib. www.cathchild.org.uk

- CATECHETICS -

Confirmation. We are delighted to be able to continue with the Confirmation Masses, which will take place Jan/Feb 2021. However, due to the ongoing pandemic, they may be subject to change. Parents of the Confirmation candidates have been emailed with details of their allocated Mass. If you haven't received this, please email: enfield-cat@rcdow.org.uk

- FINANCE -

Giving by Standing Order. Would you consider gifting your offering by Standing Order? If so, the payment details are: **HSBC Bank plc**, Sort Code: **40-05-20**, a/c no: **21309110** a/c name: **WRCDT Enfield**; your surname as reference. Please email the parish Gift Aid Coordinator to let her know: enfieldgac@rcdow.org.uk

Gift Aiding your donation and/or To Donate to the Parish. Details are on our Diocese website: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/enfield/donate/> Thank you for your support.

- OTHER NEWS -

The St Vincent de Paul Society have assembled nearly 12,000 packs of winter essentials for the homeless and have distributed them throughout England & Wales. The contents of each Vinnie Pack cost around £3.50 and donations to sponsor packs would be most welcome. Donations can be transferred to SVP Vinnie Packs, a/c 46088237 sort code 60-60-04 or cheques payable to SVP & sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, SW1P 9EZ.

Enfield Winter Night Shelter. In previous years parishioners have kindly volunteered mainly at St Luke's Church. As it is not possible to have the Shelter in various church

premises this winter, a property has been rented in N18, which will take homeless guests from 7th January. If you are interested in volunteering mainly on some Friday evenings or Saturday mornings or for more details please email: stlukesshelter@gmail.com. To make a donation to All People All Places the charity who organise this: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/donate?&cid=99928> Thank you for your continuing support.

- PRAYERS FOR CHRISTMAS OCTAVE -

28th Dec - The Holy Innocents

In their silence, the Holy Innocents witness the birth of Jesus; may we be courageous in defending the innocent from cruelty in this world. Amen.

29th Dec - Feast of St Thomas Becket

As St Thomas Becket sought justice, giving up his life to God's will, let us be courageous in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Amen.

30th Dec- 6th Day in Octave of Christmas

Father, you raise men and women to lead religious lives; may we be inspired by their example, and in humility always be at the service of your Son, Jesus Christ, born in a stable. Amen.

31st Dec - 7th Day in Octave of Christmas

In this time of pandemic when a new darkness has covered the earth, we pray for all the sick, for their carers, and for those who deliver medicines and vaccines; may they always be led by the light of Christ, whom our Heavenly Father sent to Bethlehem to heal the world. Amen.

1st Jan - Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

O God, we thank you for Mary, mother of your Son Jesus, and our mother. May we, like Mary, be faithful to your calling, and come in the fullness of time to be with her and her Son in everlasting life. Amen.