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LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASS TIMES

- Sun 19 Dec + FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT** *Ps Wk 4*
Micah: 5:1-4; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45 (p.90)
3pm Carol Service in OLSG & on livestream
- Mon 20 Dec** Advent feria. Confessions 11am-11.45am in OLSG
- Tue 21 Dec** Advent feria. Confessions 6pm-6.45pm in OLSG
- Wed 22 Dec** Advent feria. Confessions 11am-11.45am in OLSG
Mass 12noon, 5pm 'Aguinaldo' Mass with the Filipino Community and all welcome
- Thu 23 Dec** Advent feria. Confessions 6pm-6.45pm in OLSG
- Fri 24 Dec** Advent feria.
Mass 9.30am in OLSG. (*No 10am & 12noon*)
Confessions 10am-11am, 3pm-3.45pm in OLSG
SEASON OF CHRISTMAS
OLSG: 4pm Children's Nativity Mass
6pm Family Christmas Mass (LS)
9.30pm Carols followed by 10pm Sung Mass
OLW: 6pm Family Christmas Mass
(*nb. No midnight Mass*)
- Sat 25 Dec + THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)**
OLSG: 9am, 10.30am, 12noon
OLW: 10am
(*nb. No Mass at 8am & 6pm*)
- Sun 26 Dec + THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH** *Ps Wk 1*
Ecc. 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians. 3:12-21 Luke 2:41-52 (p.105)
- Mon 27 Dec** ST JOHN, Apostle & Evangelist
Mass 10am in HFC (not 8am)
- Tue 28 Dec** THE HOLY INNOCENTS, Martyrs
Mass 10am in HFC (not 8am)
- Wed 29 Dec** ST THOMAS BECKET, Bishop & Martyr
- Thu 30 Dec** 6th DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS
- Fri 31 Dec** 7th DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS
- Sat 1 Jan SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**
- Sun 2 Jan + 2nd SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY** *Ps Wk 2*
Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6; Matthew 2:1-12 (p. 115)

*Usual liturgy times,
unless indicated
otherwise:*

MASS TIMES

Our Lady of Mount

Carmel & Saint George (OLSG)

Sunday

(Sat 6pm), 8am,
9am, 10.30am,
12noon (LS), 6pm

Monday-Thursday

12noon (LS)

Friday

10am, 12noon (LS)

Saturday

9.30am

Our Lady of Walsingham (OLW)

Sunday

10am

Holy Family

Convent (HFC)

Monday-Tuesday

8am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday

10-10.45am (OLSG)
5.15-5.45pm (OLSG)

ADORATION OF

THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT

Saturday

10-11am, 5-5.45pm
(OLSG)

Tuesday & Wednesday

7-8pm (HFC)

Thursday

3.45-4.45pm (HFC)

KEY:

LS - Livestream

Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Saint George

with Our Lady of Walsingham & the English Martyrs

A Parish of the Catholic Diocese of Westminster

+Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmastide 19 (& 26) Dec 2021

Christmas Thoughts and Hopes

Dear friends,

I have just been present at a beautiful and poignant Christmas Liturgy for year 2 of St George's Primary School. It was a real pleasure to welcome the children, staff and parents and friends to church for this lovely, prayerful time.

During the service, what began as an empty crib scene became filled with the various characters associated with the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. As each character (s) was introduced, they walked onto the sanctuary and took their place in the tableaux. Last, but not least, was the Lord himself. The baby was placed gently into the manger whilst the traditional carol 'Away in a manger' was sung.

The simplicity and carefulness involved in the liturgy served to teach us all a valuable lesson, which, in the midst of 'the changes and chances of this fleeting world', it is so easy to neglect. At the heart of the Christmas hope is a child, born in simplicity and obscurity. He was loved and nurtured by his family, and from the very beginning of his life he drew others to himself. No-one was (or is) excluded from his company. It is always worth remembering how it is the

visiting outcasts and foreigners that we know most about. I often wonder what the neighbours in Bethlehem thought about all the comings and goings.

Each Christmas we are reminded of the wondrous simplicity of the real meaning for the feasting and rejoicing. God took our flesh, and in our flesh redeemed us and revealed his compassionate and merciful love. Christmas is a time to simply and gladly remember this and thank God for it.

On behalf of Fr Timothy, and myself, I would like to thank parishioners for their kindness and support over the past year. Many things could be said regarding the strange times we are living through. In fact, there comes a time when it seems better to keep silent, and pray for a swift end to it all.

Reflecting on all of this, in the light of the faith that we share, I find myself hopeful and grateful. We look out for the graces and blessings in our midst—and realise that God is truly with us—Emmanuel. He will never abandon his children.

Happy Christmas to you all.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The sick and housebound: Eve McMahon, Mary Elliott, Mary Murray, Padriac Walshe, Eileen Sullivan, Ria Hughes, Ailsa Mosquera, Marlene Hosten, Mavis Hancock and James Rowley.

Those who have died: Noreen Mullens, Tony Kealy, Ron Sutcliffe, Betty Piercy, Dr George Victor Kattan, Frank Moran and Emilano Gueco.

Anniversaries this week: Lloyd Fabella, Ruben Lapinid, PJ Weston, Anthony Hopkins, Michael Francis McDonagh, Theresa Sebastian and Brian Cashmore.

- THE LAMPS IN OUR CHURCHES -

This week the lamp:

by the Tabernacle (left side) burns for Marie Coutinho - Healing
by the Tabernacle (right side) burns for Elias & Dina Lopes - Rest in Peace
by Our Lady's Chapel burns for Theresa Sebastian - RIP Anniversary
by St George's Chapel burns for Brian Cashmore - RIP Anniversary

Next week the lamps in the church will burn for:

by the Tabernacle (left side) burns for John & Patricia O'Sullivan - In Memory
by the Tabernacle (right side) burns for John Coutinho - Thanksgiving
by Our Lady's Chapel burns for Marie Coutinho - Healing
by St George's Chapel burns for Violet Coelho - Thanksgiving
By the Tabernacle in OLV burns for the Revell Family - Intentions



COVID Update. Please ensure the following points are followed in our churches:

- People displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 should stay at home and not travel to church.
- Please use the hand sanitiser available.
- Please wear a face covering (both nose and mouth) in church.

Christmas Cake Raffle. Thank you to all who purchased tickets for the 'Christmas Cake' made and donated by one of our parishioners. The raffle will be drawn in the parish centre after today's Carol Service. All proceeds will go towards the Christmas flowers in church.

Altar Servers. Congratulations to our 3 senior servers who having been members of the Guild of St Stephen for 10 years will receive their silver medals and 9 young servers who have been serving for at least a year and having completed further training will receive their bronze medals this weekend at the Mass they normally attend.

Eucharistic Ministers on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day: If you are planning to attend Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Mass please add your name to the list in the Sacristy to ensure we have enough ministers at all Masses.

OLSG Car Park on Christmas Day. We regret there will be **no parking after the 10.30am Mass on the parish centre side** to allow easy access for the guests to be dropped off for the Christmas Lunch. The Family Chapel will also be closed after 9am Mass, to allow for preparations for the Christmas Day Lunch.

The Newsletter has information for the next two weeks. The first edition for 2022 will be on 2nd January.

Crib Appeal 2021. this year our Crib Offering will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society to support their work with disadvantaged children & families in our Diocese. Offerings for this may be placed in the candle box by the crib. www.cathchild.org.uk

- CONFESSIONS -

Confessions from Mon 20th to Fri 24th Dec:

Monday 20th December: 11am - 11.45am
Tuesday 21st December: 6pm - 6.45pm
Wednesday 22nd December: 11am - 11.45am
Thursday 23rd December: 6pm - 6.45pm
Friday 24th December: 10am - 10.45am & 3pm - 3.45pm

Confessions with a visiting priest, Fr M. Quaiocoe, on Thursday 23rd December 6pm-6.45pm and Friday 24th December 10am-10.45am.

The Synodal Pathway. Last chance to contribute to the Synodal process. Please contact Michael Walsh michaelwalsh2001@live.co.uk

The Tuesday Bereavement/Social Group will meet on 21st December after 12noon Mass in the Challoner room. All welcome.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Filipino Community in Enfield invite you for our Filipino Christmas 'Aguinaldo' Mass on Wed. 22nd Dec. at 5pm in OLSG church. Fely 07975 919102.

Office Reception and Church Opening Hours:

Monday 20th to Thursday 23rd Dec: 9am - 5pm.
Friday 24th Dec: 9am - 1pm.
Saturday 25th to Tuesday 28th Dec: CLOSED.
Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th Dec: 9am - 5pm.
Friday 31st Dec: 9am - 1pm.
Monday 3rd January 2022: CLOSED.
Resumes from Tuesday 4th January: 9am - 5pm.
Please note: there may be reduced opening times in the church.

- CATECHESIS -

Parents of children who will be preparing for their **Holy Communion (year 3)** or **Confirmation (year 9)** are invited to a 'Parents Formation' morning as follows: **First Communion on Saturday 15th January 11am-1.30pm.** **Confirmation on Saturday 22nd January 11am-1.30pm.** To register for this event please download and complete a form from the parish website.

Volunteer Catechists Needed. For more info. please email: enfieldcat@rcdow.org.uk

Parish Christmas Carol Service

TODAY - Sunday 19th December, 3pm

Followed by seasonal refreshments in the parish centre. All are welcome to attend.

The Carol Service will also be livestreamed. At the end of the Service a special collection will be taken towards the costs of the Christmas Day Lunch for the elderly, housebound and those who would otherwise be alone.

If you cannot attend the service but would like to support this initiative, you are welcome to leave a donation in the presbytery.

If you are thinking about helping at the Christmas Day lunch or are able to help transport guests to and from the parish centre on Christmas Day, please confirm this with Chandra: ccj.woollard@hotmail.co.uk or 07745 693 217 as we are limiting numbers for everyone's safety. Thank you for your help.

- CHRISTMAS -

Friday 24th December

9.30am (no 10am or 12noon) in OLSG

Christmas Eve Mass Times

4pm in OLSG Children's Nativity Mass
6pm in OLSG (LS) Family Christmas Mass
6pm in OLW Family Christmas Mass
9.30pm Christmas Carols followed by Sung Mass at 10pm in OLSG
(nb. No midnight Mass)

Christmas Day Mass Times

Saturday 25th December

9am, 10.30am & 12noon (LS) in OLSG
10am in OLW
(No 8am & 6pm Mass in OLSG)

Sunday 26th December

8am, 9am, 10.30am, 12noon (LS) & 6pm in OLSG
10am in OLW