

Live-Streaming of 12 noon Mass: <https://www.youtube.com/catholicenfield>

LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASS TIMES

Sun 2nd + SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY *Ps Wk 2*
January *Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2, 8-12; Ephesians 1: 3-6, 15-18; John 1: 1-18 (Page 111)*

OLSG: Mass 8am,9am,10.30am, 12noon (LS), 6pm

OLW: Mass 10am

Mon 3rd Jan The Most Holy Name of Jesus

(Bank Holiday) HFC: Mass 10 am

OLSG: Church cleaning 10am, Mass 12noon (LS)

Tues 4th Jan Christmas Feria

HFC: Mass 8am

OLSG: Mass 12 noon

Wed 5th Jan Christmas Feria

OLSG: Mass 12noon (LS) ,Funeral Mass of Patrick Walshe RIP at 6pm

Thur 6th Jan THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD—Holy Day of Obligation

OLSG: Mass at 10 am, 12 noon (LS) & 7 pm

Fri 7th Jan St Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

OLSG: Mass 10am, Funeral Mass of Noreen Mullens RIP at 12noon (LS)

Sat 8th Jan Christmas Feria

OLSG: Mass 9.30am (followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament);
Confessions 10-10.45am; Benediction 10.45am; Adoration & Confessions
5pm-5.45pm; Mass 6pm

Sun 9th + THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD *Ps Wk 3*

January *Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 (Page 118)*

OLSG: Mass 8am,9am,10.30am, 12noon (LS), 6pm.

OLW: Mass 10am

KEY OLSG: Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Saint George

OLW: Our Lady of Walsingham, Holtwhites Hill

HFC: Holy Family Convent

LS: Mass is Live-streamed

In OLSG: On weekdays the Rosary and the Litany will usually be said at
11.30am before the 12noon Mass, which will start with the Angelus

OLSG is open: Monday-Friday 7.30am-5pm; Saturday 9am-7pm; Sunday 7.30am-7pm

Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Saint George

with Our Lady of Walsingham & the English Martyrs

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Westminster

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

2nd January 2022

Epiphany and Obligation

This Sunday we keep the Second Sunday after the Nativity. For several years, this Sunday was given over to the Epiphany of the Lord. Thankfully, good sense has seen to it that the Epiphany must now be celebrated on its proper day—6 January (Thursday of this week). There are two positive results from this. Firstly, we can spend a little longer at the crib, contemplating the wonder of the Incarnation before welcoming the intrepid Wise Men from the East. And secondly, we are able to observe a Holy Day of Obligation on a weekday, as in times past.

In these days of isolation, positive tests and general anxiety it is not my intention to be overly dogmatic regarding the obligation of

attending Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord. Having said this, I sincerely hope that all who are well and can attend Mass without unduly endangering their own health, or that of others, will endeavour to be at Mass on Thursday. It is a beautiful feast, a reminder of the universal nature of Christian revelation. The Magi came from their own countries to worship the Christ Child. As they did so, they expressed their own sense of obligation. Their free choice to visit and bring their gifts was a joyful one, and yet they somehow felt obliged. This mixture of free will and obligation is helpful for us, an encouragement to be faithful and responsible in our own discipleship.

Fr Daniel Humphreys

A Prayer for Christmastide

Most merciful and loving God, through your will Jesus Christ our Lord humbled himself that he might exalt creation. He became flesh that he might restore your image in us and was born of the Virgin that he might uphold the lowly. Grant unto us the inheritance of the meek, perfect in us your likeness and bring us at last to your beauty, that we may glorify your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *(Gelasian Sacramentary)*

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The sick and housebound: Eve McMahon, Mary Murray, Ria Hughes, Marlene Hosten, Alisa Mosquera, John Nicholls.

Those who have died: Tony Kealy, Helen Weaver, Patrick Walshe, Leung Shun Stephen Ma, Peter Johnstone, Doreen McGrath, Noreen Mullens, George Victor Kattan.

Anniversaries this week: Rosario Perinto, Michael Skehill, Catherine Halvey.

THE LAMPS IN OUR CHURCHES

This week the lamp:

By the tabernacle in OLSG burns for the People of the Parish

By Our Lady's Chapel burns for Marie Coutinho - Healing

At the Crib burns for the protection of unborn children

Lamp intentions may be booked by contacting the Presbytery.



The Epiphany of the Lord. As mentioned on the front of this newsletter, Thursday 6th January is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at OLSG are at 10 am, 12 noon and 7 pm.

THANK YOU

Thank you from the clergy. Fr Daniel and Fr Timothy would like to express their sincere gratitude to parishioners for the kind and thoughtful Christmas greetings and the many generous gifts received. They are much appreciated. In return the clergy assure parishioners of their prayers and all good wishes for a happy and healthy 2022. May God bless you all.

Thank you to parishioners for the Christmas offering, which has been gratefully received and goes to make up the stipends of the clergy.

Thank you to all who worked so hard to prepare the churches for Christmas. Both churches looked beautiful. Thanks also to those who enabled the various Masses to proceed smoothly and in a dignified manner.

Thank you to those who organised, cooked and served the Christmas Day Lunch in the Parish Centre. It was a great success, and a lovely occasion. Chandra Gardner deserves a

special vote of thanks for her energy and vision in organising the lunch.

Christmas Cake Raffle. This was a great success. It raised over £600 and paid for the Christmas flowers in both churches. Having said this, many of the prizes remain unclaimed. Please check your tickets and collect your prize from the Presbytery during office hours. There is a list of winning numbers pinned up in the church porch at OLSG. Thanks to those who organised the raffle.

COVID Update. With respect to the current situation with the omicron variant, it is important to 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 or participate in person.
- Please use the hand sanitiser available.
- Where possible, please wear a face covering (both nose and mouth) in church.

We need help! The Sunday Café has been a great success since re-opening in October but one of our volunteers is leaving. If you could help every 3rd Sunday a month serving tea, etc after gam Mass, please email maryvnewman@btinternet.com

The Power of the Rosary Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday 5th January and 19th January from 10.30 am—11.45 am in the Challoner Room. All welcome.

The Tuesday Bereavement/Social Group will meet on January 11th and 25th after the 12 noon Mass in the Challoner Room. All welcome.

Church Car Park at OLSG. We are fortunate to have a car park, so that parishioners (especially the elderly and disabled) are able to park their cars when they attend Mass. Having said this, please would parishioners desist from parking where there is not a marked bay.

Update on Parish Centre plans. A representative group of parishioners has met on three occasions to carefully plan the proposed refurbishment of the Parish Centre. This project is beginning to gain momentum. Please pray for this project, and do feel free to offer your own thoughts and ideas. It is hoped that before long some detailed plans will be produced. These will be made available to parishioners.

Eucharistic Adoration. The Sisters of the Holy Family invite parishioners to join them for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—Tuesday 7 pm—8 pm, Wednesday 7 pm—8 pm and Thursday 3.45 pm - 4.45 pm.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This runs from 18th—25th January. We will mark the beginning of this week by meeting with other Christians for a service of prayer at Enfield Baptist Church on Sunday 16th January at 4 pm.

Congratulations to the altar servers who have recently been admitted to the Guild of St Stephen, and the three servers who have been awarded silver medals marking 10 years service. Thank you all for your steadfast service at the altar of God in this parish. This is an opportunity to also thank the senior servers who train the new servers and provide such a good example.

- CATECHESIS -

Parents of children who will be preparing for their **First Holy Communion (year 3)** or **Confirmation (year 9)** are invited to a 'Parents Formation' morning on the following dates: **First Communion – Saturday 15th January 2022: 11am–1.30pm**
Confirmation – Saturday 22nd January 2022: 11am–1.30pm. To register for this event please download and complete a form from the parish website.

Volunteer Catechists Needed. For more information about how you could help please email: enfieldcat@rcdow.org.uk

- FINANCE -

Giving by Standing Order. Would you consider donating 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 ongoing support.

Parishioners may not be aware that there is now a contactless giving device in the porch at OLSG. This is a simple and swift way in which to contribute to the parish.

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 3rd January.

A Hymn for the Epiphany of the Lord

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!