

LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASS TIMES

Sun 24th Sept + 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME *Ps Wk 1*

Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20-24, 27; Matthew 20:1-16 (page 131)

OLSG: Mass 8am, 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon (LS) and 6pm. **OLW:** Mass 11am

Mon 25th Sept feria

HFC: Mass 8am. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7-8pm

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

Tues 26th Sept Ss Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

HFC: Mass 8am. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7-8pm

OLSG: Funeral Mass of James Armstrong RIP 12 noon (LS)

Wed 27th Sept St Vincent de Paul, Priest

HFC: Mass 8am. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7-8pm

OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)

Thur 28th Sept St Wenceslaus, Martyr

OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS), Wedding of Rachael Gorman & Luke Foley 2pm

HFC: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 4-5pm

Fri 29th Sept SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL and RAPHAEL, Archangels *Friday abstinence*

OLSG: Funeral Mass of Olive Galloway RIP 10am (LS), 12 noon

Sat 30th Sept St Jerome, Priest & Doctor

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

Sun 1st Oct + 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME *Ps Wk 2*

Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32 (page 134)

OLSG: Mass 8am, 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon (LS) and 6pm. **OLW:** Mass 10am

KEY: OLSG: Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Saint George

OLW: Our Lady of Walsingham, Holtwhites Hill, EN2 8HG

HFC: Holy Family Convent, 52 London Road, EN2 6EN

LS: Mass also live-streamed: www.catholicenfield.org/live-stream/

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

Mass in Polish at OLW: For information visit www.parafiaenfield.org

OLSG is open: Monday-Friday 7.30am-6pm; Saturday 8.30am-7pm; Sunday 7.30am-7pm unless otherwise stated in this newsletter.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Saint George

with Our Lady of Walsingham & the English Martyrs

A parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster

Year A

+ 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

24th September 2023

Mind Your Own Business

The Gospel Parable of the workers in the vineyard is not an easy one for us to understand. On the face of it there is an injustice done to the workers who have 'done a heavy day's work in all the heat.' We can well imagine them contacting their trades union representatives.

But, remember that the parables of Jesus are intended to be heard rather than read and they make a simple point or two. There is little to be gained, I believe, from an exhaustive and over complicated dissection of the text. So, what is this parable teaching us as we labour in our own particular vineyard?

Firstly, that God (the landowner) is supremely generous with His favours and graces. It is not for us to question His largesse. His mercy endures for ever!

Secondly, watch out for the tendency to grumble and find fault. The workers who complain at the generosity of the landowner are guilty of both envy and a severe lack of generosity themselves. In this, they resemble

the elder brother in the parable of the Prodigal Son. He, too, lacks the spirit of generosity and is envious of the love that his father has shown towards his brother.

Simple lessons, then, which are provided to help and inspire us as we toil away, minding our own business.

On this Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham, it is only right to extend greetings to all at Our Lady of Walsingham, Holtwhites Hill, and for me to thank those who ensure that all runs smoothly there. Special thanks to the committee and to our friends in the Polish Mission, especially Fr Matt. There is a shared Mass with the two communities who worship in the chapel at 11 am this Sunday.

'Lady of Walsingham, be as thou hast been, England's protectress, our Mother & our Queen.'

Happy Feast.

Fr Daniel Humphreys

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The sick & housebound: Mary Goulding, Tabitha David, Kumud Lakhani, Tsng Leong Tian, Jane Wrangles, Archie Thompson, Querry Teano and Jonathan Oron.

Those who have died: Mary Donnelly, James Armstrong, Michael Bennett, Jasmine Palermo, Olive Galloway and Barbara Archer.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Charlie Finn, Giorgio Piscina, Frederica Borella, Emma Schiavone, Daniele Costa, Clare Clarke and Jennie Collier.

THE LAMPS IN OUR CHURCHES**This week the lamp:**

by the Tabernacle (left side) burns for Private Intention

by the Tabernacle (right side) burns for Marie Coutinho - Healing

by Our Lady's Chapel burns for Planario Manzano (Jr) - Healing

by the Sacred Heart Chapel burns for Mr Emeka Okoye - Thanksgiving

by the Tabernacle at Our Lady of Walsingham burns for Teri Okoro - Thanksgiving

**North Enfield Foodbank Collection next weekend 30th Sep/1st Oct.**

The most needed items are: carrier bags, tinned fruit, pasta sauce, tinned fish, long life milk, hot chocolate/coffee, mixed beans (kidney beans, chickpeas etc), sweet & savoury snacks, tinned soup, squash/long life juice, toiletries, toilet roll, washing powder, baby nappies size 5 & 6, baby food & baby wipes. Thank you for all your ongoing support and generosity.

Adoration on the First Friday of the month 6th October, 6-7pm at OLSG.

Adoration, during which confessions will be heard, and conclude with Benediction. All welcome to come and spend time with the Lord. The church will remain open until 7pm.

Altar Servers' Annual Diocesan Mass will take place on Saturday 7th October, 2.30pm in the Cathedral. There will be a group going from Enfield. If you would like to go, please collect a letter from the sacristy when you come to serve at Mass. All welcome.

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 10th October, 6.30pm-7.45pm in OLSG church.

Queries email: servers@catholicenfield.org. Full details of sessions for servers eligible to join the Guild of St Stephen will be published in due course.

Welcome Event for New Parishioners on Monday 9th October 7-9pm in the Parish Centre.

Invitations have been sent to all parishioners who have registered in the parish in the last year, but if you have not received one as yet and are new to the parish you are very welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served. The clergy and some members of the parish are looking forward to welcoming you. Please contact us to let us know that you can come: enfield@rcdow.org.uk or 020 8363 2569. If you are a new parishioner, please register. Forms are available from the presbytery (building next to the church).

Christian Initiation of Adults Group (RCIA).

It's not too late to join the RCIA group. Meetings are on Tuesdays at 7pm. Anyone interested in finding out what Catholics believe; or wants to be baptised and to become a Catholic; or is Christian already and wants to become a Catholic; or is Catholic already and want to be confirmed is most welcome to take part.

The group provides teaching and support within the friendly Catholic community in Enfield. Please contact one of the priests or Michael Walsh (Tel. 0740 3343809) or michaelwalsh2001@live.co.uk

Priest References for Secondary School Applications. Appointment times to obtain the Certificate of Catholic Practice are available from the presbytery.

Priest References (Certificate of Catholic Practice) for Primary School Applications. Please check future newsletters.

Greenhouse Needed. The volunteer ladies and gentlemen who keep our gardens looking wonderful request from our parishioners that if anyone has a green house they no longer need, could they donate it to the parish. We would be very grateful. Please contact the parish.

Tuesday Bereavement/Social Group will meet on 26th September after 12 noon Mass in the Challoner room. All welcome.

The Power of the Rosary Prayer Group will meet in the Challoner room on Wednesday 4th and 18th October at 10.30am. All welcome.

Quiz Night in support of the North Enfield Foodbank on Saturday 7th October, 7.30pm for 8pm start in the parish centre. Tables of 8 or 6. Ploughman's supper included. Bring your own drinks. £12.50 per person. Please contact 07930 182870 or triciaalder3@aol.com

- CATECHETICS -

Foundational Catechesis for primary school year 2. Registration forms are available from the presbytery and website. If you want to apply and have not yet completed the registration form, please submit it URGENTLY to avoid disappointment.

Confirmation. Forms and Registration for those in Year 9 will commence in October. Please check future newsletters.

- FINANCE -

To Donate to the Parish or Gift Aiding your Donation. Details are on our Diocesan website: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/enfield/donate/>

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 us to let us know: enfieldgac@rcdow.org.uk

- OTHER NEWS & INFORMATION -

St Anne's High School For Girls Open Evening on 2nd October, 6-8pm. 50 London Rd., EN2 6EL. Please visit www.st-annes.enfield.sch.uk

Can you help a refugee family? Enfield Refugee Welcome, a registered charity, is looking for accommodation for two families. One needs a 3 or 4 bedroom home from Nov. '23. And another needs a 4 bedroom home from Jan. '24. They can afford to pay rent at Local Housing Allowance rate, ie £1,595.62 pcm for a 3-bed, or £1894.79 for a 4-bed. Please let me know if you can help. Denise denisebsheen@gmail.com 07961 953816.

- OLSG CAR PARK -

Please remember to enter your car registration number upon arrival. When entering your registration number press 'Go' and you will see an onscreen notification.

If you do not do this upon arrival, you will incur a fine from the parking company who administers the car park. All queries regarding parking fines etc. must be directed to the parking company as the church will be unable to deal with queries.

Please **park ONLY in the marked bays**. Double parking and parking on the kerb is NOT permitted at any time (even on a Saturday or Sunday). **Spot checks will be carried out. Fines issued by the parking company.**