

LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASS TIMES

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

Mon 2nd Oct The Holy Guardian Angels

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

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

Tues 3rd Oct feria

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

OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)

Wed 4th Oct St Francis of Assisi

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

OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)

Thur 5th Oct St Faustina Kowalska, Virgin

OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)

HFC: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 4-5pm

Fri 6th Oct St Bruno, Priest

Friday abstinence

OLSG: Funeral Mass of Mary Donnelly RIP 10am (LS), Mass 12 noon.

Holy Hour - Adoration, Confession & Benediction 6-7pm

Sat 7th Oct Our Lady of the Rosary

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 8th Oct + 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ps Wk 3

Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43 (page 137)

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

+ 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st October 2023

Turning our "NO's" into "YES's" for God

The point Jesus makes in our Sunday Gospel reading is very simple. In fact, that is why we often miss the point, because it is simple: actions speak louder than words. It is so easy for us to "say" one thing and to "do" another. So the parable Jesus shares gives us an insight into two groups of people. On the one hand there are people who overtly profess their faith, promise things, and make great displays of fidelity, but then don't practise what they preach. On the other hand there are those who claim to be tough, hard-headed materialists, even atheists, but what they practise is good. They are kind and generous. We can all think of people like that. People who don't go to church, but who are genuinely good people.

The parable is telling us that neither groups of people are anything like perfect. Whilst the second group of people who practise a Christian life (whether they know it or openly admit to it or not) is infinitely better, both groups are flawed. They are flawed as the first group says 'no' to putting their faith into practise, and the second group says 'no' to building any relationship with God. The pattern of our

spiritual lives is to turn these 'No's' into re-sounding 'Yes's'. Plenty of people have done it before us. The Prodigal son's NO to his father, became a resounding YES as he turned back to God. Peter denied Jesus three times: the three times "NO, I don't know him", became a "YES" for the rest of his life, building Christ's Church. Thomas went from the NO of doubt to the YES of belief in Jesus' resurrection. The point of all these stories and of our parable is that the biggest NO's in our lives can become the biggest, most glorious of YES's to God.

Jesus sets the bar very high in our reading: to say 'yes' to Him and 'yes' to living a good Christian life. It feels like what he is asking of us is extreme. That is because it is! Jesus and his Church are extreme in its demands, but we always have to remember that the Church is extreme in its forgiveness too. And I'd rather be part of a Church that is extreme in its demands, and extreme in its forgiveness, rather than be part of a church which sets the bar much lower, but then would be far less forgiving too...

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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, Michael Bennett, Jasmine Palermo , Francesco Zeppetelli & James McNulty.

THE LAMPS IN OUR CHURCHES

This week the lamp:

- by the Tabernacle (left side) burns for Antao Family - Rest in Peace
- by the Tabernacle (right side) burns for Charlie Finn - Rest in Peace (1st Anniversary)
- by Our Lady's Chapel burns for Marie Coutinho - Healing
- by the Sacred Heart Chapel burns for Mr Emeka Okoye - Thanksgiving
- by the Tabernacle at Our Lady of Walsingham burns for Jennie Collier - Rest in Peace (9th Anniv.)



North Enfield Foodbank Collection TODAY, 1st Oct. The most needed items are: 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 & carrier bags, . Thank you for all your support and generosity.

Holy Hour on the First Friday of the month 6th October, 6-7pm at OLSG. Adoration, during which confessions will be heard, and conclude with Benediction.

Altar Servers' Annual Diocesan Mass on Saturday 7th Oct., 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. 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 17th Oct., 6.30pm-7:45pm in OLSG church.** Please note the change of date. Queries: servers@catholickenfield.org.

Welcome Event for New Parishioners on Monday 9th October 7-9pm in the Parish Centre. Invitations have been sent to 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. 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 available from the presbytery.

CAFOD Family Fast Day — Friday 6th Oct. Please take home a CAFOD donation envelope this weekend and pray for the communities CAFOD works alongside overseas on our behalf and Fast this Friday. Perhaps go without a take away or a meal and donate what you have saved towards CAFOD's work with our Global Family. Please return the envelope next weekend, when their will be appeal & collection at all Masses. You can also give online at www.cafod.org.uk or use the QR code.



Christian Initiation of Adults Group (RCIA). It's not too late to join the RCIA group. Meetings are on Tuesdays at 7pm in the presbytery. 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. Please contact one of the priests or Michael Walsh (Tel. 0740 3343809) or michaelwalsh2001@live.co.uk

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. A decade of the Rosary will be prayed at the conclusion of all Masses during this month.

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

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

Next Meeting of the **Lay Fraternity of St. Charles de Foucauld** will take place on Tuesday 3rd October 10.15-11.45am. All welcome. Contact Kathy Carroll 0208 366 4034.

Mount Carmel Ladies Group will meet on Thursday 5th October after the 12noon Mass for Margaret's Quiz. All welcome.

Tuesday Bereavement/Social Group will meet on 10th and 24th October after 12 noon Mass in the Challoner room. All welcome.

Quiz Night in aid of The Nightingale Cancer Support Centre. Saturday 14th October, 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Tickets £10 per person. Tables of 8. Food provided. Bring your own drinks. To book call Teresa 07436 016 654.

- CATECHETICS -

Confirmation. Forms and Registration for those in Year 9 will commence soon.

- 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

St. George's Catholic Primary School – Admissions for 2024. The Governor's invite applications from parents of children who reach their 4th birthday between 1st Sept.2023 and 31st Aug. 2024. To book a place on our open afternoon on Wed. 18th Oct., please visit the school website or call 020 8363 3729.

Nicholas Breakspear Catholic School looks forward to welcoming prospective students and their families to their Open Evening on Thursday 5th October, 5.30pm-8.30pm.

Can you help a refugee family? Enfield Refugee Welcome, a registered charity, is

- 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.**