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LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASS TIMES

Sun 7th Jan + THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Ps Wk 1

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12 (page 115)

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

OLW: Mass 10am

Mon 8th Jan THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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

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

Tues 9th Jan FERIA

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

OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)

Wed 10th Jan FERIA

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

OLSG: Funeral Mass of Patrick Cassidy RIP 12 noon (LS)

Thur 11th Jan FERIA

OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)

HFC: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 4-5pm

Fri 12th Jan St Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot

OLSG: Mass 10am, 12noon (LS)

Sat 13th Jan St Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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 14th Jan + SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ps Wk 2

1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20; John 1:35-42 (page 127)

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, 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 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 Diocese of Westminster

Year B

+ THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7th January 2024

'Go and find out all about the child'

Early this morning I heard a piece of music by J.S. Bach being played on Radio 3. It was the fifth part of his Christmas Oratorio. This part depicts the journey of the Magi. Before the excerpt was played, the announcer explained that the music is suggestive of searching. We know from St Matthew that the Magi set out having seen the star in the east. Their search was a faithful and hopeful expedition. The music reflects this beautifully. You can look this up, if you have time, it is listed as BWV 248. The whole oratorio is well worth listening to, by the way.

Bach contrasts the dark striving of Herod with the longing for divine light which marks out the Wise Men. Like the Magi, Herod is looking for Jesus, but his search is neither faithful or hopeful. It is, instead, murderous and vain. Being a man of faith, Bach understood this and made his music reflect the intense contrast between the two searches.

On this beautiful feast of the Epiphany, the good Magi offer us a glorious example of simple

faith in the God who calls us to selflessly seek, follow and serve Him. We note their reaction when they find the child—they do Him homage, that is, they worship Him. The gifts are important, and they are offered with great devotion, but worship comes first.

What is to be said of Herod? His desire to find the child is entirely selfish and concerned with the preservation of his evil regime and lifestyle. Herod wishes to destroy the True Life that has been born in Bethlehem and to sustain his own false existence down the road in Jerusalem. He is the antithesis of Christian living.

We are asked to choose the way of the Magi, and always reject the falsity of King Herod and his ilk. The Epiphany—which means manifestation—manifests to us the glory of God revealed in the tiny child. We are asked to faithfully seek Him, until we come, please God, to His kingdom.

Wishing you a Happy New Year, Fr Daniel

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The sick & housebound: Jane Wrangles, Tabitha David, Kumud Lakhani, Sjef Clasquin, Mabel Monsurate, Mary Goulding, Patrick Mortimer, Fathima Mary and Eithne Cannon.

Those who have died: Fr Stuart Gullan-Steel, Martin Fleming, Eddie Hipwell, Patrick Cassidy, Joan Honeywell, Eileen Ennis, Betty Murphy, Eddie Coutinho and John Baird.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Rosaria Parente, Eileen Perciato and James Rowley.

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 Hipwell Family - Family Intentions

by Our Lady's Chapel burns for Violet Coutinho - Thanksgiving

by the Sacred Heart Chapel burns for Hilda Braganza - Thanksgiving

Lamp intentions may be booked by contacting the Presbytery.



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 £842 to go towards the Christmas Day Lunch for the housebound, elderly and for those who would otherwise be alone on Christmas Day. Having said this, some prizes remain unclaimed, so if we have let you know you have won, please come and collect from the presbytery during office hours this week. Special thanks to Marjorie for organising the raffle.

Welcome to Shane Pianta, a seminarian from Rockhampton, Australia. He will be with us on placement for the month of January before continuing his formation in Valladolid, Spain.

Special Collection TODAY, 7th January- For relief for those suffering from the conflict in the Holy Land. Following an appeal from the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Cardinal Pizzaballa, who is deeply concerned about the impact on the Palestinian population in the West Bank, for many of whom sources of earning have effectively ended, Cardinal Vincent has asked all parishes to hold a special collection. Please be as generous as you can and please pray for an end to the conflict there.

Collection for the North Enfield Foodbank TODAY. Most needed items are: tinned fruit, tinned tomatoes, pasta sauce, long life milk, hot chocolate, coffee, specialty food items: vegetarian, gluten free, dairy free ready meals, sweet & savoury snacks, tinned meat & fish, tinned mixed beans, tinned rice pudding/custard, squash/long life juice, toiletries, washing powder, size 5 & 6 nappies, carrier bags. Thank you for your generosity & support to helping local people in need.

Cordial Invitation. Fr Daniel invites parishioners to join him in the Parish Centre on Saturday 20th January at 7 pm, for drinks and nibbles to mark his birthday.

Rosary by the Fountain. As every 13th day of the month, on **Saturday 13th January, after the 6pm Mass**, all are invited to meet at the fountain (near HSBC Bank & Nandos) to pray the rosary publicly for our families, the parish and the world.

Eucharistic Adoration. The Sisters of the Holy Family invite parishioners to join them for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Monday to Wednesday 7 pm—8 pm and Thursday 4 pm—5 pm.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - 18th to 25th January. We will mark this by meeting with other Christians for a service of prayer at the United Reformed Church, Lancaster Road on Sunday 21st January at 6 pm. All welcome.

Volunteers Needed to lead the Rosary on weekdays at 11.30 am. After many years, Rosaleen is stepping down from leading the weekday Rosary and Litany before 12 noon Mass at OLSG. We are very thankful and grateful for her faithfulness and devotion to leading the parish in prayer. As a result, if you would like to lead the Rosary and find out more, please contact Father Daniel.

Society for the Protection of the Unborn Children, SPUC. We are seeking a volunteer to be a SPUC Parish Organiser. If you would like to find out more and to help with the parish holding a White Flower Appeal for SPUC, please contact Father Daniel.

Tuesday Bereavement/Social Group will meet on 9th and 23rd January after 12 noon Mass in the Challoner room. All welcome.

The Power of the Rosary Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday 17th & 31st January, 10.30am in the Challoner room. All welcome.

The Sunday Cafe open 10 am-11 am. The cafe continues to be a success and we have been able to send £80 to CAFOD and £80 to the North London Foodbank. If you would like to join our team of volunteers and help one Sunday a month contact Mary Newman

email maryvnewman@btinternet.com or in the parish centre after the 9 am Mass.

A Parish Pilgrimage to Bologna/Padua Italy, is being planned from 21st-28th September 2024. Full details and booking forms will be available from mid-February.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) collect foreign, old and Irish coins and banknotes to raise funds. A collection jar is available at reception during presbytery opening hours. Thank you for all your donations.

- FINANCE -

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

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

Contactless Giving Device in the Church Porch of OLSG. Available for parishioners who would like to donate to the parish in a swift and simple way. Thank you.



- OTHER NEWS & INFORMATION -

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 & 31st August 2024. For further details visit the school website or call 020 8363 3729.

Vacancy at Our Lady's Catholic High School - Stamford Hill, N16: Seeking a Director of Religious Education and Catholic Life starting April 2024. Further details are available on the school's website: www.ourladyshackney.sch.uk/about-us/staff-vacancies The closing date for applications is 9th January 2024.