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LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASS TIMES

Sun 4th Feb + FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME *Ps Wk 1*

Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark:1:29-39 (page 134)

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

OLW: Mass 10am

Mon 5th Feb St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

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

OLSG: Church cleaning 10am, Funeral Mass of Anne Plakides RIP 12

Tues 6th Feb St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

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

OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)

Wed 7th Feb Feria

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

OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)

Thur 8th Feb St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)

HFC: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 4-5pm

Fri 9th Feb Feria

OLSG: Funeral Mass of Sarah Del Grosso RIP 10am, Mass 12 noon (LS)

Sat 10th Feb St Scholastica, Virgin

OLSG: Mass 9.30am, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; Confession 10am-10.45am; Benediction 10.45am. Blessing on throats 11am; Adoration & Confessions 5pm-5.45pm, Mass 6pm

Sun 11th Feb + SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME *Ps Wk 2*

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark:1:40-45 (page 137)

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.catholickenfield.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. Please feel free to join us for Morning Prayer at 7.30am every morning.

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

OLSG is open: Monday-Friday 7.15am-6pm; Saturday 9am-7pm; Sunday 7.15am-7pm unless otherwise stated in the 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

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+ FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4th February 2024

The SVP: serving hearts, uplifting lives

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is an international voluntary organization in the Catholic Church, dedicated to the aid of the vulnerable.

It was founded in 1833 by Frederic Ozanam, a 20-year-old student at the Sorbonne University in Paris, inspired by the teachings and compassionate work of Saint Vincent de Paul (1581-1660), a 17th-century priest renowned for his charity and service to the poor. Ozanam and his colleagues formed the society to put their faith into action through service to the less fortunate, embodying the principle of seeing the face of Christ in the poor and serving them accordingly.

The work of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, commonly known as SVP, is also active in our own parish and this weekend at the end of each mass there will be an appeal, looking for volunteers. They are not seeking money. They are seeking your time! If you have a spare hour in the week to help, then please apply. The SVP work includes visiting homes, hospitals, and prisons; providing food, clothing, and financial assistance; and offering friendship and spiritual support. Their goal is not only to alleviate im-

mediate suffering but also to tackle the deeper causes of poverty and social injustice and to empower individuals to achieve self-sufficiency.

The lovely but tragic Book of Job (our First Reading this Sunday) carries at its very heart the question: why do we suffer? The question of how we should interpret any passage of Scripture is most basically the question of what God wants us to learn from it. The main thing we can learn from our first reading passage is empathy and sympathy for Job and for others who are suffering terribly around us. In other words, our first response to the classic question of 'Why does God allow there to be suffering?' should not be trying to come up with a philosophical explanation, but it should drive us to empathy first. Yes, we need objective truth about the problem of suffering, but we can only get the answers by getting inside the problem rather than staying outside it. Head and heart both have to do their work in order to bring that little bit more justice and peace into our world. And joining the SVP is a wonderful way to contribute to this.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The sick & housebound: Jane Wrangles, Colleen Gomes, Tabitha David, Kumud Lakhani, Sjef Clasquin, Iris Gorman, Dennis Cox, Mabel Monsurate, Mary Goulding, Patrick Mortimer, Eithne Cannon, Maura Gardiner and Silvana Rochford.

Those who have died: Lily Berry, Anne Plakides, Sarah Del Grosso, John Enzsol, Antonio Rosamilla, Martin Sheehan, Margaret White, Mary O'Connor and Sr Jerome Fitzgerald.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ann Doyle, Mary O'Connor, Jack & Stasia Evans.

THE LAMPS IN OUR CHURCHES

This week the lamp:

By the Tabernacle (left side) Marie Coutinho - Healing
by the Tabernacle (right side) Colleen Gomes - Healing
by Our Lady's Chapel burns for Veronica, Vera White - Rest in Peace (anniversary)
by the Sacred Heart Chapel burns for Nora O'Connor - Rest in Peace



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP).

Today, a representative of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be talking to us about how you can follow Christ's teaching to love your neighbours as yourself by supporting the SVP. There are many local neighbours who face poverty, loneliness and isolation - and the SVP can give you the means to turn your concern into action by helping them. Our own SVP conference has been running for over 100 years! To find out more about SVP come along to an **Information Meeting on Monday 26th at February, 7pm at the Parish Centre.**

Collection for the Homeless next weekend

3rd/4th Feb. Our annual parish collection of goods for London's homeless will take place in aid of the Manna Society at Masses next weekend. www.mannasociety.org.uk

The Manna Society at London Bridge provides daily meals for London's many homeless people together with shower facilities & clothing.

The day centre needs the following items:

Food: (only non-perishable), sugar, basmati rice, pasta; pasta sauces, orange squash, tins of: soup, chopped ham, meat, fish, tomatoes, vegetables, baked beans and corned beef.

Other: Good Quality jeans (sizes 30-38), rucksacks, sleeping bags, toilet rolls, deodorants, shampoo, shaving foam, and bodywash. Dessert

bowls, side plates and tea mugs. Please bring your donations to the back of the church at Masses next weekend. The goods will be taken direct to the Manna Day Centre, on Monday 5th Feb morning. Help would be appreciated, sorting donated goods into crates after each Mass. Many thanks for your generosity The Justice and Peace Group.

Praying the Rosary by the Fountain - Tuesday 13th Feb., 7pm. All are invited to gather at the Enfield Fountain (near HSBC Bank/Nandos) to pray the rosary publicly with the clergy for our families, our parish & the world.

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

Come and pray with our lay fraternity on Tuesday 6th February 10.15-11.45 am in the Bishop Challoner room. We are a group of men & women who seek to discover God's will for us in our daily life and how to put this gift into reality. Our mentor is St. Charles de Foucauld. We meet on 1st Tuesday of the month. Kathy Carroll 0208 366 4034.

Bereavement/Social Group will meet on 6th and 20th February after 12 noon Mass in the Challoner room. All welcome.

The Power of the Rosary Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday 14th and 28th February, 10.30am in the Challoner room. All welcome.

Catherine Fleming and her family would like to express their sincere thanks and gratitude to Fr Daniel during Martin's illness and the wonderful Requiem Mass. Thank you also to everyone for their thoughts, prayers and kindness during this time.

-LENT -

Palm Crosses from last year. Please bring your palms from last year. The palms will be burned & the ashes will be blessed & distributed at all Masses on Ash Wednesday.

ASH WEDNESDAY - 14th February. The first day of Lent. Day of fast and abstinence. **Mass at HFC at 8 am. Mass at OLSG at 12 noon and 7 pm.** There will be distribution of ashes at all Masses.

Weekday Mass at OLW during Lent at 10am (15th, 22nd, 29 Feb., 7th, 14th & 21st March).

Lent Course, We Dare To Say. Five-week course takes us on a journey through the Lord's Prayer, and has been specially prepared for the Year of Prayer, the penultimate year of preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025, *Pilgrims of Hope*. Five Fridays in Lent after 12 noon Mass & Stations of the Cross to 2pm in the Challoner room, led by one of the clergy. First session **16th February.** Bring your own packed lunch. Donation of £5 to cover the cost of the book. To attend, please add your name to the list in the presbytery.

Stations of the Cross in Lent. Fridays in OLSG after 12 noon Mass and at 7pm. Wednesday in OLW at 10am. All welcome.

Confessions in Lent. Confession times on Saturdays: 10am-10.45am and 5pm-5.45 pm.

Walk with Me Booklets for the Lenten journey of daily meditation & prayer for individual use, edited by Cardinal Vincent, are available from the repository. Cost £1.

-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.



- OTHER NEWS & INFORMATION -

Saturday 10th February - National Day of Prayer & Fasting for Life. On 10th Feb., the Vigil of the Feast Our Lady of Lourdes, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this country. Please help us to help save lives with your prayers, fasting and support. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

Little Owl's Music—In St George's Primary School every Wednesday 2.30 pm—3.15 pm. This is for pre-school aged children. www.st-george.enfield.sch.uk (parents information).

St. Anne's Sixth Form will be holding their Sixth Form Super Curricular Open Evening on Thursday 8th February, 5.30-7.30pm at the Upper Site, 6 Oakthorpe Rd, Palmers Green, N13 5TY. Exciting News: Now Open to Boys for September 2024 - All prospective Year 11 students with their parents/carers are invited to attend and can book tickets via: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-annes-sixth-form-supercurricular-evening-tickets-79897270787>

CAR PARKING AT OLSG—Please will those parking in order to visit church, presbytery and Parish Centre remember to enter their registration numbers - Monday—Saturday.