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LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASS TIMES

Sun 25th Feb + SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Ps Wk 2

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Romans 8:31-34 Mark 9:2-10 (page 155)

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

Mon 26th Feb Lent Feria

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

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

Tues 27th Feb Lent Feria

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

OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)

Wed 28th Feb Lent Feria

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

OLW: Stations of the Cross 10am

OLSG: Funeral Mass of Mary O'Connor RIP 12 noon (LS)

Thur 29th Feb Lent Feria

OLW: Mass 10am (during Lent). OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)

HFC: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 4-5pm

Fri 1st Mar ST DAVID, Bishop, Patron of Wales

OLSG: Mass 10am. Mass 12 noon (LS) followed by Stations of the Cross.

First Friday: Adoration, Confession & Benediction 6pm followed by Stations of the Cross 7pm.

Sat 2nd Mar Lent Feria

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 3rd Mar + THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Ps Wk 3

Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25 (page 158)

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.

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

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

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

+ SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

25 February 2024

The Power of Prayer

The three pillars of our Lenten observances are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This was made very clear to us in the Gospel from Matthew on Ash Wednesday with a paragraph on each topic. Jesus tells us not to make a point of praying in public, deliberately advertising to those around us what we are doing. Rather than this we should go to a private place and shut the door 'and your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you'. This does not mean there is anything wrong with communal prayer and worship - it is vital that we do this as a community, but our personal prayer life is just as important, and Lent is a good time to work on this.

This Sunday the Gospel reading is the passage known as The Transfiguration. 'Jesus took Peter, James and John up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves'. There Jesus gives the disciples a vivid demonstration of his divine nature joined by Moses and Elijah.

Notice the common theme; being alone in a quiet or remote place is a good place to start with our personal prayer. There are no mountains in Enfield, but there are plenty of quiet open spaces and the church is open every day for private prayer. How do we pray? Everyone is different, but we do not always need to use a formalised set of words. Prayer is a conversation with God, so we need to listen as well as speak. Human language is a rather inadequate tool, so quiet contemplation perhaps with the aid of images or art can be very useful. Simply being comfortable with God in silence is a good way to start.

Morning Prayer is said at 7.30 am most days in the church. The text for the Liturgy of the Hours is available online and in print. Why not consider praying Morning and Evening Prayer regularly?

With every blessing,

Deacon Peter

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The sick & housebound: Tabitha David, Sjf Clasquin, Iris Gorman, Dennis Cox, Carol Cormack, Mary Goulding, Patrick Mortimer and Eithne Cannon.

Those who have died: Mabel Monsurate, Mary O'Connor, Deacon Stephen Pickard, Tracy-Ann Anderson, Michael Lynch, Ron Winslade, Jenny Husbands, Michael Langton, Stephen Doherty, Joey Daus, Fr Anthony Symondson SJ, Angela Modronero, Charles Longman and Judy McCarthy.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Sadie O'Grady, Luz Mary Martinez Ospina and Adriana Rodriguez.

THE LAMPS IN OUR CHURCHES

This week the lamp:

By the Tabernacle (left side) Edward McKenna - Intentions

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by Our Lady's Chapel burns for Luz Mary Martinez Ospina - Rest in Peace (15th anniv.)

by the Sacred Heart Chapel burns for Marie Coutinho - Healing

By the Tabernacle in OLW for Maria Tagliarini - Private Intention



-LENT-

Mass at OLW at 10 am on Thursdays during Lent (29th February, 7th, 14th and 21st March).

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

Adoration on the First Friday of the month - 1st March, 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 during Lent. This will be followed by Stations of the Cross.

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

Bible reflections - Thursdays during Lent after 12 noon Mass until 2pm in the presbytery. All welcome.

Faith Sharing Group. Fridays in Lent in the presbytery after 12 noon Mass & Stations of the Cross until 2pm (1st, 8th & 15th Mar).

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2024. To donate, please use the wall box at the back of the church marked 'Cardinal's Appeal' or use the QR code on the poster in the porch or visit: www.rcdow.org.uk/cardinals-appeal/

-PARISH NOTICES-

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Collection this weekend. Last Friday was CAFOD Family Fast Day. CAFOD is the official aid & development agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales and part of Caritas International. Your generous donations will support communities which CAFOD works alongside across Africa, Asia and Latin America. Please donate to CAFOD at the collection after Mass today. You can also give via the CAFOD card reader and online at cafod.org.uk or use the following QR code to take you there.



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP). The aim of SVP is to tackle loneliness in the elderly, to promote self-sufficiency in disadvantaged groups and to fight for social justice by identifying the causes of poverty and then trying to provide solutions. An SVP representative will be here for an **Information Meeting on Monday 26th at February, 7 pm** in the presbytery. All welcome.

The North Enfield Foodbank. The parish will resume the collection next weekend, **2nd/3rd March.** The most needed items are: tinned fruit, tinned tomatoes/ pasta sauce, long life

milk, tinned rice pudding/custard, rice, tinned vegetables, tinned meat (pork and chicken), tinned fish, coffee/ hot chocolate, tinned mixed beans (kidney beans, chickpeas etc), chocolate eggs, chocolates, toiletries and carrier bags. Thank you for your support & generosity.

Inclusive Mass. Everyone and especially those who have learning disabilities, their friends and families are welcome to attend on **Saturday 9th March at 3pm** at OLSG church. Tea/coffee will be served after the Mass.

A Parish Pilgrimage to Modena, Ravenna and Padua, Italy, 21st–27th September 2024, led by Fr Daniel. Full details and booking forms are available from the presbytery during office hours.

Thank you from Aid to the Church in Need. Thank you to Fr Daniel and this parish for your support during the recent appeal which raised £3,668.45. Your donations will help our brothers and sisters who are bearing the brunt of the on-going war in Gaza, which has engulfed the region resulting in a humanitarian catastrophe, leaving many without homes or any source of income. The Christian community in the Holy Land represents a physical link between the modern world and the life and times of Christ. Thank you once again. John Ravi.

The Power of the Rosary Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday 28th February & 13th March, 10.30am in the Challoner room. All welcome.

Lay Fraternity of St Charles De Foucauld. We are a group who seek to discover God's will for us in our daily life as revealed to us by Jesus in the Gospels. Next meeting Tuesday 5th March 10.15-11.45 am in the Challoner room. We aim to follow the spirituality of St. Charles de Foucauld. All welcome. For details Kathy - 020 8366 4034.

Bereavement/Social Group will meet on 5th and 19th March after midday Mass in the Challoner room. All welcome.

TWIN - AGM will take place at 2.30pm on Wednesday 6th March in the presbytery followed by one of our meetings to send donations to beneficiaries in Third World countries. All welcome. Refreshments offered.

Children's Week 2024. If you are hoping for your children to attend our fun filled Children's Week in July, please remember that you are required to attend yourself and to provide support for the event. In order to do this you must have a current DBS certificate issued via the parish. If you are not sure whether or not you have a current one, you can check with Sam Seth, one of the parish safeguarding leads. If you need a DBS check you must apply now by contacting Sam, or it is unlikely that any new certificates will be processed in time for Children's Week. See front of newsletter for Sam's email.

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

-OTHER NEWS & INFORMATION-

Ask your MP to support the abortion time limit reduction amendment. Support an amendment to reduce our abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Research indicates that a significant number of babies born at 22 or 23 weeks can now survive outside the womb, leaving a contradiction in our abortion law. **Take action:** Collect a postcard from the back of the church and post it to your MP urgently in support of this amendment!

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