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## LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASS TIMES

Sun 17th Mar + FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Ps Wk 1

*Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-30 (page 173)*

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

Mon 18th Mar Lent Feria

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

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

Tues 19th Mar **SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

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

**OLSG:** Mass 12 noon (LS)

Wed 20th Mar Lent Feria

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

**OLW:** Stations of the Cross 10am. **OLSG:** Mass 12 noon (LS)

Thur 21st Mar Lent Feria

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

**HFC:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 4-5pm

Fri 22nd Mar Lent Feria

**OLSG:** Mass 10am (with one of the St George's School year groups in attendance) followed by Stations of the Cross. Funeral Mass of Antonio Di Monaco RIP 12 noon (LS). Stations of the Cross 7pm

Sat 23rd 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 24th Mar + PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Ps Wk 2

*Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47 (page 180)*

**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/](http://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 church** **Monday-Friday 7am-6pm; Saturday and Sunday 7am-7pm; unless is open: otherwise indicated in the newsletter**

**Mass in Polish:** For information visit [www.parafiaenfield.org](http://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

+ FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

17th March 2024

### A Revolution is upon us!

Today's reading from Jeremiah is a prophecy of the greatest revolution in history! There have been many revolutions in world history: the invention of the wheel, innovative Iron Age tools in farming, revolutions against many political tyrants, and against slavery. There have been evil (for example the Nazi revolution) as well as good revolutions (abolishing slavery, the invention of penicillin in 1928). But the first and foremost revolution was our revolution against God, the fall of the whole human race in Adam and Eve, our first parents.

However these are not the greatest revolutions. They are all man-made revolutions. But the greatest revolutions are always the ones God made. Creation was the first: a revolution against nothingness. Creation makes the difference between nothing and something. That's the most revolutionary difference of all. The difference between oppression and freedom is great, of course, and so is the difference between the fear of fire and the control of fire, but they are only relative differences; but there is an absolute difference between nothing and everything in the universe.

The creation of the human soul was the second revolution, because the difference between a

human soul and a body is another absolute difference. There is a great difference between the human body and the animal body, between human biology and animal biology, but it's only relative. Ninety percent of our DNA we have in common with some animals. But there is an absolute difference between an animal and a person with a spiritual soul, with reason and conscience and free will and a relationship with God.

Once He created mankind, God made a series of covenants with us: with Adam; with Noah; with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; with Moses; with David; and with his chosen people collectively. Then, in the greatest revolution of all, God became man. The divine Son of God the Father became a human being, Jesus Christ, to suffer and die to save us from eternal death. The Incarnation was the greatest revolution and also the greatest covenant, the New Covenant, or New Testament. "Covenant" and "testament" are synonyms. This is what Jeremiah in our First Reading foretells.

Also, on this St. Patrick's Day, may the wisdom of St. Patrick inspire us, his faith guide us, and his



love for God be reflected in our actions.

And remember, he didn't need luck because he had faith! - Father Patrick

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### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**The sick & housebound:** Iris Gorman, Dennis Cox, Carol Cormack, Patricia Osman, Jane Wrangles, Mary Goulding, Patrick Mortimer and Eddie Apap.

**Those who have died:** Antonio Di Monaco, Helen Sullivan, Nora McGuinness, Margaret Walsh, Pat Swift, Sr Patricia Wright and Anna Maria Hoang Thi Phuong Uyen.

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Nora O'Connor, Frankie Dyar & Evelyn Murphy.

### THE LAMPS IN OUR CHURCHES

#### This week the lamp:

By the Tabernacle (left side) Nora O'Connor - Rest in Peace (1st anniversary)

by the Tabernacle (right side) Nora O'Connor - Rest in Peace (1st anniversary)

by Our Lady's Chapel burns for Marie Coutinho - Healing



### -PARISH NOTICES-

**Mass at OLW at 10am on Thursday 21st March** (during Lent). All welcome.

#### Stations of the Cross in Lent are as follows:

**OLW:** Wednesday 20th & 27th March at 10am.

**OLSG:** Friday 22nd March after 10 am Mass (not 12 noon) and 7pm (see next item). Also on Good Friday 29th March at 7pm. All welcome.

All are welcome to join **Stations of the Cross at OLSG this Friday 22nd March, 7pm, using reflections by St Oscar Romero**. Oscar Romero was a priest and bishop in El Salvador. His love for the poor, who were suffering violence and oppression led him to take their side and to denounce their oppressors. For this he was killed, whilst celebrating Mass, on 24th March 1980. Oscar Romero said. "Many would like the poor to keep on saying it is God's will for them to live that way. But it is not God's will for some to have everything and others to have nothing. That cannot be of God." His struggle for justice lives on today in the lives of the Salvadoran people. All are welcome.

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

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

**Holy Week & Easter Services Leaflet** now available to take from the porch. Also on: [www.catholickenfield.org](http://www.catholickenfield.org)

**Welcome to children from St George's RC Primary School at 12 noon Mass today, 17th March.** Some children from our local primary school, who are **Caritas Ambassadors**, will be explaining their role and kindly asking parishioners to contribute to their Easter appeal for the homeless charity, Hands On, Hands Out.

**Easter Lily.** A lily has long been associated with the resurrection of Christ and our hope in eternal life; our parish proudly continues this ancient tradition. You are invited to buy a lily in memory of a departed loved one, by placing £5 donation and the name of the person in an envelope, and leaving it in the presbytery. Envelopes available from the back of the church. The lilies will be used to decorate the Sanctuary during Easter and a Mass will be offered for their names during Eastertide on Friday 26th April at 12 noon.

**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.

**The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) Meeting - 18th March, 7pm** in the presbytery. Follow up meeting for those who came to the first meeting. If you missed the first meeting, but are interested to find out more, you are also welcome to attend.

**Bereavement/Social Group** will meet on Tuesday 19th March after 12 noon Mass in the Challoner room. All welcome.

**Mount Carmel Ladies Group** will meet on Thursday 21st March after the 12noon Mass in the Challoner Room via the Presbytery for Margaret's Quiz and our usual raffle.

**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/](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/cardinals-appeal/)

**Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony - Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 25th May, 2:30pm.** The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2024. If you are celebrating an anniversary and would like to attend, please contact the parish secretary: [enfield@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:enfield@rcdow.org.uk) or 020 8363 256 with the following details: husband & wife's names, wedding date, postal address & email (or tel. no. if no email) by 28th March.

**Parish Repository.** On sale, among other things, articles for St Patrick's Day and Easter. The repository is run by parish volunteers and usually opens before and after Mass.

**Date for your Diary - Blessing of Graves** at Lavender Hill & Strayfield Road Cemeteries will take place on Saturday 6th July 2024 at 2pm.

### -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](mailto:enfieldgac@rcdow.org.uk)

**To Donate to the Parish or to Gift Aid your Donation** please visit our Diocesan website:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/enfield/donate/>

**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-

**Lourdes Pilgrimage 19th-26th July 2024.** Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nicholas is now open. Please visit: <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or contact the Pilgrimage Office on 0207 798 9173. Options to travel by plane, train or coach are available and there are many volunteering opportunities for those wishing to serve. Closing date for applications—30th April 2024.

**Rediscover Your Marriage** – Retrouvaille offers you the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Many headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. No group therapy or group work. The next programme commences with a weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024. Call/text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**St Ignatius College - new Alumni page and LinkedIn group for all Old Ignatians** to reunite and stay up to date with all our news and events. We are looking forward to all of our Alumni signing up soon. Links for the online newsletter: <https://www.st-ignatius.enfield.sch.uk/3472/dear-alumni> <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12893571/>

**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. **Please ONLY park in the marked bays.** Double parking and parking on the kerb is NOT permitted at any time.