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## LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASS TIMES

Sun 28th Apr + FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Ps Wk 1*

*Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24 John 15:1-8 (page 268)*

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

Mon 29th Apr SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA, Virgin & Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe

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

**OLSG:** Church cleaning 10am,  
Funeral Mass of Anna-Maria Antoniazzi RIP 12 noon (LS)

Tues 30th Apr Easter Feria

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

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

Wed 1st May Saint Joseph the Worker

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

**OLSG:** Funeral Mass of Kathleen Gavaghan RIP 12 noon (LS)

Thur 2nd May Saint Athanasius, Bishop & doctor of the Church

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

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

Fri 3rd May SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, Apostles

*Friday abstinence*

**OLSG:** Mass 10am (with St George's School in attendance), 12 noon (LS).

**First Friday** — Adoration, Confession & Benediction 6-7pm

Sat 4th May THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

**OLSG:** Mass 9.30am; Holy Communion Celebrations 11.30am and 2.30pm (both LS); Adoration and Confessions 5pm-5.45pm; Mass 6pm

Sun 5th May + SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Ps Wk 2*

*Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10 John 15:9-17 (page 270)*

**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 Regina Coeli.

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

**OLSG church is open:** Monday-Friday 7am-6pm; Saturday and Sunday 7am-7pm; *unless 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 EASTER

28th April 2024

I am the true vine and my Father is the vinedresser

In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus says, 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser'. A vine needs constant attention from the vinedresser to produce fine grapes. Vines must be carefully propagated using cuttings from a known variety. Cuttings are grafted onto a separate rootstock which is bred for its qualities of connecting with the soil, and this is an intricate skilled process. The vinedresser then must train shoots onto the trellis or wires to form the canopy, where the bunches of juicy grapes will form and grow.

After the harvest, in the autumn, the sap retreats leaving behind what looks like dead wood. The vinedresser cuts most of the new growth away, pruning the vine so the new shoots are ready to grow when the sap rises the next spring bringing the vine back to life again.

The Father is the vinedresser and Jesus is the true vine. We are the branches that reach out into the world and have the job of spreading the good news of the Gospel.

We hear in the first reading this Sunday from the Acts of The Apostles, Saul went around with the Apostles 'preaching fearlessly'. So must we, by sticking strongly to our Christian principles in moral behaviour, the protection of life, defending the poor and disadvantaged, standing up for issues of justice and peace. All the time we are connected to the vine and being tended by the vinedresser we will have the power and strength to do these things. If we allow ourselves to become disconnected from the vine, we will become like the shoots pruned from the vine - dead wood that cannot survive without being attached to the vine.

This weekend our First Holy Communion Masses commence, and the candidates will receive Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist. Receiving Holy Communion regularly is how we remain truly part of the vine of Our Lord, which is constantly tended to by the Father, the vinedresser. Let us always remain connected to the True Vine. Amen.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**The sick & housebound:** Ayrin Aziz, Victor Saldanha, Rachael Wood, Dennis Cox, Carol Cormack, Patricia Osman, Mary Goulding, Patrick Mortimer and Sheila O’Sullivan.

**Those who have died:** Fr John Warnaby, Fr David Williamson, Anna Maria Antoniazzi, Kathleen Gavaghan, Marko Tomsic, Patricia Lanham, Ruby Grey, Patrick Courtney, Betty Dunford, Tsng Leong Tian, Sister Bernard, Thomas Conroy, Michelina Barbone, William Leahy and Julie Lottle.

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Billy Lane, Francesca Giordano, Amalia and Gerardo De Fabrizio.

**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 Marie Ernest - Thanksgiving  
by Our Lady’s Chapel burns for Francesca Giordano - Rest in Peace  
by the Sacred Heart Chapel burns for Felicia Amaefuna - Healing



**-PARISH NOTICES-**

**Priest Training Fund (PTF).** Thank you to everyone who supported last weekends collection for the PTF. If you still wish to make a donation, please visit the Diocesan website: [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations) Thank you for your generosity. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests.

**North Enfield Foodbank.** The next collection will be 4th/5th May. The most needed items are: carrier bags, long life milk, crisps/ savoury snacks, tinned fruit, tinned soup, hot chocolate, tinned meat (pork and chicken), tinned mixed beans, sugar (500g), size 6 nappies, household cleaning products and toiletries. Thank you for all of your donations, they make a difference to our community in Enfield.

**Adoration on the First Friday of the month - 3rd May, 6pm-7pm at OLSG.** Adoration, during which confessions will be heard, and conclude with Benediction. All welcome to come and spend time with the Lord.

**Changes on Saturday 4th May in OLSG.** No morning Confessions or Adoration due to First Holy Communion Masses. Adoration & Confessions will be in the afternoon as usual, 5pm-5.45pm.

**The Ascension of the Lord - Thursday 9th May.** Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at OLSG as follows: 12 noon & 7pm.

**Adoration.** On **Friday 10th May**, 7pm-8pm at OLSG church there will be a time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, concluding with Benediction. During the Adoration, the Stations of the Resurrection will be prayed. These are a set of reflections – not unlike the Stations of the Cross – based on the Resurrection appearances. As such, they are most appropriate for Eastertide. All welcome.

**SVP.** There will be a meeting on Monday 29th April at 7pm in the presbytery.

**Mount Carmel Ladies Group** will meet on Thursday 2nd May after 12 noon Mass for a talk by Joe Studman on The New River with our usual raffle.

**Lay Fraternity of St. Charles de Foucauld.** Come and share God's love with others at our next meeting in the Challoner room on Tuesday 7th May, 10.15-11.45am. All welcome.

**Parish Repository.** On sale, among other things, articles for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The repository is run by parish volunteers and usually opens before/after Mass.

**The Presbytery.** Reception will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May. Thank you to all our volunteer receptionists.

**The Power of the Rosary Prayer Group** will meet on Wednesday 8th and 22nd May, 10.30am in the Challoner room. All welcome.

**Eastertide Bible reflections.** Thursdays after 12noon Mass to 2pm in the Challoner room.

**Bereavement/Social Group** will meet on Monday 20th May after 12 noon Mass in the Challoner room. All welcome.

**- CATECHETICS -**

**First Holy Communion Rehearsals on Wednesday 1st May as follows:**

**4.30pm** for those making their FHC at 11.30am on Saturday 4th May;

**5.15pm** for those making their FHC at 2.30pm on Saturday 4th May.

**-FINANCE-**

**Planned Giving Envelopes.** Please collect your planned giving box from the presbytery during office hours. Please do not use old envelopes. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**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-**

**The Funeral Mass of Kathy McCarthy RIP** will take place at St Monica’s Church, Palmers Green on Thursday 2nd May at 11.30am.

**St Vincent’s Community Charity Shop - Volunteers Required.** The newly opened SVP charity shop in Enfield Town, 44 Church Street, EN2 6AZ are seeking more volunteers to help in the shop. If anyone has any spare time and would like to volunteer and join the friendly team, please pop in and see Mandy.

**The annual May Procession in honour of Our Lady** will take place at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, 1 Nicoll Road, NW10 9AX on Sunday 12th May at 3pm. The Preacher will be Fr Pius Collins, O.Praem.

**The Nightingale Night Hike, Friday 17th May.** Walk starts and finishes at Enfield Civic Centre, Silver Street. Arrival from 6 pm. Walk 5km, 10km or 15km Night Hike route around our beautiful borough. Sponsorship is optional but encouraged. For more details & to register: [www.nightingalesupport.org.uk/nighthike](http://www.nightingalesupport.org.uk/nighthike)

**Ceilidh Fundraising Evening.** Botany Bay Farm is holding a Ceilidh evening to raise money for The Nightingale Cancer Support Centre on 6th July 7pm-10.30pm. For more details and for tickets please see: <https://www.nightingalesupport.org.uk/product/ceilidh/>

**Sponsor a Lourdes Wheelchair** The diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes is in need of new wheelchairs to transport the assisted pilgrims during the pilgrimage. Each wheelchair costs £139. If anyone would like to sponsor a wheelchair in memory of someone, please contact Elizabeth Uwalaka in the Pilgrimage Office on: [elizabethuwalaka@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:elizabethuwalaka@rcdow.org.uk) or 020 7798 9173.

**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.