

# 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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Year B

+ 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8th September 2024

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## Ephphatha: 'Be opened'

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I am writing this on Tuesday. This morning on BBC Radio 4, Rose Ayling-Ellis was being interviewed remotely from Paris where she is co-hosting the British TV coverage of the Paralympic events. The interview was as seamless as most are on Radio 4, without even a 'technical problem with the line' as sometimes happens with modern technology. I thought nothing of it until the interview concluded. Then one of the radio presenters commented how remarkable Rose was to be interviewed live, and remotely over a digital link – quite a challenge but of course she was unphased as this was just a normal conversation, no problem at all. I did some research and discovered that Rose is a champion for families learning sign language to support their children, as she learnt sign language before she learnt to speak, and says speaking came easily but only after she had a thorough grasp of the language through signing.

In the Gospel today we hear about Jesus opening the ears and curing the speech impediment of a deaf man. He used the word Ephphatha from his native language Aramaic, which means 'be opened'. This word must have been profound since it was retained in

the original Greek text of Mark's gospel. While saying this, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears, and touched his tongue with his spittle. These actions demonstrate the real physical encounter with God this man experienced through Jesus.

Just imagine if this was happening to you. Jesus can provide us with close encounters with God if we let him. We just need to be open, open our ears and eyes to God. Then we can use our mouths and actions to preach the Good News.

During the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism there is an optional prayer over the ears and mouth which we often use.

The celebrant touches the ears and mouth of the child with his thumb saying:

*The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father. Amen.*

With every blessing.

Deacon Peter

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### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**The sick & housebound:** Di Stone, Rosaleen Byrne, Grace Reilly, Clare Henry, Dennis Cox, Carol Cormack, Nitsa Kozinos and Genesio Alves Rodrigues.

**Those who have died:** Mary Elliott, Sheila Feord, Mary Goulding, Oscar Martins, Stavros Antoniou, Eufrosina Acosta Evangelista, Angelo Parente, Mercy Essilfie-Quaye and Mercedes Mendola.

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** David Vincent Canham and David Dobson

### THE LAMPS IN OUR CHURCHES

#### This week the lamp:

by the Tabernacle (left side) burns for Rose Costa & Trisha Family - Thanksgiving

by the Tabernacle (right side) burns for Grace Reilly - Sick

by Our Lady's Chapel burns for Henry Family - Own Intention

by the Sacred Heart Chapel burns for Marie Coutinho - Healing



### -PARISH NOTICES-

**Welcome to Fr Axcel Soriano**, our new Assistant Priest. Fr Axcel comes to us from St John Fisher, Harrow North, where he has served for four years. We look forward to having him in the parish.

**Fr Patrick van der Vorst** has now moved to Westminster Cathedral. He will return to celebrate the 12 noon Mass on Sunday 6th October followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

**Thank You - North Enfield Foodbank.** Thank you to everyone who brought donations to last week's Foodbank collection. We are very grateful for your continued support for the past nine years since we started.

**Change to Mass time on Tuesday 10th September.** Mass at 8am at HFC and 9.30am at OLSG (instead of 12 noon), due to the clergy attending the deanery meeting.

**Sunday Afternoon of Adoration.** To coincide with the Adoremus Festival at St Mary's College, Oscott, we will have a Sunday afternoon of Eucharistic Adoration, ending with Solemn Benediction in OLSG on Sunday 15th September from 2 pm until 5.30 pm.

**Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus every Thursday,** 3-4pm at OLSG church. All welcome.

**Adoration in the Holy Family Convent (HFC):** Monday to Wednesday 7 pm-8 pm; Thursday 4 pm -5 pm. All welcome.

**Rosary by the Fountain.** As every 13th day of the month, on **Friday 13th September, 7pm**, all are invited to join one of the clergy at the fountain (near HSBC Bank & Nandos) to pray the rosary publicly for our families, parish and the world.

**Young adults (18-35)** are invited to an Enfield Deanery gathering on Friday 13th September, 7.30-9.30pm at St Monica's Church, Palmers Green, N13 4DJ. Worship music, speaker & Adoration followed by social. Any questions, contact [annamcmullan@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:annamcmullan@rcdow.org.uk) or speak to your priest.

**Become a Dementia Friend.** Join us for this FREE interactive Information Session to learn how dementia affects a person and what you can do to make a difference. Anyone of any age can become a Dementia Friend. Sessions on 15th & 29th September 11.45am & 1.15pm. Course is one hour. You only need to attend one session. To reserve your space contact: [s.brettrichards@googlemail.com](mailto:s.brettrichards@googlemail.com)

## **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).**

The first meeting of the new RCIA group will meet on Tuesday 10th September, 7 pm in the presbytery. If you are interested in finding out what Catholics believe; or want to be baptised and to become a Catholic; or are a Christian already and want to become a Roman Catholic; or are Catholic already and want to be confirmed, then the RCIA group is the place for you. The group provides teaching and support within the friendly Catholic community in Enfield. All are welcome. Please speak to Father Daniel or contact Michael Walsh on michaelwalsh2001@live.co.uk (07403 343 809).

**Memorial Mass for the late Jerry McAteer** on Friday 20th September at 2.30pm at OLSG church. All welcome. Please pray for the peaceful repose of his soul. May he rest in peace.

**Priest References for Secondary School Applications.** Appointment times to obtain the Certificate of Catholic Practice will be available from **Monday 9th September** in the presbytery.

**Priest References (Certificate of Catholic Practice) for Primary School Applications.** Please check future newsletters.

**SVP** - the next meeting will be on Monday 16th September at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

**Welcome Event for New Parishioners on Monday 7th October 7.30-9pm in the Parish Centre.** Invitations have been sent to all parishioners who have registered in the parish in the last year, but if you have not received one as yet and are new to the parish you are very welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served. The clergy and some representatives of the parish are looking forward to welcoming you. Please contact us to let us know that you can come: enfield@rcdow.org.uk or 020 8363 2569. If you are a new parishioner, please register. Forms are available from the presbytery (building next to the church).

## **-CATECHETICS-**

**Confirmation Registration soon.** Please check future newsletters.

## **-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

**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-**

**Eucharistic Festival at Westminster Cathedral.** Saturday 14th September, 12.30-4pm. Begins with Mass at 12.30pm celebrated by Bishop Nicholas Hudson. For full details please see the poster in the porch.

**St Monica's Catholic Primary School,** Cannon Hill, N14 7HE, is celebrating it's 70th anniversary this year and is holding an afternoon tea open house event on Saturday 14th September 12-4pm for all families, past staff, pupils and governors. All welcome—please just turn up!

**Open Evening for Secondary Transfer at St Ignatius College,** Turkey St, EN1 4NP is on Tuesday 17th September. Please join us at 6pm, Headteacher's speech at 7.15 pm.

**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.

To watch live-stream (LS): [www.catholicenfield.org/live-stream/](http://www.catholicenfield.org/live-stream/)

## LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASS TIMES

Sun 8th Sep + 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Ps Wk 3*

*Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37 (Page 129)*

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

Mon 9th Sep St Peter, Claver Priest

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

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

Tues 10th Sep Feria

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

**OLSG:** Mass 9.30am (No 12 noon Mass)

Wed 11th Sep Feria

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

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

Thur 12th Sep The Holy Name of Mary

**OLSG:** Mass 12 noon (LS) Prayer to the Sacred Heart 3-4pm

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

Fri 13th Sep St John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church *Friday abstinence*

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

Sat 14th Sep THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

**OLSG:** Mass 9.30am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession 10am-10.45am; Benediction 10.45am; Adoration and Confessions 5pm-5.45pm, Mass 6pm

Sun 15th Sep + 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Ps Wk 4*

*Isaiah 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35 (Page 132)*

**OLSG:** Mass 8am, 9am, 10.30am, 12noon (LS). Adoration concluding with Benediction 2pm-5.30pm. Mass 6pm.

**OLW:** Mass 10am

**KEY:** **OLSG:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Saint George, 45 London Road, EN2 6DS

**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/](http://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.

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

**OLSG church** Monday-Friday 7am-6pm; Saturday-Sunday 7am-7pm; *unless otherwise indicated in the newsletter*

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