

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

+ 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20th October 2024

Let us Trust in the Lord

On Monday, I was hoping for a good day. When I got to my office I found that my desk drawer was locked. I normally don't lock this because I don't have important things in it. It was annoying, I couldn't find the key and finally I had to pull it apart and reassemble the drawers, taking off the lock.

All of this reminded me of St Teresa of Avila, Doctor of the Church, whose feast was last week. She was once going to visit one of her convents on a donkey. The donkey dropped her in the mud and she had a terrible journey. Later in prayer she asked God why this happened, and he said, "that's how I treat my friends", and she replied "and that is why you have so few of them!"

Now what happened to her can't compare with my situation of a locked drawer, but being upset is universal. These are the moments we are called to enter into a dialogue with God in prayer.

In the Gospel of John the Lord has a dialogue with the disciples when they pose this question to him. Why is this man born blind? Is it because he or his parents sinned. The Lord says to them neither he nor his parents sinned, but that the glory of God can be shown in him. In other words the question is

not why me, but what is God trying to say to me through this event, big or small.

Today's world tells us suffering is wrong, and the merciful thing is to take care of it ourselves, or not to become a burden on others, or that we are the victim of circumstances.

But in Christianity, suffering comes to help us, and those around us. If we live with this dialogue with Christ then as the Word of God says; Gold is purified in the fire and the Gospel this weekend invites us to drink the same cup that Our Lord drank from.

This little event on Monday that annoyed me reminds me of a beautiful little prayer card I was sent when I became a priest. It was Our Lord carrying His Cross to heaven, behind Him a priest doing the same. There is a bigger plan of God for me.

This is a message not only for priests but for all Christians. We are all invited to have that dialogue with God, and even like St Teresa, be upset with Him. Ultimately we are called to have faith and to accept the way God wants us to be united with Him and give Him glory.

St Teresa: Pray for us.

God Bless,

Fr Axel

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The sick & housebound: Dennis Cox, Carol Cormack, Nitsa Kozinos, Rose Kozinos, John Egan, Clare Henry, Rose and Allen Richardson.

Those who have died: Michael Navin-Jones, Mercy Essilfie-Quaye, Elizabeth Crotty, Michael Duhig, Marie Girolami, Giuseppina Cicero, Daphne Sullivan and David Flury.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Abdul Reyes and Branda Valera-Ramos.

THE LAMPS IN OUR CHURCHES

This week the lamp:

by the Tabernacle (left side) burns for Grace Reilly - Healing

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



-PARISH NOTICES-

Today is World Mission Sunday. Today the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio, his charity for world mission, through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity, and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate please use the Missio envelopes or visit mission.org.uk. Thank you.

Mass at OLW church on Thursday 24th October at 9.30 am. All are welcome.

Welcomers at Mass. Volunteers required to welcome parishioners to all Sunday Masses. Please contact the presbytery, leaving your contact details, if you would like to join these new teams.

November - Month of the Holy Souls Book of Remembrance. After All Souls' Day, a number of Masses will be offered during November for the Holy Souls. Please add the names of your own dear departed to the lists available in the porch, and return them (with a donation in the envelope marked 'Holy Souls' if you wish), so that they can form part of the Book of Remembrance that will remain on the altar for November.

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

Living Sustainably -declutter & recycling at Fairtrade Fayre on Sunday November 24th.

You are invited to start decluttering the listed items and donate them as part of our Live Simply and Sustainably initiative at this year's Fairtrade Fayre on Sunday 24th November in the Parish Centre. The Justice and Peace group will be collecting the following items only: SLR or digital cameras, IPOD's, MP3 players, gameboy consoles, IPADS, mobile phones, old and foreign coins and stamps, jewellery (gold, silver and dress including broken accepted). The donated items will be either revamped and sold or components used by an organisation called recycling for good causes, who will make a donation to CAFOD for each collection box filled. Our Collection earlier this year raised over £250. Thank you for your support!

CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal. The conflict in the Middle East is getting worse and the families affected need our help. Please donate today to the CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal and support our local Caritas partners in Gaza and Lebanon as they continue to provide essential food, water and shelter: cafod.org.uk/give

The Power of the Rosary Prayer Group will meet at the Challoner room on Wednesday 30th October at 10.30 am. All welcome.

The Sunday Cafe open 10am - 11am. Urgently needed new volunteers! This involves helping to serve tea/coffee etc., one Sunday a month. Session lasts about an hour after gam Mass. Please contact Mary Newman 020 8366 3915 or maryvnewman@btinternet.com

Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVP). Christmas Coffee Morning will be taking place on Saturday 2nd November in the Parish Centre from 10am. Good company with tea, coffee, cakes, Christmas cards & candles for sale, Christmas tombola & raffle. All welcome.

Wine Tasting Event. Our Lady of Walsingham church – In order to raise money for our church, the committee is organising a wine tasting evening on Saturday 23rd Nov., 7.30pm-9.30pm, starting at 7.45pm. Whether you are experienced at wine tasting or not, this sampling session will teach you how to appreciate the bouquet and subtleties of eight wines (Old World and New World). Learn about grape varieties, bouquet and how to train your palate in this informative and enjoyable session run by an experienced French sommelier. Some nibbles will be provided. £20 per person. For more details and booking call Charlotte Beddoes 075 5321 2426, email: charlottefarge@btinternet.com

Parish Repository. On sale, among other things, articles for Christmas including calendars, diaries and cards. The repository is run by parish volunteers and usually opens before/after Mass.

-CATECHETICS-

Confirmation. Registration forms for those in years 9 and 10 are available from the presbytery. Closing date: 4th November 2024.

-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/>

-OTHER NEWS & INFORMATION-

Clocks change. The clocks go back one hour next Saturday night, marking the end of British Summer Time (BST). The good news is that it also means an extra hour in bed!

Kim Leadbeater MP is introducing a bill to bring in assisted suicide, which will be voted on by MPs on **29th November 2024**. We know that assisted suicide laws in other jurisdictions have had devastating consequences for the poor, disabled and marginalised. This is the biggest threat to the vulnerable in a decade, and we need a huge effort to lobby MPs. Please contact your local MP by visiting: www.spuc.org.uk/Resources/Write-to-your-MP www.livesworthliving.org.uk

St. George's Catholic Primary School – Reception Admissions for 2025. The Governors invite applications from parents of children who reach their 4th birthday between 1st Sept. 2024 & 31st Aug. 2025. The 'Open Days' are Tuesday 19th November and Tuesday 10th December. To book see the school website or call 020 8363 3729.

St Ignatius College Sixth Form Open Evening is on Thursday 16th January 2025. It is inclusive for boys and girls. Please join us at 5.45 pm and the speech at 6.15 pm. Visit our website for more details <https://www.st-ignatius.enfield.sch.uk/>

There have now been over **ten and a half million abortions** in Great Britain since the Abortion Act was passed 57 years ago, on 27th October 1967. On the day before this terrible anniversary please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this country. On Saturday 26th October please go to Mass, say an extra Rosary and give up some food for the day. Share this with your friends on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/808459844574645>

To watch live-stream (LS): www.catholicefield.org/live-stream/

LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASS TIMES

Sun 20th Oct + 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME *Ps Wk 1*
Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45 (Page 146)
OLSG: Mass 8am, 9am, 10.30am, 12noon (LS), Mass 6pm. **OLW:** Mass 10am

Mon 21st Oct Feria
HFC: Mass 8am. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7-8pm
OLSG: Church cleaning 10am, Mass 12 noon (LS)

Tues 22nd Oct Saint John Paul II, Pope
HFC: Mass 8am. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7-8pm
OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)

Wed 23rd Oct Feria
HFC: Mass 8am. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7-8pm
OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)

Thur 24th Oct Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
OLW: Mass at 9.30 am
OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS), Prayer to the Sacred Heart 3-4pm
HFC: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 4-5pm

Fri 25th Oct Feria *Friday abstinence*
OLSG: Mass 10am, Mass 12 noon (LS),
Funeral Mass of Mercy Essilfie-Quaye RIP 2pm (LS)

Sat 26th Oct Saints Chad and Cedd, Bishops
OLSG: Mass 9.30am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
Confession 10am-10.45am; Benediction 10.45am; Wedding (convalidation)
of Pearl Amoateng and Michael Mukigi 1pm; Adoration and Confessions
5pm-5.45pm, Mass 6pm

Sun 27th Oct + 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME *Ps Wk 2*
Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52 (Page 149)
OLSG: Mass 8am, 9am, 10.30am, 12noon (LS), 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.catholicefield.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
is open: unless otherwise indicated in the newsletter

Mass in Polish: For information visit www.parafaenfield.org