

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

+ 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17th Nov. 2024

Take the Fig Tree as a Parable

We are drawing close to the conclusion of the Church's year. The autumn colours and the short days are poignant reminders of this. Jesus gets in on the act in this Sunday's Gospel reading with his use of the fig tree as a parable.

Parables, we remember, are stories or images set before us by Our Lord in order to teach us a simple (but profound) lesson. This one concerning the fig tree is very simple. Take a look at it, Jesus says, and observe carefully what is happening. I suppose we could translate that as something like 'watch out for the signs of the times.'

There is certainly a message here about keeping awake and alert to what the Lord is doing in His Church and in His world. Sometimes we become too concerned with ourselves and the minutiae of our lives and personal concerns. This is not necessarily the Christian approach. An autumn walk can provide an opportunity, away from the distractions and concerns of the immediate, to look into the trees (not showing us that summer is near!). Looking up and away from ourselves we may

find inspiration for thanksgiving. An awareness of, and appreciation for, the natural world, the environment, may well lead us to a deeper understanding of all that God has done for us. At one and the same time, we are encouraged to consider all that he is going to do for us in the future times, as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of Christ in glory.

Perhaps we might use the words of this Sunday's psalm (15) as we walk onwards together:

'And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.'

With every blessing for a good and healthy
week ahead,

Father Daniel

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The sick & housebound: Dennis Cox, Carol Cormack, Nitsa Kozinos, Rose Kozinos, John Egan, Clare Henry, Jamie Roberts, Kenneth Kawembu and Teresa Kealy.

Those who have died: Lorna Marchant, Sean McHugh, Maria Baptista Sabundayo, Elsie Melly, Liam Murphy, Ellen Rosaleen Cobbold and Janet Bradshaw.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Harry Gibbings, Ambrose Lingo, James Hancock, Mary Probert and Margaret Holleran.

THE LAMPS IN OUR CHURCHES

This week the lamp:

by the Tabernacle (left side) burns for Doug Probert - Rest in Peace (anniversary)

by the Tabernacle (right side) burns for Mary Probert - Rest in Peace (anniversary)

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

by the Sacred Heart Chapel burns for Sonia Antoniazzi - Rest in Peace (anniversary)



-PARISH NOTICES-

Mass at OLW church on Thursday 21st November at 9.30 am. All are welcome.

Sick & Retired Priests' Fund Collection this weekend, 16th/17th November. Please give generously and help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. Please give generously. You can also donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations/ or use the QR code on the poster at the back of the church. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all our clergy: active, retired and ill. Thank you.

New Lectionary viewing for Parish Readers. Readers are invited to inspect the new Lectionary in the Challoner Room after Mass today, 17th Nov.

November - Month of the Holy Souls Book of Remembrance. 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 for Primary School Applications.

Appointment times to obtain the Certificate of Catholic Practice are available from the presbytery.

Relaunch of Enfield Saturday Club, 30th November, 2-4pm at Our Lady of Walsingham church (OLW) for anyone of any age with intellectual disability, in partnership with Caritas St Joseph. If you know someone who would benefit, please invite, or accompany, them. A warm welcome for all, social time, activities and refreshments provided.

SVP - the next meeting will be held on Monday 18th November at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

Mount Carmel Ladies Group meet on Thursday 21st Nov., 1pm. Talk to commence at 1:30pm by a wildlife photographer about Orangutans with our usual raffle. All welcome.

Fairtrade Fayre Sunday 24th November in the Parish Centre. This annual event will take place on Sunday 24th Nov., 10.15 am-1.30 pm in the Parish Centre. As usual, there will be a chance to taste and purchase Fairtrade products and buy Christmas cards and presents. Stall holders include CAFOD, Pax Christi, Jesuit Refugees, Palestine Solidarity and TWIN. Please support this Parish event. Thank you Justice and Peace Group.

CAFOD World Gifts are an ideal alternative to Christmas presents. The idea is that you buy a needed gift through CAFOD for someone living in poverty around the world. CAFOD sends you a card and certificate to give to your friend illustrating the gift that

has been purchased on their behalf. Please take home a **CAFOD World Gifts Catalogue** available at the back of the church. You can purchase gifts online at <http://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> or in person at the Fairtrade Fayre next Sunday 24th Nov.

Young Adults Group (18-35) - Social Evening. Saturday 23rd November, 7pm at OLSG. See poster in the porch. Contact Ryan 074466 950695 or ryan.togher@tclonline.co.uk

Parish Christmas Day Lunch for the elderly and for those who would otherwise be on their own. There are still some places available at our Christmas Day table in the Parish Centre. If you would like to come or know someone who would like to join us, please let us know as soon possible by contacting Chandra Tel. 07745 693 217 or email chandra.gardner18@gmail.com

Parish Repository. On sale, among other things, articles for Christmas. Also available the small Walk with Me booklet for Advent. £1.

The Power of the Rosary Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday 27th November, 10.30am in the Challoner room. All welcome.

-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-

Job Vacancy for an Outreach Worker at Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St George Parish, Enfield. 10 hours per week. Closing date: 12 pm, Monday 18th Nov. 2024. For more details and to apply visit: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/outreach-worker-enfield/>

#RedWednesday – Parish Challenge: 20th November. #RedWednesday is Aid to the Church in Need's day for persecuted Christians. This year, ACN is focusing on the suffering of young Christians in priority countries, many of whom are orphaned and displaced due to targeted attacks against their Christian communities. ACN is trying to raise £500 by Christmas to help provide material and spiritual hope to displaced children in places like Nigeria, Lebanon, Syria, Burkina Faso and Mozambique? All individual gifts and 'team fundraising' donations will be doubled to the value of £250,000, thanks to generous benefactors! To find out more and to sign our Advocacy petition, visit <https://acnuk.org/our-campaigns/redwednesday/>

#RedWednesday Mass, The Brompton Oratory: 20th November, 7pm: Join our special annual evening of prayer, music, award, light and hope to mark #RedWednesday. Stand together with your persecuted brothers and sisters, see the Brompton Oratory, London lighting red to shine a light on Christian persecution. Celebrated by Bishop Nicholas Hudson, with Archbishop Linus Neli, Archbishop of Imphal, India and Monsignor Michael Nazir-Ali concelebrating. Followed by a Reception. Donations to #500k4Hope to support displaced young Christians. We would love to see you there. For bookings and for other #RedWednesday events around the country visit acnuk.org/events

St Vincent's Shop. Would you consider joining the team at the SVP charity shop in Church Street, Enfield and volunteer for a few hours a week. Please pop in and see Mandy.

St Ignatius College are holding a Beer & Curry Alumni Event on Friday 22nd Nov., 6pm-9pm for old Ignatians to come and reminisce, reconnect and make new memories. For tickets: <https://www.st-ignatius.enfield.sch.uk/3474/upcoming-events>

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

LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASS TIMES

Sun 17th Nov 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME *Ps Wk 1*
Daniel 12:1-13; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32 (Page 157)
OLSG: Mass 8am, 9am, 10.30am, 12noon(LS), 6pm. **OLW:** Mass 10am

Mon 18th Nov The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles
HFC: Mass 8am. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7-8pm
OLSG: Church cleaning 10am,
Funeral Mass of Lorna Marchant RIP 12 noon (LS)

Tues 19th Nov Feria
HFC: Mass 8am. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7-8pm
OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)

Wed 20th Nov Feria
HFC: Mass 8am. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7-8pm
OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)

Thur 21st Nov The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
OLW: Mass 9.30am
OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS). Prayer to the Sacred Heart 3-4pm
HFC: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 4-5pm

Fri 22nd Nov Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr *Friday abstinence*
OLSG: Mass 10am, Funeral Mass of Sean McHugh RIP 12 noon (LS)

Sat 23rd Nov Saint Clement, Pope and Martyr
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 24th Nov + OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE *Ps Wk 2*
Daniel 7:13-14; Apocalypse 1:5-8; John 18:33-37 (Page 160)
OLSG: Mass 8am, 9am, 10.30am, 12noon(LS), 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