

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 C

+ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1st December 2024

Open your ears, O Christian People!

Christmas might seem like a long time away, but Advent is a short period of preparation.

How are we going to prepare ourselves spiritually for the coming of our Saviour? This year a good place to start might be with Holy Scripture, as this is the first week using the new lectionary. The translation is slightly different, but it is a beautiful and refreshing view into the original texts. Why the change? Well, human language is rather an inadequate tool, but it is the only language

we have, so we have to make the best of it. Fortunately, our Heavenly Father does not have these limitations, so words are not always required for communicating with God.

Let us open our ears and hear the Holy Word of God in newness, so that it can truly touch our hearts.

With every blessing for a holy Advent.

Deacon Peter.

Novena to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

A novena is a powerful devotion of prayer, said over nine consecutive days, asking God and the saints for special graces. We begin saying this novena prayer in preparation for the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Please pray the novena with the parish and at home. May these prayers bring us many graces, especially as we begin the holy season of Advent. We will pray for a number of special intentions and you could also decide upon your own personal intentions for the novena.

Father, you prepared the Virgin Mary to be the worthy Mother of your Son.

You made it possible for her to share beforehand in the salvation of your Son, Jesus Christ, who would bring life by His death, and kept her without sin from the first moment of her conception.

Give us the grace by her prayers ever to live in your presence without sin.

We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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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: Janet Bradshaw, Sheila D'Souza, Jackie Cohen, Fr James Mallon, Diana Luzuriaga Flores, Felicia Ekenta, Ann Lucas, Bryan Raftery, Brian Casey, Edward McKelvey, Ida Tait, Adrian O'Sullivan and Seamus Cleary.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Simon Jones, Elvia Bobadilla and Doris Parson.

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 Sonia Antoniazzi - Rest in Peace (anniversary)

by Our Lady's Chapel burns for Evlyn - Birthday Blessing

by the Sacred Heart Chapel burns for Maria Baptista Sabundayo - Rest in Peace



-PARISH NOTICES-

Fairtrade Fayre - Thank you. Thank you for supporting the annual Parish Fairtrade Fayre last weekend. Stall holders raised an amazing £1,896.

The FAIRTRADE Mark guarantees that local producers in the developing world receive a fair price for their work. Please look out for the Fairtrade Logo when shopping.

It is still possible to deposit, for recycling, old mobile phones, MP3 players & jewellery to be recycled at the Presbytery until Tuesday 3rd Dec.

North Enfield Foodbank Collection this weekend Sat 30th Nov/Sun 1st Dec. The most needed items are: long life milk/juice/squash, tinned fruit/meat/fish/vegetables. For Christmas: stuffing, gravy, sweets, cakes, biscuits, mince pies, savoury snacks, crackers (to pull). All toiletries. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

Advent Bible Studies. Friday 6th, 13th and 20th Dec., after 12 noon Mass to 2pm in the Challoner room. Bring your own lunch. All welcome.

Adoration on the First Friday of the month, 6th December, 6-7 pm at OLSG. Adoration, during which confessions will be heard, concludes with Benediction. All welcome.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Monday 9th Dec. Mass at 8am in HFC and at 12noon in OLSG.

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

Priest References for Primary School Applications. Appointment times to obtain the Certificate of Catholic Practice are available from the presbytery.

Brother Charles and the Sacred Heart. Charles de Foucauld Feast Day, Sunday 1st Dec. All welcome. Mass 12 noon. Lunch 1 pm in the Parish Centre. Presentation and Discussion 2.30pm. Akathistos Hymn and Prayer for Lebanon 4 pm. Tea & Goodbye 4.30 pm-5 pm.

Mount Carmel Ladies Group meet on Thursday 5th December for a talk about Vancouver to Niagara which will **start promptly at 1 pm** with our usual raffle.

'Enfield in Song' Choir will be performing in OLSG church on Saturday 7th December, 2pm-4pm. All welcome to this FREE event. Retiring collection—proceeds for OLSG church.

Christmas Cake Raffle and Other Prizes. Raffle tickets will be on sale before/after all Masses on Sat. 7th/Sun. 8th Dec. If you can help sell raffle tickets, please contact the parish secretary. The draw will take place at the Parish Centre on Sunday 15th Dec., after

the Parish Advent Concert. All proceeds will go towards the cost of the Christmas Day Lunch for the elderly and housebound.

SVP - the next meeting will be held on Monday 9th December at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

Power of the Rosary Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday 11th December at 2pm in the **Holy Family Convent**. All are welcome.

Young adults (18-35) are invited to an Enfield Deanery gathering on Friday 13th Dec., 7.30-9.30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes, New Southgate (N11 1AA). Worship music, speaker & Adoration followed by social + Christmas party with games & food. Any questions, contact annamcmullan@rcdow.org.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

TWIN Fairtrade Fayre Raffle. A list of prize winners is in the Church Porch. Very many thanks to all who bought tickets as £261.00 was raised to go to our Third World Charities.

The Parish Newsletter is available online. To subscribe, please click on the catholicenfield.org home page. Once subscribed, please do not take a printed copy to save paper.

-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-

St. George's Catholic Primary School – Reception & Nursery Admissions for 2025. Applications for Reception for children who reach their 4th birthday between 1st Sept. 2024 & 31st Aug. 2025. Applications for Nursery for children who reach their 3rd birthday between 1st Sept. 2024 & 31st Aug 2025. To book a place at our open afternoon, visit the school website or call 020 8363 3729.

St Ignatius College, Senior Citizen's Christmas tea party on Wed., 11th Dec., 2.30-4pm, with musical entertainment from our students. Free event. To attend, email Sandy Henderson: hends@st-ignatius.enfield.sch.uk

A Day With Mary at St George's Cathedral, Southwark on Sat., 14th Dec., 10.15am-5.15pm. Mass celebrated by the Archbishop of Southwark Diocese, John Wilson. Further details <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

A Christmas Celebration in Westminster Cathedral. Tickets are now on sale for the annual Christmas concerts which celebrate the mystery of Christ's Incarnation in carols and readings performed by the world-famous Westminster Cathedral Choir, orchestra, and celebrity readers, on 18 & 19 Dec., 7.30pm. We encourage everybody to purchase tickets quickly before they sell out. Tickets can be purchased from the Cathedral Gift Shop or directly from Ticketmaster; go to www.ticketmaster.co.uk and type in Westminster Cathedral when prompted.

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 a **CAFOD World Gifts catalogue** available at the back of the church. To purchase online: <http://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>

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

LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASS TIMES

Sun 1st Dec + FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT *Ps Wk 1*

Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 Luke 21:25-28; 34-36

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

Mon 2nd Dec Advent Feria

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

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

Tues 3rd Dec Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

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

OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)

Wed 4th Dec Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

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

OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)

Thur 5th Dec Advent Feria

OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)

Prayer to the Sacred Heart 3-4pm

Church closes at 4.30pm

HFC: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 4-5pm

Fri 6th Dec Saint Nicholas, Bishop

Friday abstinence

OLSG: Mass 10am, 12 noon (LS)

Sat 7th Dec Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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 8th Dec + SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Ps Wk 2

Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:3-6; 8-11; Luke 3: 1-6

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.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**

is open: *unless otherwise indicated in the newsletter*

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