

# 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

+ **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

22 (& 29) Dec. 2024

## A Carol for Christmas

Although the traditional carols remain popular, one of the joys of Christmas is finding new ones. The other day I stumbled across this poem/carol by Ben Jonson (1572-1637), who was a contemporary of William Shakespeare. A close reading reveals the reason for the season, as they say.

*'I sing the birth was born tonight,  
The author both of life and light;  
The angels so did sound it,  
And like the ravished shepherds said,  
Who saw the light, and were afraid,  
Yet searched, and true they found it.*

*The Son of God, th'Eternal King,  
That did us all salvation bring,  
And freed the soul from danger;  
He whom the whole world could not take,  
The Word, which heaven and earth did make,  
Was now laid in a manger.*

*The Father's wisdom willed it so,  
The Son's obedience knew no No,  
Both wills were in one stature;  
And as that wisdom had decreed,*

*The word was now made flesh indeed,  
And took on Him our nature.*

*What comfort by him do we win?  
Who made himself the price of sin,  
To make us heirs of glory!  
To see this Babe, all innocence,  
A martyr born in our defence —  
Can man forget this story?'*

I take this opportunity to thank the clergy and other parish staff for all their support and hard work over the past year. Thank you, also, to the many volunteers here in the parish whose dedication and good humour are so vital to the smooth running of so many activities. You are all much appreciated.

May the peace and joy of Christ, the Babe of Bethlehem be with you all, and those whom you love.

Now we look forward to the beginning of the Jubilee Year, the Holy Year, of 2025, with its great message of hope to inspire and guide us along the pilgrim way.

Fr Daniel

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**Parish Office Opening Times:** Mon-Fri 9am-5pm; Sat 9.30am-1pm; Sun 10am-1pm

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

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

**Those who have died:** Fr Joseph Carter, Elizabeth Walsh, John James Lennon, Mary Murphy, Patrick Coughlan, Marion Bowen and Felix Rivers.

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Doreen Mary McGrath, Conrad Fernandes, Elizabeth Buday, Eileen Jordan, Sheila Lewin, Irene Gatens, Lloyd Teddy Fabella, Salvatore Argenza, Anna Di Silvestre, Corbo Genoeffa, Canio Argenza, Jubal Souza Rodillo and Martin

**THE LAMPS IN OUR CHURCHES**

**This week the lamps in the church will burn for:**

- by the Tabernacle (left side) burns for Michael Bartman - Rest in Peace
- by the Tabernacle (right side) burns for Joseph Mariyanayagam - Rest in Peace
- by Our Lady's Chapel burns for John and Patricia O'Sullivan - Rest in Peace
- by the Sacred Heart Chapel burns for Marie Coutinho - Healing
- by the Tabernacle at OLW burns for Nora and Chris O'Connor - Rest in Peace



**Next week the lamps in the church will burn for:**

- by the Tabernacle (left side) burns for Marie Coutinho - Healing
- by the Tabernacle (right side) burns for Tommy & Annie O'Brien - Rest in Peace
- by Our Lady's Chapel burns for Doreen Mary McGrath & Gladys Windley - Rest in Peace
- by the Sacred Heart Chapel burns for Martin Fleming - Rest in Peace (1st Anniversary)
- by the Tabernacle at OLW burns for Private Intention - Healing

**-PARISH NOTICES-**

**Thank you** to everyone who signed a Prisoner of Conscience card last weekend in Support of Human Rights Defenders. 545 solidarity cards were sent. Please pray for all who face human rights abuse. Thank you. Justice & Peace Group.

Youth from the Westminster Diocese invite you to a **Christmas Carol Concert TODAY, Sunday 22nd Dec., at 4pm** in OLSG church.

**Mass at OLW on Thursday 26th December at 9.30 am.** All are welcome.

**Adoration on the First Friday of the month, 3rd January, 6-7 pm at OLSG.** Adoration, during which confessions will be heard, concludes with Benediction. All welcome.

**-CONFESSIONS BEFORE CHRISTMAS-**

- Sunday 22nd Dec: 5 pm - 5.45 pm
- Monday 23rd Dec: 11 am - 11.45 am with a visiting priest - Fr Patrick Carroll. 6 pm - 7.00pm
- Tuesday 24th Dec: 3 pm - 4 pm

**- CHRISTMAS -**

**Tuesday 24th December  
Mass Times**

8 am - HFC & 9.30am - OLSG (No 12 noon)

**Christmas Eve Mass Times**

4 pm Children's Christmas Mass - OLSG

6 pm Vigil Mass - OLSG (LS)

6 pm Vigil Mass - OLW

11.30 pm Christmas Carols followed by  
Sung Mass at Midnight - OLSG

**Wednesday 25th December  
Christmas Day Mass Times**

9am, 10.30am and 12noon (LS) - OLSG  
(No 8 am or 6 pm evening Mass)

10am - OLW

**Thursday 26th December  
Feast of Saint Stephen Mass Times**

9.30 am - OLW

12 noon - OLSG (LS) celebrated  
by Bishop John Sherrington

**Christmas Offerings.** The small envelopes marked 'Christmas Offerings' will be used by the diocese to provide support for all clergy in the diocese. If you wish to make a personal offering to the priests of this parish please use the envelopes marked 'Your Christmas Gift to the Clergy' available in the church porch.

**Crib Appeal 2024** - Offerings may be placed in the candle box by the crib. Donations received will go to the Catholic Children's Society. [www.cathchild.org.uk](http://www.cathchild.org.uk)

**Holy Family Convent (HFC).** No Adoration this week (Monday—Thursday). Adoration will resume from Monday 30th December. The Sisters of the Holy Family invite parishioners to join them for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Monday-Wednesday 7 pm—8 pm and Thursday 4 pm—5 pm.

#### **Office Reception Opening Hours:**

Tues. 24th December: 9am-1pm

Wed. 25th & Thurs. 26th December: CLOSED  
Reopens Friday 27th December

Tues. 31st December: Open 9am-1pm

Wed. 1st January: CLOSED

Resumes from Thursday 2nd Jan.: 9am-5pm.

**Please note: there may be reduced opening and closing times in the church.**

**The Newsletter is available online.** To receive a copy by email, please click on the [catholicenfield.org](http://catholicenfield.org) home page to save paper..

**The Newsletter** will not be published on Sunday 29th December. The first newsletter in 2025 will be on Sunday 5th January.

**Repository** is stocked with **Christmas items** as well as the **Westminster Year Book 2025**, £5.50. The shop is run by volunteers and usually opens before and after Masses.

**The Lay Fraternity of St Charles De Foucauld.** Our next meeting will take place in the Bishop Challoner Room on Tuesday 7th January at 10.15am. All welcome as we prepare for the challenges & blessings the New Year .

**Parish Pilgrimage to Segovia, Spain 21st-26th June 2025, led by Fr Daniel Humphreys.** Full details and booking forms are available from the presbytery.

#### **-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](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.** Thank you for all your donations to the parish.

#### **-OTHER NEWS & INFORMATION-**

**The SVP are distributing over 10,000 homeless packs (Vinnie Packs)** during the cold weather. Please consider sponsoring packs, suggested donation £4.10 per pack? Post donations to **Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ** with cheques payable to SVP. Bank transfer: Nat West sort code **60-60-04**, account no. **4608 8237**. Thank you for your support.

**Pilgrimage to Rome & The Vatican City—The Year of Jubilee 2025, 1st-5th Dec. 2025.** This parish with St Thomas of Canterbury Parish, Fulham. A Jubilee is a Holy Year of grace and pilgrimage which takes place every 25 years. Join the Parish Pilgrimage. £1,290 per person sharing on a half board basis and includes return flights from Heathrow. For more details: 0800 612 3423 or

**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, except on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Years Eve and New Years Day

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

## LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASS TIMES

Sun 22 Dec + 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT *Ps Wk 4*

OLSG: Confessions 5pm-5.45pm

Mon 23 Dec Advent feria

HFC: Mass 8am

OLSG: Confessions 11am-12 noon with a visiting priest.

Funeral Mass of Elizabeth Walsh RIP 12 noon (LS).

Confessions 6pm-7pm

Tue 24 Dec Advent feria

HFC: Mass 8am

OLSG: Mass 9.30am. Confessions 3pm-4pm

+ CHRISTMAS EVE

OLSG: Children's Christmas Mass 4pm

Vigil Christmas Mass 6pm (LS)

Christmas Carols 11.30pm

Sung Christmas Mass 12 midnight

OLW: Vigil Christmas Mass 6pm

Wed 25 Dec + THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS DAY

OLSG: 9am, 10.30am & 12 noon (LS). (*No 8am or 6pm*)

OLW: 10am

Thu 26 Dec ST STEPHEN, The First Martyr

OLW: Mass 9.30am

OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS) - Celebrant Bp John Sherrington

Fri 27 Dec ST JOHN, Apostle and Evangelist *No abstinence*

Sat 28 Dec THE HOLY INNOCENTS, Martyrs

OLSG: 12.30pm Marriage of Abisola Obisesan & Lucas Ayeni

Sun 29 Dec THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH *Ps Wk 1*

Mon 30 Dec Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Tue 31 Dec Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Wed 1 Jan + SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Thu 2 Jan Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Fri 3 Jan The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Sat 4 Jan Christmas Feria

Sun 5 Jan + THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD *Ps Wk 2*

Mass in Polish at OLW: For details please visit: [www.parafiaenfield.org](http://www.parafiaenfield.org)

**USUAL LITURGY  
TIMES, UNLESS**

**INDICATED**

**OTHERWISE:**

**MASS TIMES**

**Our Lady of Mount**

**Carmel & Saint**

**George (OLSG)**

**Sunday**

(Sat 6pm), 8am,

9am, 10.30am,

12noon (LS), 6pm

**Monday-Thursday**

12noon (LS)

**Friday**

10am, 12noon (LS)

**Saturday**

9.30am

**Our Lady of**

**Walsingham (OLW)**

**Sunday**

10am

**Holy Family**

**Convent (HFC)**

**Monday-Wednesday**

8am

**CONFESSIONS**

**Saturday**

10-10.45am (OLSG)

5.15-5.45pm (OLSG)

1st Friday 6-7pm (OLSG)

**ADORATION OF**

**THE BLESSED**

**SACRAMENT**

**Saturday**

10-10.45am, 5-5.45pm

**First Friday**

6-7pm (all OLSG)

**Monday—Wednesday**

7-8pm (HFC)

**Thursday**

4-5pm (HFC)