

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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+ THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5th January 2025

A New Year in God's will

We all make new year's resolutions. Some of us want to loose weight. Some of us want to stop certain bad habits and pick up good habits. And all that is great. But do we think to do God's will as a new year's resolution?

Perhaps this idea of God's will is too abstract for us. It is a concept foreign to us because we live in a world that is too focused on material things. A world that moves from one thing to the next, and does not stop to contemplate the bigger picture.

A parishioner recently asked me what is my favourite movie, and Forest Gump came to mind. If you have seen it, you may recall that Forest was part of many important events in US history, but he was unaware of them. Another point in the movie is that in order for Forest to survive, Jenny, the love of his love, told him to run when he found himself in trouble. He had no purpose for running other than to survive. Everyone thought he was running for a good cause. All he wanted was to live a happy life but he only discovered true happiness once he stopped running and began to let go.

Today we can be like Forest too, being aware that there is something more to life than the material things that we think will make us happy.

It is important in this new year to let go of things and truly focus on the things that matter, things that will help us to get closer to God's love and to the love of our neighbour.

In the end Forest understands that his love for Jenny is what matters. His purpose was to love, even a person like Jenny, (for those who have seen the film).

To love freely is to be in God's will. **St Augustine says: "For you made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you".**

Let us find God's love this year, and let us desire to do his will. As we continue this pilgrimage of Hope for the Jubilee Year, let us remember that faith and hope will pass, but what remains is *Agape* or Love. The perfect love of God, that calls us to live.

Have a blessed 2025 everyone.

With all good wishes, Fr Axcel

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The sick & housebound: Dennis Cox, Carol Cormack, Nitsa Kozinos, Rose Kozinos, John Egan, Clare Henry and Elizabeth (Lily) Bleach.

Those who have died: Teresa Kealy, Michael Humphreys, Richard Pursand, Fr David Barnes, Sophia Turet, Marion Bowen, John James Lennon, Mary Murphy, Tess Browne and Felix Rivers.

Anniversaries at this time: Martin Fleming, Rosaria Parente and Teresa Sanchez Munoz.

THE LAMPS IN OUR CHURCHES

This week the lamp:

by the Tabernacle (left side) burns for Martin Fleming - Rest in Peace (1st anniversary)

by the Tabernacle (right side) burns for Marie Coutinho - Healing

by Our Lady's Chapel burns for Joseph and Mary Mensah - Travelling

by the Sacred Heart Chapel burns for Martin Fleming - Rest in Peace (1st anniversary)

-PARISH NOTICES-

Mass on Tuesday 7th January. Mass of the day at 8am in HFC and 9.30am in OLSG church. The 12 noon Mass in OLSG will be a funeral Mass and is expected to have a large attendance. Parishioners coming to the regular weekday Mass are strongly encouraged to attend the 9.30am at OLSG or 8am at HFC.

Rosary by the Fountain. On **Monday 13th January**, 7pm, all are invited to join one of the clergy at the fountain (near HSBC Bank & Nandos) to pray the rosary publically for our families, parish & the world.

Christmas Day Dinner. We would like to take the opportunity of thanking everybody for making the Christmas Day Lunch such a success and a lovely day for our guests. Firstly, a big thank you for Chandra who planned the day and ensured we had everything we needed. A massive thank you for all the volunteers who gave up their Christmas Day - our Chef, Michael, produced a perfect meal for about 90 people. The guests were so pleased with their presents and goody bags. Thank you for the children and parishioners who brought the presents and the SVP for the goody bags. Finally a big thank you to Fr Daniel who supported the event and Fr Axcel who joined Fr Daniel and came in to meet our guests.

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

Eucharistic Adoration. The Sisters of the Holy Family invite parishioners to join them for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Monday-Wednesday 7pm-8pm & Thursday 4pm-5pm.

Crib Appeal 2024 - Offerings may be placed in the candle box by the crib. Donations received will go to the Catholic Children's Society. Thank you. www.cathchild.org.uk

SVP - The next meeting will be held on Monday 6th January at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

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

The Power of the Rosary Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday 8th and 22nd January, 10.30am in the Challoner room. All welcome.

New to the Parish. If you are a new parishioner, please collect a registration form from the presbytery during office hours.

Young adults (18-35) are invited to an Enfield Deanery gathering on Friday 10th January, 7.30-9.30pm at Our Lady & St Vincent, Potters Bar (EN6 2AT). Worship music, speaker & Adoration followed by social. Any questions, contact annamcmullan@rcdow.org.uk or speak to your priest.

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

The Repository has many religious items and cards available to buy as well as the **Westminster Year Book 2025**, £5.50. The shop is run by volunteers and usually opens before and after Masses.

Brian Casey's Family - wish to express their heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended his funeral and wake on Monday 16th December 2024. We were overwhelmed with the love and affection shown to him. Also thank you very much for all the wonderful cards, Mass intentions and words of sympathy. It is all appreciated very much.

-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. Thank you for all your donations to the parish.

-OTHER NEWS & INFORMATION-

To begin the Jubilee Year 2025, Bishop John Sherrington will preside and preach at **Choral Vespers and Benediction** on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, Sunday 5th January at 4.30pm. Parishioners from the Parishes of the Northern Area Deaneries (Barnet, Brent, Enfield, Haringey and Harrow) are especially welcome. Refreshments will follow in the Marian Hall. The Shrine Church is situated at the corner of Acton Lane and Nicoll Road, London NW10 9AX. Bakerloo & Overground (Mildmay & Lioness) to Willesden Junction.

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. Brochures with itinerary details etc., available from the presbytery. For more details: 0800 612 3423 or office@pilgrimagepeople.org

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. For more details please visit the school website or call 020 8363 3729.

St Ignatius College Sixth Form Open Evening - Thursday 16th January. It is inclusive for boys and girls. Time: 5.45 pm and speech at 6.15 pm. For details visit: <https://www.st-ignatius.enfield.sch.uk/>

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.catholicefield.org/live-stream/

LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASS TIMES

Sun 5th Jan + THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Ps Wk 2

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

OLSG: Mass 8am, 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon (LS), 6pm

OLW: Mass 10am

Mon 6th Jan Christmas Feria

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

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

Tues 7th Jan Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

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

OLSG: Mass **9.30am (LS)**. Funeral Mass of Sophia Turet RIP 12 noon

Wed 8th Jan Christmas Feria

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

OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)

Thur 9th Jan Christmas Feria

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

HFC: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 4-5pm

Fri 10th Jan Christmas Feria

Friday abstinence

OLSG: Mass 10am, 12 noon (LS)

Sat 11th Jan Christmas Feria

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

Sun 12th Jan + THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Ps Wk 3

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

OLSG: Mass 8am, 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon (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.

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