

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

+ THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2nd February 2025

The Eye of the Storm

When I was younger, I remember listening to a homily that had an impact on me. It was why God allowed things to happen rather than to think I needed to have the answer right away.

The priest said: ***"God speaks to us in the events of our life, sometimes we do not understand them because we perhaps haven't learned to stand under the one who is in charge meaning God."***

Last week I was literally caught in the eye of the storm. I decided to go to Scotland for my post-Christmas break without checking the weather properly. At the end of my stay I was trying to get back to London but everything I booked was cancelled.

I mention this not to complain but to say that because God allowed me to have this disruption, he calls me to see this event for a moment to stop and be grateful. Grateful for my life, grateful for the calling to serve Him in His Church. To have an experience of God speaking to us in our life through events is for us a call to be aware that God also is with us and understands us when we lose or fail in our life. My little experience of this storm is a small

example, but you may have bigger examples of God speaking to you.

The Christian life is the death and resurrection, slavery to freedom, the experience of the Passover of Jesus our Lord. St Peter quotes:

"For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps."

"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wound you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls." (1 Peter 2:20-25)

Next week I will be in Assisi and Sienna with the junior clergy. I will greet Fr Patrick for you all and I will pray for all of you there too. Please pray for me, for the other junior clergy that we may have the Spirit to do God's will in our Ministry of Priesthood. Fr Axel

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Those who have died: Thomas Fealy, Wanda Musial, Anne Gavin, Jimmy Flynn, Fr John Buckley, Michael Cunliffe, Maria Paganuzzi, Ana Sanchez Muñoz and Ernesto De La Cruz.

Anniversaries at this time: Kristina Watson, Elizabeth Quinn, Monica Pickering, Elvira Zeppetelli, Jack and Stasia Evans.

THE LAMPS IN OUR CHURCHES

This week the lamp:

by the Tabernacle (left side) burns for Teresa Kealy - Rest in Peace

by the Tabernacle (right side) burns for Teresa Kealy - Rest in Peace

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

by the Sacred Heart Chapel burns for Michael Cunliffe - Rest in Peace



-PARISH NOTICES-

Missio Red Box - Thank You and Appeal.

This weekend we welcome Fr Philip Amek MHM to give a Red Box appeal. Thank you to parishioners who already give to Missio, the Pope's charity for World Mission. Your generous donations either through the Red Box or Direct Debit support the Church around the World. There will not be a second collection as the appeal is for membership to the Red Box scheme. Please keep the work of Mission and the Mill Hill Missionaries in your prayers. To find out more please visit: www.missio.org.uk

Collection for the Homeless TODAY, 2nd February. Our annual parish collection of goods for London's homeless will take place in aid of the Manna Society at all Masses this weekend. The Manna Society at London Bridge provides daily meals for London's many homeless people together with shower facilities and clothing. They have volunteer doctors, dentists and chiropodists who offer their services free of charge.

www.mannasociety.org.uk **The day centre needs the following items:** **Food:** (only non-perishable), sugar, tins of: chopped ham, meat, fish, vegetables, baked beans, tomatoes & corned beef, pasta sauces, and orange squash. **Other:** toilet rolls, deodorants, shampoo, shaving foam, & bodywash. **Please note - No Clothing or other items this year.** Please

bring your donations to the back of the church. The goods will be taken to the Manna Day centre, on 3rd Feb. **Help would be appreciated, sorting donated goods into crates after each Mass.** Many thanks for your generosity. The Justice & Peace Group.

Mass at OLW church every Thursday in February at 9.30 am. All are welcome.

Crib Appeal 2024 - Thank you for all your donations received in the candle box by the crib. Donations will go to the Catholic Children's Society. www.cathchild.org.uk

The traditional Blessing of St Blaise on Throats will take place at 11.30am, before 12 noon Mass, on Monday 3rd February at OLSG.

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

Change to Mass Time on Wednesday 5th February. Mass at 8 am at HFC and at 10am at OLSG (instead of 12 noon).

SVP Meeting on Monday 3rd February at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

Lay Fraternity of St Charles De Foucauld. Next meet on Tuesday 4th Feb. 10.15am-11.45am in the presbytery. All welcome to pray and share aspects of our faith together.

The Power of the Rosary Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday 5th & 19th February, 10.30am in the Challoner room. All welcome.

Mount Carmel Ladies Group will meet on Thursday 6th February, 12.45pm for a 1:30pm talk by Ruth Taylor with our special raffle in aid of Fr Vincent Nsumba's work in Uganda.

Young Adults (18-35) are invited to an Enfield Deanery gathering on Friday 14th February, 7.30-9.30pm at Christ the King, Cockfosters (N14 4HE). Worship music, speaker and Adoration followed by social. Any questions, please email Anna annamcmullan@rcdow.org.uk

Brass Band Concert in OLSG on Saturday 1st March at 7.30 pm. The Potters Bar Town Band will be with us for a concert of music of different styles and eras. All proceeds in aid of the Parish Centre Building Fund. It promises to be a wonderful evening of music. Tickets will be available soon.

Last call for the Pilgrimage to Segovia, Spain 21st-26th June 2025, led by Fr Daniel. Details and booking forms at the presbytery.

Last call for the Pilgrimage to Rome & The Vatican City—The Year of Jubilee 2025, 1st-5th Dec. 2025. For more details: 0800 612 3423 or office@pilgrimagepeople.org

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

-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/>

-JUBILEE 2025-

Saturday 22nd February.

10 am-12 noon at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 1-5 Maiden Lane, WC2E 7NB. For the feast of the Chair of St Peter, a special **Jubilee Mass** will be celebrated at Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane, which has been designated as one of the Jubilee churches for the Diocese of Westminster.

10am: Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; 11am: Sung Jubilee Mass. It is possible to obtain the special Plenary Indulgence for the Jubilee by attending this Mass, under the usual conditions. More details on how to obtain the indulgence at maidenlanejubilee.co.uk

Please consult the Westminster Diocesan Website for further Jubilee Year information and events:

<https://rcdow.org.uk/jubilee-2025/>

-OTHER NEWS & INFORMATION-

Mass for World Day of the Sick - Saturday 8th February, 2pm at Westminster Cathedral. For tickets please email the parish secretary on enfield@rcdow.org.uk or Tel. 020 8363 2569 and let us know if you are a wheelchair user who requires anointing; walking sick who require anointing or a person assisting the sick, who does not require anointing to ensure the correct tickets are applied for. Deadline to apply for tickets—Tuesday 4th Feb. We will then let you know when we have received the tickets so they can be collected from the presbytery beforehand.

-CAR PARKING AT OLSG-

Please will those parking in order to visit the church and the presbytery remember to enter their registration number Monday to Saturday. It is essential to do this & to double check with yourself that this has been done.



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

LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASS TIMES

Sun 2nd Feb + THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD *Ps Wk 4*

Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

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

Mon 3rd Feb Sts Laurence, Dunstan and Theodore, Archbishops of Canterbury

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

OLSG: Church cleaning 10am, Blessing of St Blaise on throats 11.30am;
Mass 12 noon (LS). Funeral Service of Thomas Fealy RIP 1pm (LS)

Tues 4th Feb Feria

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

OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)

Wed 5th Feb St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

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

OLSG: Mass 10 noon (LS). *The church will close at 4.45pm*

Thur 6th Feb St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

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 7th Feb Feria

Friday abstinence

OLSG: Mass 10am, 12 noon (LS)

Holy Hour - Adoration, Confession and Benediction 6-7pm

Sat 8th Feb St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

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 9th Feb + FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ps Wk 1

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

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.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.

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