

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

+ SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23rd February 2025

Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful

This week's Gospel reading from Luke (6:27-38) continues from last week (6:17,20-26) with 'The Sermon on the Plain'. Matthew also recounts similar teachings in 'The Sermon on the Mount' (Matthew 5:3-12).

We all live by rules and laws which are important, and without them the world would be even more chaotic and unjust. The religious at the time were good at making laws for everything, and Jesus saw the problem: For every rule someone will find a way around it without breaking it! That is without breaking the letter of the law, but usually breaking the spirit of it.

In today's Gospel Jesus continues the teaching and then unpicks it. It is easy to love those

that love us, and do good to those that do good to us.

The conclusion is some clear instructions on how we should behave towards our brothers and sisters and neighbours and fellow nations: Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful, do not judge and you will not be judged; condemn not and you will not be condemned; forgive and you will be forgiven; give and it will be given to you. This is all about our attitude.

Let us pray that our attitude will always influence those around us and be a seed of justice and peace for the world.

With every blessing, Deacon Peter

'A Weekend in the Cenacle' Retreat: Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd March

The Cenacle (the Upper Room) is the sacred dwelling place where Jesus gathered for the Passover meal with his disciples, yet they witness the Last Supper. In doing this, Jesus instituted the sacraments of the Eucharist and Holy Orders. The disciples gathered here again to pray for the 'power from on high' that had been promised; the Holy Spirit. The walls of the Cenacle witnessed the institution of another sacrament, this time, Confirmation.

You are invited to a 'Weekend in the Cenacle' - a parish retreat in the dwelling place of Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St George. The Lenten retreat will include daily Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & talks led by Fr Darren Maslen (a member of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament), on the Cenacle in Scripture, The Eucharist & our response as Eucharistic People. For details and to register, please visit reception or email enfieldoutreach@rcdow.org.uk

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The sick & housebound: Dennis Cox, Carol Cormack, Nitsa Kozinos, Rose Kozinos, Carol Crosbie, Sister Mary Paul, Vera Brunt and John Egan.

Those who have died: Anne Gavin, Joan Burke, Jimmy Flynn, Fr John Buckley, Michael Cunliffe, Maria Paganuzzi, Imogen Cleary-Vong, Kib Eveland, Gerald Hughes and Lucille Davis.

Anniversaries at this time: Mary Corry, George Price, Smith Boakye-Ansah, Charles Sheen, Anastasia Evans and Sadie O'Grady.

THE LAMPS IN OUR CHURCHES

This week the lamp:

by the Tabernacle (left side) burns for George Price - Rest in Peace (anniversary)

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

by Our Lady's Chapel burns for Eddie Coutinho - Rest in Peace

by the Sacred Heart Chapel burns for Marie Coutinho - Healing

by the Tabernacle at OLW burns for Tony Di Monaco - Rest in Peace (1st anniversary)



PARISH NOTICES-

The Friends of the Holy Land (FHL) is a national charity based in Kenilworth, helping vulnerable Christians in the Holy Land. At all Masses this weekend (22nd/23rd Feb) there will be a short presentation by their Chief Executive, Brendan Metcalfe, followed by a retiring collection. If you are a UK taxpayer please complete a Gift Aid envelope to increase your donation to the FHL by 25%. For more details email office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk Tel. 01926 512980 or visit their website www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

North Enfield Foodbank Collection next weekend, 1st/2nd March. The most needed items are: carrier bags, long life milk, long life juice, squash, tinned fruit, tinned meat, tinned tomatoes, pasta sauce, tinned rice pudding, custard, jam, spreads, coffee & hot chocolate. **Change to Mass time on Tuesday 25th February.** Mass at 8am at HFC and at **6.30 pm** in OLSG church (instead of 12 noon).

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

Monthly Mass for the bereaved - every last Friday of the month. The next Mass will take place at **OLSG at 7 pm on Friday 28th**

February. Refreshments and social time after the Mass. A time to pray together for those we love who have died. All welcome.

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

Inclusive Mass . The latest of these Masses, which is especially suitable for those with Special Education Needs and their families, will take place in OLSG on **Saturday 8 March at 3 pm.** All are welcome.

Lent Course, 'We Dare To Hope. Five-week course on the theme of Christian Hope. Five Fridays in Lent after 12 noon Mass to 2pm in the Challoner room. The first session is on Friday 7th March. We welcome a donation of £5 to cover the cost of the book. To attend, please add your name to the list in the presbytery.

SVP Meeting on Monday 24th February at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

Third World In Need (TWIN) - AGM and regular meeting will take place on Wednesday 26th February at 2.30pm in the presbytery.

The Repository. **The Magnificat booklet** is a monthly publication designed for daily

use, to encourage both liturgical and personal prayer. It can be used to follow daily Mass and can also be read at home or wherever you find yourself for personal or family prayer. **The March edition is available** to purchase from the repository and includes a Lenten companion, £6.50. Also available are the **Walk with Me booklets**, for the Lenten journey of daily meditation & prayer for individual use, edited by Cardinal Vincent, £1.

Brass Band Concert in OLSG on Saturday 1st March, 7.30pm. The Potters Bar Town Band will be with us for a music concert of different styles & eras. All proceeds in aid of the Parish Centre Building Fund. It promises to be a wonderful evening. Tickets on sale at the presbytery and after Masses this Sunday. Please do support this venture.

Lay Fraternity of St Charles De Foucauld. All are welcome to join us on Tuesday 4th March in the Bishop Challoner Room from 10.15 am-11.45am. We share our thoughts and prayers as we prepare for the season of Lent.

A Day with Mary - Saturday, 15th March at OLSG. The day begins at 9.30am with procession and crowning of the statue and Mass. Please see the poster & leaflets for details. We are looking forward to welcoming the 'Day with Mary' organizers, and many visitors to Enfield. Please note that there will be ample opportunity to make your confession during the day. All welcome.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Matrimony at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 17th May 2025, 2:30pm The Cardinal invites couples in the Diocese celebrating in 2025 their **5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, and 60th (and any year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage. If you would like to attend, please contact the parish: enfield@rcdow.org.uk or 020 8363 2569).

Aide Memoire—Ash Wednesday is Wednesday 5 March .

-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-

A Day With Mary at Westminster Cathedral—Sat 1st March, 9.45am-5pm. <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

Jubilee Volunteering Fair. To celebrate the Jubilee of Volunteering (8th/9th March) a Volunteering Fair will take place on Saturday 8th March, 3pm-5pm in Westminster Cathedral Hall. For more details see <https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/volunteer-service/> or email cvs@rcdow.org.uk

Want to know more about Pope Francis? Join a study weekend 13-15 June 2025 at Ammerdown near Bath for talks & discussions about the theology of Pope Francis. See poster in the church porch, or email tammerdown@gmail.com or for the personal touch call Mary Newman 8366 3915.

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. The parish can only request cancellation of a Parking Charge Notice (PCN) in exceptional circumstances. Fr Daniel

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

LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASS TIMES

Sun 23rd Feb + SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ps Wk 3

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38

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

OLW: Mass 10am

Mon 24th Feb Feria

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

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

Tues 25th Feb Feria

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

OLSG: Mass **6.30 pm** (No 12 noon Mass)

Wed 26th Feb Feria

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

OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)

Thur 27th Feb Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

OLW: Mass 9.30am

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

HFC: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 4-5pm

Fri 28th Feb Feria

Friday abstinence

OLSG: Mass 10am, 12 noon (LS). Mass for the Bereaved 7pm

Sat 1st Mar SAINT DAVID, Bishop, Patron of Wales

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. Brass Band Concert 7.30pm

Sun 2nd Mar + EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ps Wk 4

Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45

OLSG: Mass 8am, 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon (LS) with Knights of St Columba Installation. Mass 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