

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 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

16 March 2025

The Call to Continuing Conversion

Last Saturday I had the privilege to attend Westminster Cathedral with our eight candidates who are preparing to receive the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. The service was to celebrate the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates. The candidates are adults who have discerned a desire to become full members of the Catholic Church. Those not already baptised will be baptised at the Easter Vigil, those already baptised will be received into the Catholic Church, and all the candidates will receive the sacrament of Confirmation, Reconciliation and the Eucharist. This is truly the work of the Holy Spirit with the help of our dedicated team of catechists.

I was assisting at the service and proclaimed the Gospel, which was a privilege, and also a significant moment for me as thirty years ago I was a candidate at the Rite of Election and received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Little did I know what the Lord had planned for me.

None of this could happen without the power of prayer. The Gospel today reminds us of this, so we must go to our quiet place, on top of a mountain or our quiet room. It is there

that Jesus will shine in clarity and help us discern what his plan is for us.

Tomorrow we celebrate the Feast of St Patrick, a missionary who propagated the call to continuous conversion.

With every blessing,

Deacon Peter

A Prayer to St Joseph—19 March

O dearest St. Joseph, I consecrate myself to thy honour and give myself to thee, that thou mayest always be my father, my protector, and my guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me a great purity of heart and a fervent love of the interior life. After thine example, may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary! And do thou, O Blessed St. Joseph, pray for me that I may share in the peace and joy of thy holy death. Amen.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The sick & housebound: Dennis Cox, Carol Cormack, Nitsa Kozinos, Rose Kozinos, Carol Crosbie, Maureen Waldron, Bill Brant and John Egan.

Those who have died: Joan Burke, Vincent Bennett, David Exley, Carol Keyes, Irene Roberto, Kib Eveland, Len Robinson, Hilary Soper, Royston Stephens, Vera Blunt and Lucille Davis.

Anniversaries at this time: Nora O'Connor, Frankie Dyar and Carmine Argenza (Jnr)

THE LAMPS IN OUR CHURCHES

This week the lamp:

by the Tabernacle (left side) burns for Nora O'Connor—Rest in Peace

by the Tabernacle (right side) burns for Brian Casey—Rest in Peace

by Our Lady's Chapel burns for Marie Coutinho (healing)

by the Sacred Heart Chapel burns for Chris O'Connor—Rest in Peace



PARISH NOTICES

CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection this weekend. Last Friday was CAFOD Family Fast Day. CAFOD is the official aid & development agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales and part of Caritas International. Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities suffering the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. You can donate to CAFOD after Mass today, where we will have a second collection, you can also give via the CAFOD card reader and online at cafod.org.uk or use the following QR code to take you there.



Thanks for your generosity to this good and worthy cause. Thanks also to the CAFOD parish volunteers.

St George's Catholic Primary School. The governors of the school would like to congratulate the head and all staff for their 'Good' OFSTED grading in the recent inspection. In particular, the inspectors described the school as 'a warm, welcoming school drive by its vision for pupils to be confident, complete and loving individuals. This strong moral purpose underpins learning.' Well done to St George's. Enquiries always welcome

Parish Retreat—Weekend in the Cenacle (Upper Room). Next weekend—21-23 March. Places still available. No charge but donations accepted. Fr Darren Maslen SSS will lead this weekend in the Parish Centre. Further details and bookings email enfieldoutreach@rcdow.org.uk or contact the Presbytery.

Jubilee Day Pilgrimages. In this year when we are Pilgrims of Hope there will be two day pilgrimages led by the Cardinal. **Firstly, Saturday 12 July to St Edmund's College, Ware.** Also on **Saturday 20 September to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham.** Coaches from the parish on both occasions. Details to follow soon.

Passion Play. St Monica's Palmers Green on Saturday 29 March at 2.30 pm in the Large Hall. RISE Theatre, a professional Christian theatre company will perform their passion play. It lasts about an hour. For tickets (£10 with concessions at £8) visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/risetheatre or call Anna on 07532 374291. A lovely way to begin preparing for Holy Week.

Altar Servers. If you started serving over a year ago, would like to learn more and be considered to join the Guild of St Stephen and receive your medal we are organising two training sessions in OLSG on Thursday 27th March and 3rd April, 6.30pm-7:45pm. It is essential to attend both sessions but if this not possible, please let us know to see if something can be arranged. To register please email your name & the Mass you usually attend servers@catholicenfield.org

SVP Meeting Monday 24th March 7pm in the Parish Centre.

Mount Carmel Ladies Group will meet on Thursday 20th March after the 12noon Mass which is being offered for Janet Bradshaw RIP for a talk "10 Good Reasons for Being a Geologist" with our usual raffle.

Stations of the Cross. This week on Wednesday at 10 am in OLW and on Friday at 10.30 am and 7.30 pm in OLSG.

Lent Course—'We Dare to Hope' continues in the Challoner Room directly after the 12 noon Mass on Friday. All welcome for an hour of contemplation, discussion and prayer.

Fr Michael Johnston. Parishioners will probably have met Fr Michael during his visits to the parish over the past year or so. Father will be coming to say Masses for us one Sunday a month. This Sunday he will celebrate the 10 am OLW and the 12 noon at OLSG. Thank you, Father Michael.

Happy St Patrick's Day in advance. Lá fhéile Pádraig sona dhuit! Masses as usual.

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-

St Columba's College Prep School Open Morning Friday 21st March 9.30-11.30. An opportunity to observe lessons, meet our dedicated team, and experience the special atmosphere and distinctive quality of our Columban community. Please visit <https://stcolumbascollege.org/> to register for the event.

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2025. This Holy Year invites us to be 'Pilgrims of Hope'. We invite you to consider supporting work being done in the Diocese of Westminster to bring hope into many lives. The Cardinal extends his heartfelt thanks to all who give what they can to this meaningful cause. Donation envelopes are available today.

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.catholicenfield.org/live-stream/

LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASS TIMES

- Sun 16th Mar** + THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT *Ps Wk 2*
Genesis 15:5-12; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28b-36
OLSG: Mass 8am, 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon (LS), 6pm **OLW:** Mass 10am
- Mon 17 Mar** St Patrick
HFC: Mass 8am. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7-8pm
OLSG: Church cleaning 10am, Mass 12 noon (LS)
- Tues 18th Mar** Lent Feria
HFC: Mass 8am. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7-8pm
OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)
- Wed 19th Mar** St JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE B.V.M, Patron of Our Diocese, Solemnity
HFC: Mass 8am. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7-8pm
OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS) **OLW:** Stations of the Cross 10 am
- Thur 20th Mar** Lent Feria
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 21st Mar** Lent Feria **Friday abstinence**
OLSG: Mass 10am (followed by Stations of the Cross), 12 noon (LS).
(followed by Lent Course), Mass (to begin retreat) 6.30 pm
Stations of the Cross 7.30pm
- Sat 22nd Mar** Lent 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 23rd Mar** + THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT *Ps Wk 3*
Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9
OLSG: Mass 8am, 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon (LS) 4pm -5pm Adoration &
Benediction Mass 6pm **OLW:** 10.00am
- 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
Please feel free to join us for Morning Prayer at 7.30am Mon-Sat
- 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