

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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

30 March 2025

Rejoice Jerusalem

As we continue our Lenten journey, we arrive at Laetare Sunday, otherwise known as Mother's Day, or Mothering Sunday. I always find it amusing because I confuse my mother every time, in the US, and other places because Mother's day is in May which is also appropriate because of the month of our Lady.

Saying this, Laetare Sunday, comes from the introit of the mass for the 4th Sunday of Lent which means: ***Rejoice Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.***

In Latin, for those who know Latin: Lætare Jerusalem: et conventum facite omnes qui diligitis eam: gaudete cum lætitia, qui in tristitia fuistis: ut exsultetis, et satiementi ab uberibus consolationis vestrae

This makes reference to two facts. Firstly, that we are in the mid point of our Lenten journey which is reaching its climax, that being our redemption by our Lord Jesus Christ on the Cross and his Resurrection from the dead.

Secondly, it makes reference to the words of Jesus in the gospel of Matthew: ***"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, killing the prophets and stoning those who are sent to you! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not!"***

To connect these two points, we are called to walk towards our redemption, to journey with Jesus, and feel his merciful love, which can be compared to a mother's love especially for her young.

But we are also called to reflect that we have free will, and we have a choice to walk with Jesus or not. This Sunday reminds us that we are not alone, that Jesus is with us and we do not have to do it on our own. If Lent has not gone as you plan, this Sunday comes to lift you up and say 'Courage, do not be afraid!'

Let us we pray for the Confirmation candidates who yesterday walked the Westminster way, as a sign of their choice of life, walking with Jesus. God Bless Fr Axel

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The sick & housebound: Pope Francis, Dennis Cox, Carol Cormack, Nitsa Kozinos, Rose Kozinos, Carol Crosbie, and Jamie Roberts.

Those who have died: John Egan, Eileen Patricia (Pat) Archer, David Exley, Carol Keyes, Josephine Walsh, Valen Thomas, Josy Jane Yan, Kib Eveland, Len Robinson and Theresa Farrell.

Anniversaries at this time: Francesca Argenza

THE LAMPS IN OUR CHURCHES

This week the lamp:

by the Tabernacle (left side) burns for Marie Coutinho—healing
by the Tabernacle (right side) burns for Anne Deacy—Rest in Peace
by Our Lady's Chapel burns for Jimmy McDonagh—Rest in Peace
by the Sacred Heart Chapel burns for Renata Pinkett—Happy Birthday
By the Tabernacle at OLW burns for Bryony Revell—Special intention



PARISH NOTICES

Vespers & Benediction. By kind invitation of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, there will be Vespers & Benediction in their chapel this Sunday at 4 pm. There will also be Vespers & Benediction there on Divine Mercy Sunday and at Pentecost.

Holy Hour. This Friday, 4th April, is First Friday and, as usual, there will be a Holy Hour from 6 pm-7 pm with confessions heard during this time

Fr Anthony Watkins. Thank you to Fr Anthony for being with us this weekend to hear confessions and preach at some Masses.

Mothering Sunday. This Sunday we remember all mothers, living and departed. Greetings to all mothers in the parish on your special day. We hope you enjoy the little gift provided for you, and thanks to those who have worked hard assembling these tokens of appreciation.

Altar Flowers at OLSG. Sincere thanks to Blake & Horlock Funeral Directors for providing the beautiful altar floral arrangement at OLSG this Sunday. They have also donated Forget me not seeds for

us to take home and plant.

Jubilee/Holy Year. In this year when we are Pilgrims of Hope the Cardinal has nominated Jubilee Churches in each area of the diocese. The Jubilee Church for the northern area is the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden. This shrine is well worth visiting. Please see the diocesan website for more information about the Jubilee Year: <https://rcdow.org.uk/jubilee-2025/>

As Fr Axcel mentioned in his column, the Confrimandi from this parish completed the Westminster Way on Saturday. This is a six mile walking pilgrimage from English Martyrs Church at Tower Hill to Westminster Cathedral, via several other holy sites. It provides an opportunity to reflect and pray and see parts of London that are seldom visited. Fr Daniel is happy to lead groups on this walk. We hope to have a parish walk along the Westminster Way on Saturday 4th October. Pilgrimage is a major theme of this year. 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.

Stations of the Cross this week—at Our Lady of Walsingham at 10 am on Wednesday and after the 10 am Mass at Our Lady & St George on Friday. Also, at 7.30 pm that evening, after the Holy Hour, Stations of the Cross with meditations written by parishioners. All welcome, do consider attending these devotions as we prepare to enter Passiontide.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Coffee Morning will take place on Saturday 5th April from 10am in the Parish Centre. Good company with Tea, Coffee, Cakes and Raffle. All welcome.

Next SVP Meeting on Monday 14th April at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

Mount Carmel Ladies Group will meet on Thursday 3rd April from 12.45 pm for a talk at 1.30pm updating us on Noah's Ark Children's Hospice. There will be the usual raffle.

Lay Fraternity of St Charles de Foucauld. All are welcome to attend the next meeting on 1st April in the Challoner Room from 10.15 -11.45 am. The group will be looking to enhance our Lenten sacrifices and to enter more closely into the Lord's Passion.

Lent Course—'We Dare to Hope' concludes in the Challoner Room directly after the 12 noon Mass on Friday.

Repository at OLSG. The newly cleaned and reorganised shop at OLSG is stocked with appropriate items and gifts as we prepare for the First Holy Communions and Confirmation season. The monthly magazine 'Magnificat' is also on sale. It is an excellent resource with the daily readings, meditations and prayers. There is a contactless machine available for you to use in the Repository. Thank you to Eileen and the team of volunteers for their commitment.

Holy Week Services—it is hoped that the schedule will be available for next Sunday.

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 generosity. Remember that we have contactless machines in the respository and at reception in the Presbytery.

Planned Giving Envelopes. The new envelope year starts on 6th April. Please collect your new box from the presbytery . Please do not use old envelopes after 6th April. Please would all those who give by envelopes consider setting up a standing order instead. This is a more efficient means of contributing to the mission of the parish. Having said this, thanks for anything you give. It is much appreciated, not least in these lean times.

Bequests—This parish has recently been blessed to receive two generous bequests from the wills of the late Marko Tomsic and Thelma Naraine. May their souls rest in peace. Please do consider remembering your parish in your own will. It is a great blessing to future generations.

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.

Please park only in marked bays—including on Sundays. Vehicles not parked in bays will be fined. Fr Daniel

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

LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASSTIMES

- Sun 30th Mar** + **THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Laetare/Mothering)** *Ps Wk 4*
Joshua 5:9a,10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
OLSG: Mass 8am, 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon (LS), 6pm **OLW:** Mass 10am
HFC: Vespers & Benediction at 4 pm
- Mon 31st Mar** Lent Feria
HFC: Mass 8am. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7-8pm
OLSG: Church cleaning 10am, Mass 12 noon (LS)
- Tues 1st Apr** Lent Feria
HFC: Mass 8am. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7-8pm
OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)
- Wed 2nd Apr** Lent Feria
HFC: Mass 8am. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7-8pm
OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS) **OLW:** Stations of the Cross 10 am
- Thur 3rd Apr** 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 4th Apr** Lent Feria (com. St Isidore, Bishop & Doctor) **Friday abstinence**
OLSG: Mass 10am (followed by Stations of the Cross), 12 noon (LS) -followed by Lent Course, Holy Hour 6-7pm, Stations of the Cross 7.30pm
- Sat 5th Apr** Lent Feria (com. St Vincent Ferrer, Priest)
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 6th Apr** + **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT** *Ps Wk 1*
Isaiah 43:16-21 Phil 3:8-14 John 8:1-11
OLSG: Mass 8am, 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon (LS) Mass 6pm (Third Scrutiny)
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
Please feel free to join us for Morning Prayer at 7.30am Mon-Sat
- OLSG church** **Monday-Friday 7am-6pm; Saturday-Sunday 7am-7pm**
- Mass in Polish:** For information visit www.parafiaenfield.org