

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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

6 April 2025

I am alright – it's all the others!

This was the ritual morning greeting I would receive from one of my Paramedic brothers. I would say: 'Morning ,alright mate', and this was always the reply. We were both managers in a challenging work environment surrounded in chaos. No day would go as planned, impossible directives would come to us to deal with, nothing would surprise us. Paramedics are a cynical bunch, we are used to dealing with life and death situations, so nothing would phase us. We would carry on regardless. We don't have any problems it's all the others that do! Of course, it was all meant in jest, but it reflected the situation. Things were chaotic around us so what could we do about it? It's everyone else's fault that we are in this mess. And it truly was a difficult time, but we made some good friends there and I keep in touch with many of them.

In this Sunday's Gospel we hear that Jesus goes to the temple to teach. The scribes and Pharisees put Jesus to the test by asking Jesus in public to judge the woman who had committed adultery. They said to him that Moses had commanded them to stone such women. Jesus wrote something in the sand,

perhaps he was just thinking and carefully considering his response, marking time – we should lean to do this before we react. Then Jesus comes out with a very clever response.

'Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.'

Then he goes back to doodling in the sand and says nothing more, patiently waits, says nothing more. And the accusers all leave because they know they are also sinners!

Then Jesus stood up and said to her, 'Women, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' She said, 'No one Lord.' And Jesus said, ***'Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more'.***

This really is a profound piece of teaching from Our Lord as we make our final preparations for the Holy Week and the festival of Easter.

I might be quick at blaming others for the chaos that is around me, but the common factor might be me! God is merciful, so ask for his mercy and ***'go, and from now on sin no more'.*** With every blessing, Dn Peter

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The sick & housebound: Pope Francis, Dennis Cox, Carol Cormack, Nitsa Kozinos, Rose Kozinos, Sheila Bishop, Elpidio Cleofas and Jamie Roberts.

Those who have died: John Egan, Eileen Patricia (Pat) Archer, David Exley, Carol Keyes, Valen Thomas, Germain Nyakonza, Sophie Atkinson, Rose Blann, Carmelina Parla.

Anniversaries this week: Jim McGoohan, Catherine Gavaghan, Canio Argenza

THE LAMPS IN OUR CHURCHES

With sincere apologies. Fr Daniel has mislaid the list with the names for which the lamps are sponsored for this week. If you sponsored one of the lamps for 6th April please contact the Presbytery. St Anthony has been invoked and we are hopeful of the usual positive outcome. St Anthony—Ora Pro Nobis! This hiatus provides an opportunity to inform parishioners that the lamp that hangs by the statue of St George may also now be sponsored.



PARISH NOTICES

Holy Hour. In relation to the Pastoral Letter on assisted suicide, which is being read out at all Masses this weekend, the Bishops have asked for each parish to have a Holy Hour this Sunday. In response to this request there will be a Holy Hour in OLSG this Sunday from 4.30 –5.30 pm. It will conclude with Benediction. Copies of the Pastoral Letter are available for you to take home and study. There is also a supply of postcards which we are encouraged to send to our Member of Parliament.

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/>

Congratulations to St Ignatius College who received Outstanding judgements following their recent Ofsted inspection. Please see their website for the full report.

CAFOD Myanmar Earthquake Appeal.

Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD is responding through the Catholic Church there to support families affected by the disaster. Your donations will provide essentials like water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets. Please give to CAFOD's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal in church or you can donate online at cafod.org.uk/myanmar or by calling 0303 303 3030. You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10.

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 led by members of the Justice & Peace group. All welcome, do consider attending these devotions as we prepare for Holy Week.

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

North Enfield Food Bank—collection as usual this weekend. Please remember that

non perishable products are not required. Thank you for your generosity.

Livestreaming. The Diocese has been in touch to advise us that all readers and extraordinary ministers need to sign a document consenting to appearing on our livestream feed. Please pick up a form from the Presbytery and return it as soon as possible. Thank you for your commitment to the parish.

Holy Week Services—the schedule is now available for you to take home with you or to peruse on the parish website. We are looking forward to the annual celebration of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord. Please would parishioners note the following regarding Palm Sunday:

The 10.30 am Mass at OLSG next Sunday will commence with the Blessing of Palms and Procession. This will begin in the car park. This means that the car park at OLSG will close after the 9 am Mass (except for the part nearest to the Parish Centre which will remain open). Stewards will stand at the entrance to the car park to deter those who have not read this notice). It will still be possible to drop off those who find it difficult to walk. The car park will open again once the procession has gone into the church. Additionally, the Mass which usually commences at 12 noon will move to 12.15 pm for Palm Sunday only. Thank you, in advance, for your understanding.

On Good Friday the Parish Centre will act as an overflow room to accommodate the large numbers that are anticipated. Please note that there is also a liturgy at 7 pm on Good Friday evening at Our Lady of Walsingham. This is likely to be less busy and you may like to consider attending this instead of the 3 pm liturgy at OLSG.

Please would parishioners who are able join in with the church cleaning and preparation of

the church from 10 am on Holy Saturday morning. Many hands make light work.

The Easter Vigil (with Baptisms and Confirmations) will commence with the lighting of the Easter fire and Paschal Candle at 8.30 pm on Holy Saturday. This Mass will be followed by a parish party.

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. Thank you.

Standing Orders—this is the best way of making regular contributions to the parish. Forms are available from the Presbytery.

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 in a Christian way—i.e. do not block others in.

Vehicles not parked in bays will receive a Penalty Charge notice. Fr Daniel

To watch live-stream (LS): www.catholickenfield.org/live-stream/
LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASSTIMES

Sun 6th Apr + **THE 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), 4.30 pm—Holy Hour,
Mass 6pm (3rd Scrutiny—Readings form Year A) **OLW:** Mass 10am

Mon 7th Apr Lent Feria (com. St John Baptist de la Salle Pr)
HFC: Mass 8am. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7-8pm
OLSG: Church cleaning 10am, Mass 12 noon (LS)

Tues 8th Apr Lent Feria
HFC: Mass 8am. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7-8pm
OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)

Wed 9th 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 10th Apr Lent Feria
OLW: Mass 9.30am
OLSG: Funeral Mass for David Exley RIP -12 noon (LS),
Prayer to the Sacred Heart 3pm-4pm

Fri 11th Apr Lent Feria (com. St Stanislaus BMr) **Friday abstinence**
OLSG: Mass 10am (followed by Stations of the Cross), 12 noon (LS) -
Stations of the Cross led by Justice & Peace group—7.30pm

Sat 12th Apr 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 13th Apr + **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD** *Ps Wk 2*
Isaiah 50:4-7 Phil 2: 6-11 Luke 22:14-23:56
OLSG: Mass 8am, 9am, 10.30am—with Procession, **12.15 pm**(LS) Mass 6pm
OLW: Mass at 10 am

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.catholickenfield.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