

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

+ PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

13 April 2025

Let us go up to Jerusalem

Although we are enjoying the sunshine of early Spring (as I write this) and Easter is almost as late as it can possibly be, it still seems as though Christmas was just a few weeks back.

With this in mind, I am reminded of the words of the shepherds to each other as they marvel at the message of the angels concerning the baby in the manger:

'Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass' (Lk 2:15)

And so they choose to hurry to Bethlehem.

Now, we are called elsewhere this week; not to Bethlehem but to Jerusalem. It is only some 5.52 miles from one to the other, or 8.89 km for those who prefer the metric. Yet between these two holy places lies the life of Our Lord, the 'thirty years among us dwelling' as the hymn puts it. Those years reveal him to be a teacher, healer and prophet. But now he will show the full extent of his love and offer himself for our salvation. He will reveal himself to us once more this week as the 'Salvator Mundi', the Saviour of the World. Let us go up to Jerusalem.

What does Holy Week ask of us? Each year it asks for our active cooperation and our serious participation. We know from the Gospel narratives (and this year we will listen to the Passion according to St Luke and St John) that a whole crowd accompanied Jesus up to the Holy City. This crowd was a varied bunch to be sure, as are we. What role shall we play? Will we be spectators and bystanders or participants? All the better will be our pilgrimage this week if we shun the uncommitted options and walk alongside Christ, noting each and every gracious word and action.

With this in mind, I urge you, as best you are able, to connect with the Church in these holy days. There is a full schedule of liturgies and ample opportunity to be reconciled to God through the Sacrament of Penance—Reconciliation. Each of us knows there is all the difference in the world between being a bystander and a pilgrim. This latter choice is the one of the disciple. When we walk with the Lord, and engage fully in the drama we are changed, little by little, into the people we are called to be. I wish you a blessed week. Please pray for your clergy. Fr Daniel

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The sick & housebound: Pope Francis, Narissa Naiken, Dennis Cox, Carol Cormack, Sheila Bishop, Elpidio Cleofas, Joseph Kerr, Carol Crosbie and Jamie Roberts.

Those who have died: John Egan, Gene Mancini, Eileen Patricia (Pat) Archer, Edward Watkins, Eleanor Gibbings, Mary Ryan, and Carol Keyes.

Anniversaries at this time: Baby Peter O'Connor, Ryan Daly

THE LAMPS IN OUR CHURCHES

The lamps burn this week for the following intentions:

By the Tabernacle (left)—Pat Archer—Rest in Peace

By the Tabernacle (Right) - James & Marie Winters—Intentions

Our Lady's Chapel— Marie Coutinho—Healing

Sacred Heart Chapel—Rose Reeder—Rest in Peace

St George—Maria Dennis—Healing



PARISH NOTICES

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. Please see the diocesan website for more information about the Jubilee Year: <https://rcdow.org.uk/jubilee-2025/>

Would parishioners please make a note of the pilgrimage to St Edmund's College with the Cardinal on Saturday 12 July.

CAFOD Myanmar Earthquake Appeal. Grateful thanks to parishioners who donated to the Myanmar appeal last weekend. A total of £1438.79 was raised. 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. You can still give to CAFOD's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal online at cafod.org.uk/myanmar or by calling 0303 303 3030.

Mass on Tuesday in OLSG is at 9.30am because of the Chrism Mass at Westminster

Cathedral at 12 noon. All welcome at the Chrism Mass

Stations of the Cross this week—at Our Lady of Walsingham at 10 am on Wednesday and at OLSG on Good Friday at 11am (led by children from St George's Primary School) and at 7 pm in the evening. The evening Stations will reflect on the events of Good Friday from the perspective of Our Lady.

Rosary by the Fountain. This Sunday 13th April at 7.30 pm—note the time, please. This gives some time for the clergy to lock church after evening Mass before walking to the fountain.

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

Young adults (18-35). Calling all footballers. The Westminster Youth Ministry is organizing a JP11 5-a-side football tournament to take place on Saturday 14 June. We are hoping to send a team from Enfield deanery. Please contact Ryan on 07446 950695 for further details.

Social Committee for the Parish. This Social Committee was set up to organise social events, providing opportunities for parishioners to connect as a community. The events vary, whether it be the brass band concert or smaller gatherings. Depending on the event being planned, parishioners with the desired skills/knowledge/ideas will be invited to the relevant Social Committee meeting to assist. The Social Committee welcomes your ideas for future events. Please email your suggestions to enfieldoutreach@rcdow.org.uk or leave a note at the Parish Office.

Confessions. Please see the back of the newsletter and the Holy Week Schedule for times of confession during Holy Week. Please don't leave it until the last minute.

Easter Party. There will be a party in the Parish Centre directly after the conclusion of the Easter Vigil on Saturday. This provides an opportunity for us to toast the Resurrection and also welcome the newly baptised and confirmed. All welcome to attend. Please bring a bottle of your choice.

Holy Week Services—the schedule is available. We are looking forward to the annual celebration of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord. On Maundy Thursday there will be the traditional Watch at the Altar of Repose (in the Parish Centre) until midnight. This concludes with Night Prayer. 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.

Church cleaning and preparations. 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 will commence with the lighting of the Easter fire and Paschal Candle at 8.30 pm on Holy Saturday.

Finding God in Nature – Saturday 26th April 10am-3pm. A Day of reflection at Centre for Spirituality, 1st Floor, Christ the King Cockfosters, drawing on Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si. Booking required. Details at cockfosters@rcdow.org.uk

St George's Day this year is on Monday 28th April, due to the Easter Octave. Sung Mass at 7 pm in OLSG. The preacher will be Monsignor Roger Reader (PP of Willesden Green)

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/>. **Planned Giving Envelopes.** The

new envelope year started 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.

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.

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

To watch live-stream (LS): www.catholicenfield.org/live-stream/
LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASS TIMES

- Sun 13th Apr** + **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD** *Ps—Week 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 10am
- Mon 14th Apr** Monday of Holy Week
HFC: Mass 8am. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7-8pm
OLSG: Church cleaning 10am, Confessions— 11am, Mass 12 noon (LS)
- Tues 15th Apr** Tuesday of Holy Week
HFC: Mass 8am. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7-8pm
OLSG: Mass **9.30 am** (Chrism Mass at Westminster Cathedral—12 noon)
- Wed 16th Apr** Wednesday of Holy Week
HFC: Mass 8am. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7-8pm
OLSG: Confessions—11 am, Mass 12 noon (LS) **OLW:** Stations of the Cross 10 am
- Thur 17th Apr** **MAUNDY THURSDAY** (The commencement of the Sacred Triduum)
OLSG: Office of Readings & Morning Prayer—9 am
Confessions 10 am & 6 pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper (LS), —8 pm—followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose until midnight.
- Fri 18th Apr** **GOOD FRIDAY** *Day of Fasting & Abstinence*
OLSG: Office of Readings & Morning Prayer—9 am. Stations of the Cross (led by children from St George's School— 11am. Ecumenical Service in Enfield Town —10.30 am, Celebration of the Passion of the Lord—3 pm, Confessions - 5.30 pm, Stations of the Cross—7 pm.
OLW: Celebration of the Passion of the Lord—7 pm
- Sat 19th Apr** **HOLY SATURDAY**
OLSG: Office of Readings & Morning Prayer—9 am. Confession 10am
Preparation and cleaning of the church—from 10am. Confession 6.30 pm
8.30pm—Easter Ceremonies, Solemn Vigil & First Mass of Easter
- Sun 20th Apr** + **EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**
Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 (Sequence) John 20:1-9
OLSG: Mass 8am, 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon(LS) No evening Mass today. Church will close at 2 pm. **OLW:** Mass at 10am
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

OLSG church Monday-Friday 7am-6pm; Saturday-Sunday 7am-7pm

Mass in Polish: For information visit www.parafiaenfield.org