

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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+ EASTER SUNDAY

20 April 2025

Christ is Risen

Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' (*John 11:25-26*)

I wanted to quote this verse from the Gospel of John, because the Triduum we celebrate this week does not end on Good Friday, but leads to the resurrection and victory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus has this dialogue with Martha and Mary, when their brother is dead, Jesus says to them that if they believe they will never die and those who have died will live.

This is a promise that one day we will rise again. Our hope is not just a spiritual one but it involves matter as well. That is why this Triduum is full of signs. Full of things we can see, touch, and smell. Things we can experience, that can provoke in us a sense of hope that Jesus has come to have victory over death.

Not only physical death, but also our own every day deaths. What can those be, perhaps the sufferings and the crosses we cannot comprehend, perhaps the suffering of a love one, or a bereavement of some kind. Christ wants to go to these places in our life like the tomb of Lazarus and say to us, 'Come out.'

Finally, when I was in Jerusalem I had the honour to do an all-night prayer vigil in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, where Jesus died, was buried and rose again. That experience of touch smell, and sight helped me because I left that place knowing the tomb was empty. I spent 23 hours in the Holy Sepulchre with two others just seeing the place the Lord lay and rose to life.

That filled me with Hope that Christ has come to transform our lowly bodies into a new creation, and our lives into a life giving spirit, that can allow us to love and serve others around us.

Have a Happy Easter.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The sick & housebound: We remember all those who are suffering in body, mind and spirit, and we pray that the Risen Lord may bring them peace and healing.

Those who have died: John Egan, Gene Mancini, Eileen Patricia (Pat) Archer, Edward Watkins, Eleanor Gibbings, Mary Ryan, Camila Cardenas-Bobadilla, Sylvia Lobo, Amit De, Mercy Churcher and Carol Keyes.

Anniversaries at this time: Siofra Katherine Nolan Lambe, Joan Dyar, Conrada Acosta

THE LAMPS IN OUR CHURCHES

The lamps burn this week for the following intentions:

By the Tabernacle (left)—John Lombard—Rest in Peace—anniversary

By the Tabernacle (Right) - Siofra Katherine Lambe—Rest in Peace

Our Lady's Chapel—Carmel Molloy—Special Intention

Sacred Heart Chapel—Marie Coutinho—healing

St George—Maureen Lehane—Rest in Peace—34th anniversary

By the Tabernacle in OLW—Joe Deacy—Rest in Peace



PARISH NOTICES

The Easter Octave. This week is one long celebration of Easter Day. The idea of an Octave is to continue the celebratory feasting through the entire week. Thus, there is no Friday abstinence this week. Masses are at the usual times, including the monthly Bereavement Mass on Friday 25 April at 7 pm in OLSG. Clearly the hope and promise of eternal life will pervade all the Masses but perhaps especially this one and the two Funeral Masses on Thursday and Friday of the Octave. Next Sunday is the Octave Day of Easter, also widely known and celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. Masses at the usual times. There will also be Evening Prayer and Benediction in the Convent Chapel that afternoon—Sunday 27 April at 4 pm. All are welcome.

Easter Thanks. I take this opportunity to thank all those who contribute to the ongoing life of the parish. In particular, over the past week so many volunteers have given freely of their time and talents to ensure that the celebration of Holy Week and the Triduum has

gone smoothly and well. Thank you all, you deserve a rest. Pour yourselves a nice glass of something and enjoy the Easter chocolates. Thanks from the clergy for your cards, gifts and greetings. We are praying for you all. Fr Daniel

Easter Lilies. A sincere thank you to those who contributed to this collection. As you can see, your contributions have helped to provide the delightful floral arrangements. We will ensure that the flowers continue to bloom throughout the 50 days of Easter, thanks to your generosity. The Mass in which your loved ones will be especially remembered is on **Friday 30 May at 12 noon.**

Reflections on the Easter Gospels—each Friday in Eastertide after the 12 noon Mass at OLSG. All welcome.

Jubilee/Holy Year. In this year when we are Pilgrims into 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. The annual May Procession will take place there on

Sunday 11 May starting at 3 pm. We hope to travel to this via public transport. More details next week. In terms of the Jubilee, please see the diocesan website for more information about the Jubilee Year: <https://rcdow.org.uk/jubilee-2025/>

Archbishop elect John Sherrington.

Bishop John has been our auxiliary bishop for a number of years and we are so grateful for his friendship and wise support. The Holy Father has appointed him Archbishop of Liverpool, and his ministry there commences on 27 May. There is a farewell Mass for him on Thursday 15 May at 5.30pm in Westminster Cathedral. All are welcome. If you would like to contribute towards a gift for him from the parish please pass your donation to Fr Daniel. We pray for Archbishop John as he prepares to move north.

Coffee Mornings at OLSG. There will not be a Coffee Morning after the 9 am Mass this Sunday. There will, however, be a Coffee Morning after the 10.30 am Mass, all welcome. Next Sunday all back to normal with both Coffee Mornings in full swing. There is always a Coffee Morning after the 10 am Mass at OLW. All welcome, especially newcomers and visitors.

Next SVP Meeting on Monday 19th May 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. 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.

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). There will be a drinks reception after Mass so that we can toast St George and our parish and meet fellow parishioners.

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/>

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.

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 & MASSTIMES

- 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, 12noon (LS), No evening Mass today.
OLW: Mass 10am
- Mon 21st Apr** Monday within the Octave of Easter
HFC: Mass 8am. No adoration today.
OLSG: Church cleaning 10am, Mass 12 noon (LS)
- Tues 22nd Apr** Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
HFC: Mass 8am. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7-8pm
OLSG: Mass 12 noon
- Wed 23rd Apr** Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
HFC: Mass 8am. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7-8pm
OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)
- Thur 24th Apr** Thursday within the Octave of Easter
OLSG: Funeral Mass 12 noon—Carol Keyes RIP. **OLW:** Mass at 9.30 am
HFC: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—4-5pm
- Fri 25th Apr** Friday within the Octave of Easter
OLSG: Mass 10 am, Funeral Mass 12 noon—Edward Watkins RIP
Bereavement Mass 7 pm.
- Sat 26th Apr** Saturday within the Octave of Easter
OLSG: Mass 9.30 am Adoration & Confession 10am-10.45 am. Benediction 10.45 am Adoration & Confession 5 pm - 5.45 pm. Mass 6pm
- Sun 27th Apr** + **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER—DIVINE MERCY**
Acts 5:12-16 Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 John 20:19-31
OLSG: Mass 8am, 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon (LS) 6pm. **OLW:** Mass at 10am
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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 is open:** Monday-Friday 7am-6pm; Saturday-Sunday 7am-7pm. Morning Prayer at 7.30am
- Mass in Polish:** For information visit www.parafiaenfield.org