

Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Saint George

with Our Lady of Walsingham & the English Martyrs

Year C

+ Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time +

26 October 2025

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary

Saints and Sinners

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
In Sunday's Gospel, we are presented with the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector. One is justified before God, while the other believes he has no need of justification because he justifies himself.

What does this mean for us? First, that God does not label us—He looks beyond appearances and sees the truth of our hearts. He understands the human condition and comes not to condemn, but to save us.

What justified the tax collector was his humble confession before God: he recognized himself as a sinner and left the temple exalted by God's mercy. The Pharisee, on the other hand, stood before God justifying himself, declaring that he was not like others—especially not like the sinner beside him. Perhaps he did this without full awareness, but his attitude reflects an all-too-common temptation: the pride that blinds us to our need for mercy.

Isn't this sometimes our own attitude in today's world? We often confuse pride with goodness, thinking we are "good people,"

lacking nothing, unlike those who struggle, who beg, or who are marginalized because of who they are or where they come from.

This Gospel invites us to reflect on our attitude before God and toward those we encounter each day. Christ calls us to be a sign of holiness in the world. To be a saint is to love like Christ—to forgive, to be merciful, and to walk humbly with God.

Next week, we will celebrate All-Hallows-Eve. On October 31st, instead of Halloween as commercially known—which often celebrates fear and death—we will gather for a Family Mass at 5 with a little party afterwards to celebrate life and holiness. Children are invited to come dressed as saints!

Then, on Sunday, as we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, we will also inaugurate the Confirmation course, providing our candidates with the spiritual tools they need to grow in holiness. The Church offers us everything necessary to become holy—but it begins with recognizing that Christ, the Good Shepherd, seeks out the lost. And many times, that lost one is us! Fr Axel.

45 London Road, Enfield, EN2 6DS

Phone: (020) 8363 2569 Email: enfield@rcdow.org.uk Web: www.catholickenfield.org

Parish Office Opening Times: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm; Sat 9.30am-1pm; Sun 10am-1pm

Parish Priest: Fr Daniel Humphreys Assistant Priest: Fr Axel Soriano

Deacon: Rev. Peter Jones email: peterjones@rcdow.org.uk

Parish Administrator: Bernie Hipwell email: bernadettehipwell@rcdow.org.uk

Catechetical Enquiries: email: enfieldcat@rcdow.org.uk

Outreach Worker: Una Daly email: enfieldoutreach@rcdow.org.uk

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Deborah Thompson email: enfieldsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

Samantha Seth email: enfieldsg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

All those who are sick, at home or in hospital. Missionaries throughout the world. Those struggling to make ends meet. Bishop Nicholas Hudson—Bishop of Plymouth

Those who have died: Stewart Cooper, Ian Byrne, Kyran Connolly, Martin Cooney, Guiseppe Scannella, Annie Donoghue, Maame Akosu Elenam Brago, Elaine Maya, Alan Northfield, Annie Donoghue and Nicola Di Cecco.

Anniversary of death: Conrad Fernandes (first anniversary), Francis James Mainoo RIP (anniversary), Elsie Melly RIP (anniversary), Mario Pacelli & Jack Evans.

THE LAMPS IN OUR CHURCHES

The lamps burn this week for the following intentions:

Tabernacle (Left) - Marie Coutinho—Healing

Tabernacle (Right) - Giuseppe Scannella RIP

Our Lady's Chapel—Thanksgiving for exam results

Sacred Heart Chapel—Leo John Thornton—thanksgiving

Shrine of St George—Edward George Garland - thanksgiving



PARISH NOTICES

Welcome back and thank you to Fr Michael Johnston for celebrating the 9am and 10.30 am Masses this Sunday.

Blessing of Graves at Lavender Hill and Strayfield Road Cemeteries. This will take place on Saturday 1st November, beginning with a Requiem Mass in the Cemetery Chapel at 1 pm.

Alpha Youth Group meets again this Sunday evening at 7 pm in the Challoner Room. It is still possible to register for those in years 10-13. Please email Una (email address on front cover).

Children's Mass and Party on Friday 31 October. There will be a Mass in OLSG at 5 pm this Friday 31 October in OLSG, with a special emphasis on the saints and all that is good, to counteract the sad secularisation of this eve of All Hallows. Mass will be followed by a party in the Parish Centre ending at 7 pm. Dress as your favourite saint! Parents must accompany their children to the Mass and party.

Next Sunday—2 November we will keep the Solemnity of All Saints.

The 6 pm Mass on Sunday 2 November will include the welcome to the Confirmandi.

SVP: there will be a retiring collection for the local conference of St Vincent de Paul after all Masses next Sunday - 1st/2nd November. Please give generously to support their good work in the parish.

Monday 3 November is All Souls' Day. Masses at 7.30 am in Holy Family Convent and 12 noon and 6.30 pm in OLSG.

Parish Dead list for November. Please do fill in the violet sheets with the names of your departed loved ones and return in the brown envelope, with your kind donation, to the Presbytery before 1 November. The lists will be placed before the altar.

Annual Bereavement Mass. This will take place on Friday 28th November at 7 pm in OLSG. Those who have lost loved ones over the past year are especially invited. The Mass is followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.

The Book Club: The first meeting took place on 3rd October. It was a great success. The next meeting is Friday 7th November 10am-11.30am. If you would like to join please contact Mary Newman-maryvnewman@btinternet.com/02083663915, for details.

Pilgrimage to Assisi: A Parish Pilgrimage is being planned to Assisi, led by Fr Axcel, from 17th-23rd June 2026. Details and booking forms will be available in early December.

Retreat Day: Saturday 8th November 2025 led by Fr Darren Maslen SSS. Theme 'Preparing the Eucharistic Way: Echoes of the Eucharist in the Old Testament for Today' The day will start with Mass at 9.30am, followed by Adoration in the Church. The retreat talks start at 11am, finishing at 6pm (in the Parish Centre). Please bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. Donations welcome. Please register by emailing enfieldoutreach@rcdow.org.uk or pop in at the Presbytery.

Date for the Diary—Fair Trade Fayre. This popular annual event will take place in the Parish Centre on the morning of Sunday 16th November. All welcome, there will be lots of Fair Trade products on sale and refreshments served.

An afternoon of Irish music hosted by Ceol n' Gael, East London Comhaltas will take place in the Parish Centre on Sunday 30th November, following the 12 noon mass. Come and enjoy some reels and jigs, refreshments, raffle and a children's tombola.

Wine Tasting Evening at OLW. We will be having another of these popular events on Saturday 22 November at 7.30pm in OLW. To book your place please contact Charlotte Beddoes-Farge on 075 5321 2426 or at charlottefarge@btinternet.com

Mass and Christmas Party for all Parish Volunteers. The clergy invite all volunteers, who do so much to support them and the parish in general, to a Mass and party in OLSG on Friday 19th December at 6.30 pm.

An Active Parish. Well done to Deacon Peter on completing the Royal Parks Half Marathon and raising £900 for CAFOD. Hats off, also, to the 39 pilgrims from the parish who completed the Westminster Way Pilgrimage Walk last Saturday. More walks are being planned.

With this in mind, there is a Pilgrim Mass in Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 22 November at 2 pm. All welcome to celebrate the Jubilee and the various pilgrimages during the Holy Year.

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 WRCDT Enfield**; your surname as reference. Please email us to let us know: enfieldgac@rcdow.org.uk

Thank you for your generosity. To Donate to the Parish or to Gift Aid your Donation please visit our Diocesan website: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/enfield/donate/>.

Payers—please gift aid your donations, at no cost to yourselves. Ask at the Presbytery for a form.

CAR PARKING AT OLSG: Please enter your car registration if you visit the church and/or the Presbytery, Monday to Saturday.

Please ONLY park in the marked bays

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

Sun 26th Oct +The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)+ *Psalter Week 2*
OLSG: Mass 8am, 9am (no Children's Liturgy—half term break), 10.30am, 12 noon (LS) , 6pm. **OLW:** Mass at 10am

Mon 27th Oct Feria
OLSG: Church cleaning: 9.30 am Mass 12 noon
Funeral Mass for Giuseppe Scannella RIP at 2pm (LS)
HFC: Mass 7.30am and Adoration 4-5pm

Tue 28th Oct Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles
OLSG: Funeral Mass for Martin Cooney 12 noon (LS).
HFC: Mass 7.30am and Adoration 4-5pm

Wed 29th Oct Blessed Martyrs of Douai
OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS).
HFC: Mass 7.30am and Adoration 4-5pm

Thu 30th Oct Feria
OLSG: Mass 12noon (LS)
Prayer to the Sacred Heart 3pm-4pm. **HFC:** Adoration 4-5pm
OLW: Mass 9.30am

Fri 31st Oct Feria
OLSG: Mass 10am , Mass 12 noon (LS) Family Mass 5pm,
Bereavement Mass 7pm

Sat 1st Nov Blessed Virgin Mary on a Saturday
OLSG: Mass 9.30am. Adoration and Confessions 10-10.45am
Benediction 10.45-am. Requiem Mass at Lavender Hill Cemetery Chapel
at 1pm, Adoration and Confessions 5-5.45 pm. Mass 6 pm

Sun 2nd Nov + All Saints (Year C)+ *Psalter Week 3*
OLSG: Mass 8am, 9am (no Children's Liturgy) 10.30am, 12 noon (LS), 6pm.
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 is open: Monday-Friday 7am-6pm; Saturday-Sunday 7am-7pm. Morning Prayer at 7.05 am—Mon-Wed and 7.30 am Thurs– Sat. All welcome.

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