

Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Saint George

with Our Lady of Walsingham & the English Martyrs

Year A

+ First Sunday of Advent+
(The Beginning of the Church's Year)

30th November
2025

Bits and Pieces

Dear Friends,
This weekend, as we commence the lovely season of Advent we also begin another liturgical or church year. This brings us, in terms of the Sunday readings, into the year of St Matthew. We listen to this Gospel once more, beginning this Sunday with the urgent message that we must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour we do not expect. But what does it mean to stand ready? Let's find some time this week to consider this question.

Early on Monday morning I will depart for Rome with a group of pilgrims from this parish, and also from the parish of St Thomas of Canterbury, Fulham. This pilgrimage to the Eternal City is in honour of the Jubilee or Holy Year of 2025. We go as Pilgrims of Hope, and we will take the intentions of all parishioners with us and we promise to remember you in all the holy places. Please pray for a safe and happy pilgrimage.

Pope Leo has not done much travelling since his election as Successor of Peter, but at this

time he has travelled to Turkey and on to Lebanon. In Turkey, along with other Christian leaders, he will commemorate the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicea. This Council (in what is now called Iznik) affirmed the divinity of Christ and led to what we now call the Nicene Creed. At the 10.30 am Mass during Advent we will sing this creed (Credo) in Latin. We pray for Pope Leo on this important Apostolic Journey.

Advent affords us some time to prepare for future events. This, clearly, involves Christmas, but also the second coming of the Lord. In the midst of all our preparations and distractions, might we find time to give this some serious thought and prayer? Holy Hour this Friday (6-7pm) is an opportunity to do this. This newsletter also includes details of prayer groups and study groups which provide us all with a chance to pray and ponder on all these things, and more besides.

I wish you a holy and blessed Advent. Amen,
Come Lord Jesus!

Father Daniel

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

All those who are sick, at home or in hospital. Those who are bereaved. Those struggling to make ends meet. For those in authority. Peace throughout the world.

Those who have died: Sister Bogumiła Zofia Krajewska, Grace Lynch, Andre Pelle, Kumuo Ramniklal Lakhani, Rita Girolami, Felix Ihejetoh, Adrian Murray, Carmen De Williams, Ivana Rossi, Nell Gannon, Jorge Salazar and Kevin Murphy.

Anniversary of death: Pamela Green, John Canavan, Patrick Dyar, Chrissie Ruane and Father Anthony Yates.

THE LAMPS IN OUR CHURCHES

The lamps burn this week for the following intentions:

Tabernacle (Left) - Marie Coutinho—Healing
Our Lady's Chapel - Josephine Sabundayo—Healing
Sacred Heart Chapel — Rowana Buan—Healing
Tabernacle OLW—Mary and Tommy Ward—RIP



PARISH NOTICES

Condolences to The Sisters of the Congregation of the Holy Family of Nazareth on the recent death of Sister Bogumiła Zofia Krajewska. Funeral details will follow. May her soul rest in peace. Amen.

Songs of Praise: St Anne's School choir will be performing with Talia on BBC 1 at 1.15pm this Sunday 30th November. In addition, following their sound recording with Talia and Sir Brian May, the song 'Talia: Praise Your Name' was no 1 in the Christian Charts. They will also be performing with Talia on 20th December—Talia by Christmas Candlelight at the Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, Mayfair at 7.30pm. You can obtain tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talia-hosts-christmas-by-candlelight-tickets-1799001695499>. Use the promo code HARK20 when choosing your tickets.

Alpha Youth Group: Retreat this Sunday afternoon in Holy Family Convent. Meeting as usual next Sunday evening.

Altar Servers: Our second training session is in OLSG on Tuesday 2nd December, 6.30-7.45pm. We look forward to the presentation of the Bronze Medals on St Stephen's Day—Friday 26th December at 12 noon Mass.

Advent Discussion/Prayer Group: We invite you to join us to pause, reflect and rediscover the wonder of Advent and Christmas. We will be guided by Fr Stephen Wang in the Sycamore short film series. Friday 5th, 12th and 19th December—after the 12pm Mass in the Challoner Room. Everyone is welcome.

Lay Fraternity of St Charles De Foucauld: Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday 2nd December in the Challoner Room from 10.15am-11.45am. This month the discussion and prayers will be focusing on the 4 weeks of **Advent**. All are welcome.

Christmas Lunch: This year we will be holding a Christmas Day buffet

lunch 12pm-4pm. If you would like to attend please leave your details in the presbytery. Closing date 1st December.

Power of the Rosary Group: will meet on Wednesday 3rd December 2025 in the Challoner Room at 10.30am. Thereafter, we will have a Christmas break and resume in January 2026.

Mass and Christmas Party for all Parish Volunteers. The clergy invite all volunteers to a Mass and party in OLSG on Friday 19th December at 6.30 pm. Please would those who have responsibility for groups of volunteers—e.g readers, Extraordinary Ministers, readers, catechists, cleaners, musicians, SVP, gardeners etc—be responsible for providing Fr Daniel with an idea of the number of people from their group who will be in attendance.

Coffee Mornings at OLSG: The Sunday Café is open after gam. Thanks to all customers and volunteers we have sent £100 to the Jesuit Refugee Service. Coffee morning also after 10.30am mass .Please join us for a tea/coffee and a warm welcome. **Coffee Morning—after 10 am Mass at OLW.**

Mount Carmel Ladies Group: will meet for the last time this year on Thursday 4th December where we will be providing a buffet lunch for our members from 12.45pm in the Parish Centre. There will be the usual raffle.

SVP: would like to thank all those who contributed to the success of the enjoyable Coffee Morning last Saturday.

Book Club: the next book club is Friday 5th December 10-11.30am . We will be discussing Memori by John McGahern. For more details contact maryvnewman@btinternet.com.

Youth Fundraiser Christmas Concert—Sunday 7th December 3pm:

Last year Fr Axcel invited a group of young people to hold a Christmas concert in OLSG to help fundraise for their pilgrimage to Rome. This year they would like to fundraise again for another pilgrimage. Everyone is welcome.

Christmas Wreath Making : this will take place on Wednesday 10th December in the Challoner room, 6.30-8.30pm. The cost is £45 per wreath. Payment to be made on the night. Please register by 5th December, either at the presbytery or by emailing enfieldoutreach@rcdow.org.uk. Places are limited.

Final Jubilee year of Hope talk—'Reaching the Margins'**'** is on Monday 8 Dec at 7.15pm by Gail Williams, Centre Manager of St Joseph's Pastoral Centre. The talk will be in the parish centre.

Campaign in Support of Human rights defenders next weekend 7th December.

Every year, the Justice and Peace group invite us to write messages of support to people around the world who have suffered injustice, to show them our support . Next weekend you will be invited to sign a card to either a prisoner of conscience or an individual who is in danger of arrest. Please support this worthwhile campaign.

Winter Wonderland: At St George's Primary school. Sunday 7th December 1pm –5pm. Please join us for hot drinks, food, and a special performance from the School Choir, live music, raffle and lots more.

Foodbank: collection will be next weekend 6/7th December. Items required; toiletries, cleaning products, tinned food, sweet treats, Christmas crackers, thank you..

Pilgrimage to Assisi 17-23 June 2026:

Information and booking forms are now available from the Presbytery.

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

Sun 30th Nov +First Sunday of Advent -Year A+ *Psalter Week 1*
OLSG: Mass 8am, 9am (with Children's Liturgy), 10.30am, 12 noon (LS) , 6pm.
OLW: Mass at 10am

Mon 1st Dec Advent Feria
OLSG: Church cleaning: 9.30 am Mass 12 noon (LS)
HFC: Mass 7.30am and Adoration 4-5pm

Tue 2nd Dec Advent Feria
OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS).
HFC: Mass 7.30am and Adoration 4-5pm

Wed 3rd Dec Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)
HFC: Mass 7.30am and Adoration 4-5pm

Thu 4th Dec St John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
OLSG: Mass 12pm (LS)
Prayer to the Sacred Heart 3pm-4pm. **HFC:** Adoration 4-5pm
OLW- No Mass

Fri 5th Dec Advent Feria
OLSG: Mass 10am and Mass 12 noon (LS)
First Friday - Holy Hour (Confessions and Benediction) 6-7pm

Sat 6th Dec St Nicholas, Bishop
OLSG: Mass 9.30am. Adoration and Confessions 10-10.45am
Benediction 10.45-am. .
Adoration and Confessions 5-5.45 pm. Mass (of Sunday) 6 pm

Sun 7th Dec + Second Sunday of Advent+ Year A + *Psalter week 2*
OLSG: Mass 8am, 9am (with 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 Monday-Friday 7am-6pm; Saturday-Sunday 7am-7pm. Morning Prayer at
is open: 7.05 am—Mon-Wed and 7.30 am on Fri and Sat. All welcome.

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