

# Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Saint George

with Our Lady of Walsingham & the English Martyrs

Year A

+ Second Sunday of Advent+

7th December  
2025

## Nicene Creed & Pope Leo's Visit to Turkey and Lebanon

Dear brothers and sisters,

The Nicene Creed, formed at the Council of Nicaea in AD 325, remains a cornerstone of Christian belief. It affirmed the full divinity of Christ at a time when the Church faced division from Arianism, a heresy that claimed Jesus was created and not eternal. The Creed boldly declared Him "God from God, Light from Light," offering clarity and unity for believers across the world. Today, its words continue to echo in liturgy as a reminder of the faith handed down through the centuries.

This legacy became especially meaningful during Pope Leo's recent visit to Turkey and Lebanon—regions steeped in Christian history and close to the birthplace of the original councils. In several public addresses, the Pope warned that a *new form of Arianism* is subtly emerging in modern culture: one that reduces Christ to merely a moral teacher rather

than the incarnate Son of God. He emphasized that, just as the early Church stood firm in truth, Christians today must guard the fullness of their faith.

By meeting with local communities and religious leaders, Pope Leo drew attention to the struggles faced by Christians in the region while also calling for unity, compassion, and renewed commitment to foundational doctrine. His visit served as a living reminder that the Creed is not only an historical statement, but a Symbol of Faith and a guide for the Church today—strengthening believers to confront challenges with clarity, courage, and hope.

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end Amen.***

*With prayers in this Advent time.*

*Father Axcel*

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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, Emma Noto, Grace Lynch, Adrian Murray, Ivana Rossi, Neil Gannon, Jorge Salazar, Peter Milledge and Kevin Murphy.

**Anniversary of death:** Josephus and Cornelia Clasquin, John Canavan, and Pippa Alger.

### THE LAMPS IN OUR CHURCHES

**The lamps burn this week for the following intentions:**

Tabernacle (Left) - James Kerr—birthday

Tabernacle (Right) - Anne & Michael Deacey RIP

Our Lady's Chapel - Patrick Cassidy RIP

Sacred Heart Chapel — Marie Coutinho—Healing

St George—Anthony Atiba— 65th Birthday

Tabernacle OLW—Tony Di Monaco RIP



### PARISH NOTICES

**The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception falls on Monday 8th December.** Masses at HFC at 7.30 am and in OLSG at 12 noon and 6.30 pm.

**This week there are some changes in Mass time at OLSG.** On Tuesday the Mass is at 9.30 am and not 12 noon. On Thursday the Mass is at 6.30 pm and not 12 noon. On Friday there is no 10 am Mass in OLSG because St Anne's Catholic High School are in the church for Advent Mass at 9 am. There is the usual 12 noon Mass on Friday. Apologies for these amendments.

**The final talk for the Jubilee Year of Hope -'Reaching the Margins' by Gail Williams.** Monday December 8th at 7.15pm, in OLSG. Gail is the centre manager at St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, which supports individuals with intellectual difficulties to help them share gifts and participate fully in their

communities and the life of the church. Everyone is welcome.

**Alpha Youth Group:** we will be meeting as usual this Sunday after 6pm Mass. The final meeting will be Sunday 14th December.

**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 12th and 19th December —after the 12 noon Mass in the Challoner Room. Everyone is welcome.

**Rosary by the fountain in Enfield Town,** this coming Saturday 13 December at 7.15 pm. All welcome.

**Christmas Lunch:** This year we will be holding a Christmas Day buffet lunch 12pm-4pm in the Parish Centre.

**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 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 the 9am and 10.30am Masses at OLSG. Please join us for a tea/coffee and a warm welcome. There is also a Coffee Morning after the Mass at OLW.

**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](mailto:enfieldoutreach@rcdow.org.uk). Places are limited.

**New Readers for Evening Masses:** We are looking for new readers to join the rota for 2026. We are especially in need of readers for Saturday and Sunday evening Masses. If you have a clear voice and are able to commit to reading for a whole month at a time, please email [enfieldministers@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:enfieldministers@rcdow.org.uk).

**Campaign in Support of Human rights defenders this weekend 7th December.** As you leave the church today you are invited to write messages of support to people around the world who are experiencing injustice. Please sign a card to a prisoner of conscience or an individual in danger of arrest. Sending a card is not only a sign of support to the individual, but also gives a message to the authorities that the outside world is aware of the unjust situation. Please use our suggested greetings. All donations will go towards postage costs.

**Winter Wonderland:** At St George's Primary school. This 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.

**Meeting with the clergy for completion of Certificates of Catholic Practice for admissions to St Georges .** The clergy will be available in the Parish Centre on Saturday 10th and 17th January, 2-4pm. Please note there will be no individual appointments.

**CAFOD Jubilee Icon:** the Icon will visit OLSG on Tuesday 16th December and there will be Mass at 7pm.

**Senior Citizens Christmas Party:** St Thomas More School 2pm-4.30pm December 11th. See poster in the porch for details. Transport can be laid on by contacting the school.

**Ceol na nGael Irish Music Group:** would like to thank everyone who supported the social event last Sunday. £545 was raised to support outreach projects for the Irish community.

**Carol Concert:** St Anne's are having their annual carol concert on 17th December at 6.30pm in OLSG. Everyone is warmly welcome.

**Pilgrimage to Assisi - 17-23 June 2026:** This will be led by Fr Axcel. Information and booking forms are now available from the Presbytery.

**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](mailto:enfieldgac@rcdow.org.uk)

**Thank you for your generosity.**

To watch live-stream (LS): [www.catholickenfield.org/live-stream/](http://www.catholickenfield.org/live-stream/)  
**LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASS TIMES**

- 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
- Mon 8th Dec** **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**OLSG:** Church cleaning: 9.30 am Mass 12 noon (LS) **Mass 6.30pm**  
**HFC:** Mass 7.30am and Adoration 4-5pm
- Tue 9th Dec** **Advent Feria**  
**OLSG:** **Mass 9.30am (LS) No 12 noon Mass**  
**HFC:** Mass 7.30am and Adoration 4-5pm
- Wed 10th Dec** **Our Lady of Loreto**  
**OLSG:** Funeral Mass for Sr Bogumila RIP 12 noon (LS)  
**HFC:** Mass 7.30am and Adoration 4-5pm
- Thu 11th Dec** **St Damasus I, Pope**  
**OLSG:** **Mass 6.30 pm (LS) No 12 noon Mass**  
Prayer to the Sacred Heart 3pm-4pm. **HFC:** Adoration 4-5pm  
**OLW**– Mass 9.30am
- Fri 12th Dec** **Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
**OLSG:** **No Mass at 10 am today. Mass 12 noon—as usual (LS)**
- Sat 13th Dec** **St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**  
**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. Rosary at the Fountain 7.15pm
- Sun 14th Dec** **+ Third Sunday of Advent+ Year A + Gaudete Sunday** *Psalter week 3*  
**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.catholickenfield.org/live-stream/](http://www.catholickenfield.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 on Thurs, Fri and Sat. All welcome.
- Mass in Polish:** For information visit [www.parafiaenfield.org](http://www.parafiaenfield.org)