

# Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Saint George

with Our Lady of Walsingham & the English Martyrs

Year A

+ Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)+

14th December  
2025

## Joyful Reflections on Rome

Why go to Rome in December? I can answer simply—why not? An intrepid group of pilgrims from this parish, alongside some others from Fulham and Caledonian Road, found their Jubilee Pilgrimage to be very worthwhile.

Each of the four Holy Doors—within the four major basilicas—St Peter's, St John Lateran, St Mary Major and St Paul's Outside the Walls—has its own character and charism, so to speak. We were able to reflect as we passed through these doors on how the Lord calls each one of us to repentance and to a new and living encounter with His love. There was ample opportunity for confession and prayers, and therefore the Jubilee Indulgence was obtained by many of the pilgrims.

Alongside the Holy Doors, we also spent time in the Catacombs of St Callixtus, the Coliseum (site of much Christian martyrdom) and the Venerable English College. We met up with Joshua, a seminarian from this parish, who is in formation for

the priesthood there.

A week or so after returning from the Eternal City I have had a little time to reflect on the experience. What stands out most of all?

Firstly, the sense of companionship and friendship. We were brought together by a desire to visit Rome in this Holy Year. But, by the end of our five days there was a sense of togetherness and an '*esprit de corps*' which bound us together and worked at different levels; spiritual, emotional, intellectual and so on.

Secondly, we had formed a bond with Peter and Paul, and the Roman saints who joined us on pilgrimage. We understood more deeply the significance of Rome to each of us as Catholics. This is historical but also contemporary. The many tombs and churches spoke eloquently of the call to witness to Christ not only with our lips, but with our lives.

*Arrivederci Roma!*

*Father Daniel*

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### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

All those who are sick, at home or in hospital. Those who are bereaved. Those who are alone at this time. For those in authority. For peace and true justice throughout the world.

**Those who have died:** Emma Noto, Sr Bogumila CSFN, Adrian Murray, Ivana Rossi, Peter Milledge and Kevin Murphy.

**Anniversary of death:** Michael O'Halloran, Eddie Hipwell.

### THE LAMPS IN OUR CHURCHES

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

Tabernacle (Left) - John Carneiro—Anniversary

Tabernacle (Right) - Marie Couthino—Healing

Our Lady's Chapel - Carmel Fitzgerald—Intentions

Sacred Heart Chapel — Sophia Giordano—RIP Birthday

*Please contact the Presbytery to book these lamp intentions.*



### PARISH NOTICES

**Alpha Youth Group:** we will be meeting as usual this Sunday after 6pm Mass. This is the final meeting of the group for now, but we hope to resume meetings in the new year. Thanks to the catechists for their support and to the young people for their commitment and maturity.

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

**Annual Christmas Raffle:** Tickets will be on sale after every Mass this weekend. Tickets will also be on sale in the Repository. There are lots of good prizes and all proceeds will go towards the cost of the Christmas Lunch.

**Mass and Christmas Party for all Parish Volunteers.** The clergy invite all volunteers to a Mass and party in OLSG this Friday 19th December at 6.30 pm. The party follows directly after the Mass and will take place in the Parish Centre.

**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.

**Jubilee Year of Hope:** The pilgrims would like to thank both Father Daniel and Father James for leading them on this special journey to Rome.

**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).

**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 Sunday 4th and Saturday 10th January, from 2pm-4pm to discuss potentially signing these certificates. Please note there will be no individual appointments.

**Nursery Admissions:** from September 2026, for children born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023. Please see the website for details. Closing date for applications for school and nursery is 15th January 2026.

**St Georges School:** has achieved a ranking of 279 out of 1000 in The Times Best School League. Congratulations to all staff and children alike.

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

**Prisoner of Conscience Cards:** thank you to everyone who signed a card. We managed to send a total of 480 solidarity cards.

**St Georges Christmas Carol Service:** is on Monday 15th December at 6pm in OLSG. Everyone is warmly welcome.

**St Anne's Christmas Carol Concert:** is on Wednesday 17th December at 6.30 pm in OLSG. Everyone is warmly welcome.

**Carol Service at OLSG:** The parish Christmas Carol Service will take place on Sunday 21st December at 4pm. Everyone welcome. It is followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre, during which the Christmas Raffle will be drawn.

**Pilgrimage to Assisi - 17-23 June 2026:** Completed booking forms for the Pilgrimage must be received by 28th February 2026. Please note Adrian (travel agent) is on annual leave until 10th January and will therefore not be responding until after that date.

### **Christmas Confessions**

Parishioners will be pleased to hear that there will be two visiting priests coming to hear Confessions in OLSG before Christmas:

- 1) Fr Michael Johnston will hear confessions on Saturday 20 December from 5 pm until 6.30 pm.
- 2) Fr Dominiyan TOR will hear confessions on Tuesday 23 December from 11-12 noon and from 6pm—7 pm. And also on Wednesday 24 December from 3pm—4pm.

The Parish Clergy will also be hearing confessions in the days before Christmas.

### **Masses at Christmas**

The Masses which fulfil the obligation will be as follows: **OLSG—Wednesday 24 December at 4 pm, 6pm and Midnight.**

**On Thursday 25 December at 9am, 10.30 am and 12 noon.**

**At OLV—Wednesday 24 December at 6 pm and Thursday 25 December at 10 am.**

**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 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**

Do not block others in, please.

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

**Sun 14th Dec +Third Sunday of Advent + Gaudete Sunday+ Year A** *Psalter week 3*  
**OLSG:** Mass 8am, 9am (with Children's Liturgy), 10.30am, 12 noon (LS) , 6pm.  
**OLW:** Mass at 10am

**Mon 15th Dec Advent Feria**  
**OLSG:** Church cleaning: Mass 12 noon (LS) St Georges Carol Service 6pm  
**HFC:** Mass 7.30am

**Tue 16th Dec Advent Feria**  
**OLSG:** Mass 12 noon (LS) , Mass 7pm (with the Jubilee Icon)  
**HFC:** Mass 7.30am and Adoration 4-5pm

**Wed 17th Dec Advent Feria**  
**OLSG:** Mass 9.30am, Funeral Service for Emma Noto 12 noon (LS)  
St Anne's Carol Service at 6.30 pm  
**HFC:** Mass 7.30am and Adoration 4- 5pm

**Thu 18th Dec Advent Feria**  
**OLSG:** Mass 12 noon (LS)  
Prayer to the Sacred Heart 3pm-4pm. **HFC:** Adoration 4-5pm  
**OLW–** Mass 9.30am

**Fri 19th Dec Advent Feria**  
**OLSG:** Mass 10am, Mass 12 noon (LS) Mass 6.30pm (for all volunteers)

**Sat 20th Dec Advent Feria**  
**OLSG:** Mass 9.30am. Adoration and Confessions 10-10.45am  
Benediction 10.45-am. Adoration and Confessions 5-6.30 pm.– Fr Johnston  
Mass OLSG 6pm

**Sun 21st Dec + Fourth Sunday of Advent+ Year A +** *Psalter week 4*  
**OLSG:** Mass 8am, 9am (no Children's Liturgy) 10.30am, 12 noon (LS), 6pm.  
Christmas Carol Service at 4 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/](http://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 Thurs, Fri and Sat. All welcome.

**Mass in Polish:** For information visit [www.parafiaenfield.org](http://www.parafiaenfield.org)