

Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Saint George

with Our Lady of Walsingham & the English Martyrs

Year A

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Peace Sunday

18th January

2026

A message from His Holiness Pope Leo XIV for today

'Peace be with you'.

This ancient greeting, still in use today in many cultures, was infused with new life on the evening of Easter on the lips of the risen Jesus. "Peace be with you" (*Jn 20:19, 21*) is his Word that does not merely desire peace, but truly brings about a lasting transformation in those who receive it, and consequently in all of reality. For this reason, the Apostles' successors give voice every day throughout the world to the most silent of revolutions: "Peace be with you!" From the very evening of my election as Bishop of Rome, I have wanted to join my own greeting to this universal proclamation. And I would like to reiterate that this is the peace of the risen Christ – a peace that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering. It comes from God who loves us all unconditionally.

Shortly before being arrested, in a moment of intimate confidence, Jesus said to those who were with him: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives." And he immediately

added: "Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid" (*Jn 14:27*). Their distress and fear were certainly connected to the violence soon to befall him. But, more deeply, the Gospels do not hide the fact that what troubled the disciples was his nonviolent response: a path that they all, Peter first among them, contested; yet the Master asked them to follow this path to the end. The way of Jesus continues to cause unease and fear. He firmly repeats to those who would defend him by force: "Put your sword back into its sheath" (*Jn 18:11*; cf. *Mt 26:52*).

The peace of the risen Jesus is unarmed, because his was an unarmed struggle in the midst of concrete historical, political and social circumstances. Christians must together bear prophetic witness to this novelty, mindful of the tragedies in which they have too often been complicit.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord" (*Is 2, 4-5*). *Leo PP.XIV*

For the full text see: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/peace/>

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

All those who are sick, at home or in hospital. Those who are bereaved. For peace and true justice throughout the world. Archbishop-elect Richard Moth.

Those who have died: Pauline Mooney, Kristine Pourgourides, Michael Hegarty, Oliver McKeon, Dorothy Williams, John Seaton, Monique Cannon, Benito De Souza, Tricia Sadler, Nancy McLoughlin and Fran McGrail.

Anniversary of death: Sarah Del Grosso, Canon Philip Humphreys, Margherita Ponzini and Sabina Monaghan

THE LAMPS IN OUR CHURCHES

The lamps burn this week for the following intentions:

Tabernacle (left): Sabina and Harry Monaghan RIP anniversary

Tabernacle (Right) - Gladys Violet Windley—RIP 5th anniversary

Our Lady's Chapel - Marie Coutinho—Healing

Sacred Heart Chapel — Remedios Telles—RIP.

St George—Sarah Del Grosso—RIP anniversary

Tabernacle OLW—Joseph Mensah—Travelling

**PARISH NOTICES**

Christian Unity: During this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity , there will be a service of ecumenical Vespers in Westminster Cathedral on Tuesday 20th January at 5pm. This will give thanks for the recent proclamation of St John Henry Newman as a Doctor of the Church. The preacher will be Archbishop Rowan Williams. All are warmly welcome to attend.

Here in Enfield, there is a service of prayer at Enfield Baptist Church, Cecil Road this Sunday at 6.30 pm. Again, all are welcome. This is an opportunity to pray with our fellow Christians.

Finally, we are invited to join an **Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage from Westminster Cathedral to St Paul's Cathedral** on Friday 23rd January starting at Westminster Cathedral at 1 pm. Please email: ecumenism@rcdow.org.uk for further details. The pilgrimage will end with Choral Evensong in St Paul's, sung by the choirs of both cathedrals.

Peace Sunday: today is Peace Sunday, a day designated by the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales for us all to reflect on the Pope's message for the World Day of Peace. The non violent action of Jesus can be our guide in working for peace and justice. Pax Christi tries to give a lead in this process. A movement founded 80 years ago in France to pray for reconciliation, has now become an International Peace Movement. Please pray for peace in our world and stop for prayer & reflection at our Peace Shrine at the side of the church, which has been prepared by the pupils of St George Primary School. Find out more about Pax Christi and donate online www.paxchristi.org.uk or use the donation envelope.

Cardinal's Thanksgiving Mass: there will be a Mass to celebrate the 16 years of ministry of the Archbishop of Westminster. This will take place in Westminster Cathedral on Thursday 5th February 2026 at 5.30pm. All are welcome to attend. If

you would like to make a personal contribution to the collection, you can make a payment by credit/debit card online at <https://forms.rcdow.org.uk/gift-for-cardinal-vincent-nichols>. All gifts will be consolidated into one single amount and presented to the Cardinal. The parish will be sending a gift on behalf of us all.

Confirmation: This week Candidates can book their slots for their Confirmation. The link to the event planner is parish.rcdow.org.uk/enfield/events. I will also send out a letter and consent forms with the candidates for the **Pilgrimage**. The pilgrimage has been changed to the Carmelite shrine in Aylesford, dates are the same . Please complete and return by 25th February 2026. **Thank you. Fr Axcel**

The Power of the Rosary: will take place on Wednesday 21st January at 10.30am in the Challoner Room.

Children's Liturgy. This usually takes place during the Sunday 9am Mass at OLSG and is open to children between the ages of 3 and 9 years. Please note, there is no Children's Liturgy today. Please consult notices in the church porch for further details.

Oakley the Owl Music Group: this is held in St Georges Catholic Primary School. Bookings are now being taken. Please see the notice board for details, or visit the website: www.st-georges.enfield.sch.uk (parents tab).

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.

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, email enfieldministers@rcdow.org.uk

Pilgrimage to Assisi - 17-23 June 2026: Completed booking forms for the Pilgrimage must be received at the travel agents by 28th February 2026.

Manna Centre Society: donations will be collected 31st Jan/1st Feb. **There will not be a collection for the Food Bank in February.** It will resume on the first weekend of March. Thank you for all your generosity to these good causes. They are evidence of the call to love our neighbours as ourselves.

Bereavement Masses in 2026. The usual pattern of these Masses, to pray for the Holy Souls and to support the bereaved, will resume on Friday 30 January at 7 pm in OLSG. The Mass will be offered on every last Friday of the month until and including November. There is always a social gathering afterwards.

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.catholichenfield.org/live-stream/
LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASSTIMES**

Sun 18th Jan +Second Sunday in Ordinary Time + Peace Sunday (Year A) *Psalter week 2*
OLSG: Mass 8am, 9am (no Children's Liturgy), 10.30am, 12 noon (LS) , 6pm.
OLW: Mass at 10am

Mon 19th Jan Saint Wulstan, Bishop
OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)
HFC: Mass 7.30am , Adoration 4-5pm

Tue 20th Jan Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr
OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)
HFC: Mass 7.30am, Adoration 4-5pm

Wed 21st Jan St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)
HFC: Mass 7.30am, Adoration 4- 5pm

Thu 22nd Jan St Vincent , Deacon and Martyr
OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)
Prayer to the Sacred Heart 3pm-4pm. **HFC:** Adoration 4-5pm
OLW: Mass 9.30am

Fri 23rd Jan Feria
OLSG: Mass 10am, 12 noon—Funeral Mass for Michael Hegarty RIP (LS)

Sat 24th Jan Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
OLSG: Mass 9.30am. Adoration and Confessions 10-10.45am
Benediction 10.45-am. Adoration and Confessions 5-5.45 pm
Mass (of Sunday) OLSG 6pm

Sun 25th Jan + Third Sunday in Ordinary Time+ (Year A) + (Of the Word of God)
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.catholichenfield.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