

Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Saint George

with Our Lady of Walsingham & the English Martyrs

Year A

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time -
Of the Word of God

25th January
2026

Year of Saint Francis - Special Year of Jubilee

Fr Axcel writes...

The Church joyfully celebrates the Year of Saint Francis (the 800th anniversary of his death) as a time of renewal, simplicity, and deeper conversion of heart. Inspired by the life and witness of **Saint Francis of Assisi**, this year invites us to return to the Gospel with fresh eyes—to love God, creation, and one another with humility and joy.

Central to this year is a renewed understanding of indulgences. An indulgence is not a “spiritual shortcut” or a reward earned by minimal effort. Rather, it is a grace-filled encounter with God’s mercy. Through prayer, repentance, the sacraments, and specific acts of devotion, the Church invites us to open our hearts to God’s healing love, which purifies the wounds left by sin. Indulgences help restore our relationship with God and strengthen our desire for holiness.

Through the merits and intercession of Saint Francis, God desires to pour out particular graces upon us this year. These include a spirit of deep humility, freedom from attachment to material things, love for the poor and marginalized, and a renewed reverence for all of creation

May this Year of Saint Francis draw us into a genuine encounter with Christ, transforming our hearts, renewing our faith, and sending us forth to live the Gospel with courage and love.

The opportunity to join the pilgrimage to Assisi from 17-23 June is coming to a close at the end of January. If you are still thinking about it, you have one more week to send your form in. Let us pray:

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.*

*O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to
eternal life.*

St Francis: Pray for us!

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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, Peter Power, Dorothy Williams, Monique Canham, Barbara Mansi, Ian Berry, Rudolph Lacquiere, Chris Segall, Gilda Zambon and Nancy McLoughlin.

Anniversary of death: Sarah Del Grosso, Michael Cunliffe, Cyril and Thomas Hynes—5th anniversary.

THE LAMPS IN OUR CHURCHES

The lamps burn this week for the following intentions:

Tabernacle (left): Janet Manners—RIP anniversary

Tabernacle(right) Michael Cunliffe—RIP - 1st anniversary

Our Lady's Chapel - Burke Family - thanksgiving

Sacred Heart Chapel — Marie Coutinho—healing

St George—Kieran Browne—healing

Contact the presbytery to book these intentions



PARISH NOTICES

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: The Candidates can now book their slots for their Confirmation. The link to the event planner is parish.rcdow.org.uk/enfield/events.

Parent meeting for Confirmation Candidates will change from the 15th of March to the 8th of March at 4pm. Please change in your diaries as it is

important for you to be there! Thank you, Fr Axel.

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 consult notices in the church porch for further details.

Palm Crosses from last year. Please bring in your palms from last year. The palms will be burned & the ashes blessed & distributed at all Masses on Ash Wednesday (18th February).

Oakley the Owl Music Group: this is held in St Georges Catholic Primary School. Please see the notice board for details, or visit the website: [www.st-georges.enfield.sch.uk\(parents tab\)](http://www.st-georges.enfield.sch.uk(parents tab)).

Special Welcome Coffee Mornings at OLSG on Sunday 8th February. The Parish Social Committee invite all parishioners (and especially those who are new to the parish) to have coffee and

light refreshments after Mass on Sunday 8th February. The Sunday Café will be open after all morning Masses. There will be an opportunity to meet fellow parishioners and clergy and to hear about various groups in the parish and find ways in which we can become more involved in the life of the parish.

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 by the Travel Agent by 1st February.

Manna Centre Society: donations will be collected 31st Jan/1st Feb. Non-perishable foods, toiletries and novels. NO clothing this year please. The goods will be taken direct to the Manna Day centre on Monday morning 2nd Feb. Help would be appreciated, sorting donated goods into crates after each weekend mass. **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 this 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. Please do share this with friends and family whom you know are bereaved at this time.

Quiz Night: Saturday 21st February 7.30pm in aid of the Nightingale. Tables of 6 or 8 £15 per person. This includes a ploughman's. Bring your own drinks and snacks. Contact Tricia on 07930182870, email triciaalder@aol.com

Looking for something New? Why not join the Book Club. We read non religious books. The first meeting in 2026 is Friday 6th February in the presbytery 10-11.30am. For more information contact maryvnewman@btinternet.com or call 0208 3663915. Or just turn up.

We are looking to buy a set of new green vestments for use on many Sundays through the Church year. If any parishioner would like to assist with this purchase please contact Fr Daniel.

Lay Fraternity of St Charles De Foucauld: there will be no further meetings for a while.

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.

Do not block others in, please. This is a particular problem during the 12 noon Mass on Sunday. The car park on Genotin Road is open and free to park in at this time.

To watch live-stream (LS): www.catholichenfield.org/live-stream/

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

Psalter week 3

OLSG: Mass 8am, 9am (Parade & Children's Liturgy), 10.30am, 12 noon (LS), 6pm. **OLW:** Mass at 10am

Mon 26th Jan Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)

HFC: Mass 7.30am , Adoration 4-5pm

Tue 27th Jan Saint Angela Merici, Virgin

OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)

HFC: Mass 7.30am, Adoration 4-5pm

Wed 28th Jan St Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)

HFC: Mass 7.30am, Adoration 4- 5pm

Thu 29th Jan Feria

OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)

Prayer to the Sacred Heart 3pm-4pm. **HFC:** Adoration 4-5pm

OLW: Mass 9.30am

Fri 30th Jan Feria

OLSG: Mass 10am,

Funeral Mass for Nancy McLoughlin-12noon(LS) Bereavement Mass 7pm

Sat 31st Jan Saint John Bosco, Priest

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 1st Feb + Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time+ (Year A) Psalter week 4

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

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