

# Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Saint George

## with Our Lady of Walsingham & the English Martyrs, Enfield

Year A

+ **Second Sunday of Lent+**  
**March is the Month of St Joseph**

1st March  
2026

### The Transfiguration

The Story of the Transfiguration stands like a sudden blaze of light in the long road toward the cross. On a high mountain—tradition names it Mount Tabor—Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James and John. The Gospel of Matthew, Gospel of Mark and the Gospel of Luke tell us His face shone like the sun, his clothes were dazzling white, and beside Him stood Moses and Elijah—law and prophet gathered in radiance. A voice speaks from the cloud: “This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him”. And then it was over.

Lent feels like that mountain and the valley beneath it. We walk through ash and silence, fasting and prayer, yet we are haunted by flashes of glory. The Transfiguration is not an escape from suffering ; it is a revelation within it. Christ does not avoid Jerusalem, he sets his face towards it. The light does not cancel the cross. It reveals its meaning.

Let us stand with the disciples on this

mountain –like them, we can be afraid ,amazed, confused and wanting to build the tents and stay in the brightness. In other words find a place to escape from the problems of this world. We long to secure transcendence but we haven't been taught how. To freeze holy moments before they fade without us realising it. But the voice commands not preservation, but attention: Listen.

Lent asks us to descend the mountain. To carry unanswered questions, our cross. To trust that beneath ordinary flesh burns the inapproachable light ( see 1 Timothy 6:16-21)

Let us pray that we may glimpse who Christ is this lent, not only with the mind but with our spirit too. The journey to Easter passes through the Cross, to the glory of the resurrection.

Amen.

*With every blessing, Father Axcel*

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### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

All those who are sick, at home or in hospital. Those who are bereaved. For peace and justice throughout the world. Those preparing for the Easter Sacraments.

**Those who have died:** Carmel Fitzgerald, Clare Funigem, Stanley Andrews, Christalla Onoufriou, Giovanni Petrucci, Freddie Dobson, Michael Munro, Terry Morris, Giovanni Petrucci, Daniel Sexton, Emilienne Coughlan, Jane Rose Nasser and Irene Skehill.

**Anniversary of death:** Sadie O'Grady, Maureen Waldron, Tom Maybin, Frankie Dyar and Stasia Evans

### THE LAMPS IN OUR CHURCHES

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

Tabernacle (left): Clare Funigem—RIP

Tabernacle (right) - Stasia Evans - RIP

Our Lady's Chapel: Paddy Lee—Birthday memory

Sacred Heart Chapel: Marie Coutinho—healing

St George: Kieran Browne—Healing



### PARISH NOTICES

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY:** There will be a collection at the end of all Masses this weekend in support of the work of CAFOD. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions—such as on flood resistant floating gardens or using solar powered water pumps in times of drought. Please place your donation in the collection basket after Mass & use the form in the CAFOD envelope to either Gift Aid or sign up for regular giving. You can also give online at CAFOD.Org.UK or use the QR code.

**Confirmation:** The pilgrimage is on this Saturday 7th March. Please meet at the OLSG Church at 9am. The coach will leave promptly at 9.30am.

**Sunday 8th March:** is the parents/guardians meeting at 4pm in the Church. It is important for all parents/guardians to be

there. Please speak to Father Axcel if you are unable to attend.

**Confirmation classes** will resume on 16th and 23rd March at 6pm. The March sessions have changed due to Father Axcel's Lenten commitments.

**Youth Group (Lent Sessions):** The Youth Group meets on Sundays at 7pm for 5 weeks, starting this Sunday. Speakers have been invited to share each week on different faith topics. There will be time for discussion and social time. If you are in school year groups 10-13, then you are welcome to attend. Please contact [enfieldoutreach@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:enfieldoutreach@rcdow.org.uk)

**The new Archbishop of Westminster, the Most Rev'd Richard Moth,** will be visiting the various areas of the diocese over the coming weeks. We are invited to meet him for Mass at 6.30 pm this Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, at St Paul's Wood Green. All welcome.

**Stations of the Cross.** These will be

prayed during Lent at the following times:

OLW—Wednesdays at 10 am, OLSG—Fridays after the 10 am Mass and at 7.30 pm.

**Lent course—We Dare to Ask.** This course consists of five sessions . It seeks to encourage an appreciation of what is given in Christian Baptism. All are welcome to attend the sessions, which will take place at the following times:

**Thursdays from 7 pm—8 pm**

**Fridays from 12.45-1.45pm**

The sessions will take place in the Challoner Room (behind the Sacristy in OLSG.) There is a course booklet which costs just £5 and will be yours to keep. It will be possible to attend either session, if you are unable to commit to the same time each week. Do come along, even if you have missed the first session.

**Mount Carmel Ladies Group:** will meet on Thursday 5th March for a talk on Enfield Talking Newspapers at 12.45pm in the Parish Centre. Usual raffle. All welcome.

**The Sunday Café:** 10-11am. £152 has been sent to Great Ormond Street Hospital. The Charity was chosen because members of our parish have recently been patients at the hospital. Our volunteers are happy to service tea/coffee etc after Mass. Your support is welcome. Coffee mornings also after 10.30am Mass and after 10am in OLW.

**Vestment appeal.** Thank you to those who have given so generously to this appeal. A new set of green vestments, and altar frontal and lectern fall, has been ordered.

**Passion play.** St Monica's, Palmers Green are delighted to welcome RISE Theatre, a professional Christian theatre company, who will be performing their Passion Play in the Church Large Hall on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm** (doors open 7pm). Come and experience the Gospel, particularly the events of Holy Week. Performance lasts approximately 60 minutes and is suitable for adults and children 11+. For tickets (£10, cons

£8) please contact the parish office, visit [www.ticketsource.co.uk/risetheatre](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/risetheatre) or call Anna on 07532 374291 at St Monica's. Why not make this one of your prayer devotions this Lent?

**Stabat Mater Concert:** As part of the Lenten devotion, on Wednesday 18th March at 6.45pm in Westminster Cathedral, the Cathedral Choir and the Britten Sinfonia will perform a concert of reflection on the ancient Marian hymn, contemplating the sorrow of the Blessed Virgin at the foot of the Cross: MacMillan's Stabat Mater and Vaughan Williams' *Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis*. The performance will begin with Sir James MacMillan in conversation with Fr Patrick van der Vorst, the Precentor and Founder of the Christian Art website. Discounted tickets are available in sections A, B and N at the following link: <https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/event/1F0o638BCD835BA6?e=500ff>:

Password :WCSBDO. Everyone welcome  
**St Anne's Gospel Choir Concert:** Friday 13th March 6.30pm at the Palmers Green Campus 6 Oakthorpe Rd, N13 5TY. Enjoy an evening of live music, and the sounds of the outstanding Gospel Choir. Tickets: adult £10, £5 students and children (under 5 free), and £22 for a family of 4. Tickets available online via the E-shop: <https://tinyurl.com/StAnnesEShop> or phone the school on 0208 886 2165.

**Inclusive Mass.** The next one of these Masses, open to all but with a special invitation to those with learning disabilities and their families and friends, will take place at OLSG at 3pm this Saturday 7th March. Mass is followed by tea and cakes in the Challoner Room.

**Food bank:** Non-perishable items can be left in the porch this weekend. 28th February/1st March. Thank you

**Parish Walk:** Saturday 21st March starts 11.30am. More details to follow.

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

**Sun 1st Mar** + **Second Sunday of Lent + Year A** *Psalter week 2*  
**OLSG:** Mass 8am, 9am ( Children's Liturgy), 10.30am, 12 noon (LS) , 6pm.  
**OLW:** Mass at 10am

**Mon 2nd Mar** Lent Feria  
**OLSG:** Church cleaning at 9.30 am:  
Mass 12 noon (LS)  
**HFC:** Mass 7.30am , Adoration 4-5pm

**Tue 3rd Mar** Lent Feria (St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)  
**OLSG:** Funeral Mass for Irene Skehill RIP - 12 noon (LS)  
**HFC:** Mass 7.30am and Adoration 4-5pm

**Wed 4th Mar** Lent Feria (Saint Casimir)  
**OLSG** Mass 12 noon (LS) ,  
**HFC:** Mass 7.30am, Adoration 4- 5pm. **OLW:** Stations of the Cross - 10 am

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

**Fri 6th Mar** Lent Feria (First Friday)  
**OLSG:** Mass 10am—followed by Stations of the Cross,  
Mass 12 noon (LS). Holy Hour with Confessions—6pm  
Stations of the Cross -7.30pm.

**Sat 7th Mar** Lent Feria (Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs)  
**OLSG:** Mass 9.30am. Adoration and Confessions 10-10.45am  
Benediction 10.45-am. **OLSG** Inclusive Mass 3pm.  
Adoration and Confessions 5-5.45 pm. Mass (of Sunday) **OLSG** 6pm

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

**KEY**  
**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 Fri and Sat. All welcome.

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