

Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Saint George

with Our Lady of Walsingham & the English Martyrs, Enfield

Year A

+ The Fourth Sunday of Lent– Laetare Sunday
March is the Month of St Joseph

15th March
2026

Today is also Mothering Sunday

In today's Gospel, the man born blind reports how he was healed. We hear the different views of the pharisees, parents, disciples, and others. Like everyday life, there is a lot of noise and contrasting opinions. Despite the potential distractions, the man born blind spends time with Jesus one on one, listening to the Truth. He is receptive and has a great capacity to embrace the news that Jesus is the 'Son of Man', as he proclaims 'Lord, I believe'. We are told that he then 'worshipped him'.

The call to worship echoes from last week, when we heard Jesus tell the Woman at the Well, that 'true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.' Perhaps the man born blind fulfils

this degree of worship in his authentic acknowledgement of Christ.

Worship comes through humility and by acknowledging and adoring the Creator. The Eucharist is the 'Source and Summit' of worship. Laetare Sunday, ('laetare' means rejoice), highlights that we are midway through Lent with our 'faces like flint', as we journey to and beyond the darkness of the tomb of Good Friday, to the Resurrection of Jesus who is the 'Light of the world'. May this be the cause of our rejoicing so that we can worship God wholeheartedly. We ask Our Lady, Queen of Humility, on this Mothering Sunday, to intercede for us. Hail Mary, full of grace....

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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. For all mothers, living and departed.

Those who have died: Brendan Coy, Teresa Falanga, Carmel Fitzgerald, Clare Funigem, Giovanni Petrucci, Daniel Sexton, Emilienne Coughlan, Jane Rose Nasser, John James, Seamus Nugent, Giovanni Licata, Geraldine McKenzie and Norman Fonseca.

Anniversary of death: Nora O'Connor (3rd anniversary). Mercedes Emienta, Menor Ocuoa, Graciela Bustamante Centurion.

THE LAMPS IN OUR CHURCHES

The lamps burn this week for the following intentions:

Tabernacle (Left) Nora O'Connor—RIP

Tabernacle (right) Chris O'Connor - RIP

Our Lady's Chapel: Giovanni Zavagno—RIP

Sacred Heart Chapel: Carmel Fitzgerald - RIP

St George: Michael Eze—birthday



PARISH NOTICES

Gift Aid Envelopes: These are now ready for collection at the presbytery. Please note the new envelopes start from 11th April 2026. Please do not use your old envelopes after this date. Thank you.

Confirmation classes will resume in the church on Monday 16th March at 6pm. The March sessions have changed due to Father Axcel's Lenten commitments.

Parish Walk: Saturday 21st March starts 11.30am. This will be a local walk of around 3 hours in total, beginning at OLSG. Please bring a packed lunch. Please register your interest in the presbytery or email enfieldoutreach@rcdow.org.uk.

First Holy Communion for children in non-Catholic schools: if you have not already completed a form for your child please collect one from the presbytery. If you have already completed a form please contact the presbytery to confirm your interest. Closing date is Friday 10th April. Catechist

will be in touch after the Easter holidays.

Easter Lily. A lily has long been associated with the resurrection of Christ and our hope in eternal life; our parish proudly continues this ancient tradition. You are invited to buy a lily in memory of a departed loved one, by placing £5 donation and the name of the person in an envelope, and leaving it in the presbytery. Envelopes available from the back of the church. The lilies will be used to decorate the Sanctuary during the Easter season. Two Masses will be offered for their names during Eastertide on Friday 24th April at 7pm and Tuesday 5th May at 7pm .

Aid to the Church in Need Appeal (ACN): Next weekend there will be an appeal on behalf of (ACN), a Pontifical Foundation of the Catholic Church. For many decades, ACN has supported Christian communities in the Middle East. Despite difficult circumstances in the

region. Aid to the Church in Need continues to provide emergency aid, schooling, skills training and job creation programmes. The charity also supports the vital life and ministry of the local Church. Regina Lynch, Executive President of ACN, said: "The desire to preserve the historic Christian presence in the Middle East and prevent its disappearance is self-evident. Any new war would come at a heavy cost, borne first and foremost by civilians, especially Christians, who are often among the weakest and least able to defend themselves". Your generosity next weekend will directly support the work of ACN's work across the Middle East. To learn more about the charity or to get involved in its work, please visit :<https://acn.uk.org>.

Stations of the Cross. These will be prayed this week at the following times:

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

Repository Stock: we have a lovely selection of Easter cards, lots of cards and gift ideas for Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Why not have a look, the shop is open after every weekend mass and at most 12 noon masses.

TWIN: the next meeting will be on Wednesday 25th March at 2pm in the Presbytery, combined with the AGM. All parishioners are welcome to attend to learn about our fifty plus years of assistance to charities in the developing world.

The Sunday Café: is open after 9am and 10.30am Mass for tea/coffee. Coffee morning also after 10am Mass in OLW.

Happy St Patrick's Day in advance. Lá fhéile Pádraig sona dhuit! Masses as usual. There will be some Irish music during the Coffee mornings at OLW and the post 10.30 am Mass at OLSG.

Mount Carmel Ladies Group: will meet on Thursday 19th March. This will be the last meeting before Easter. The talk will be on British Isles and European Wildlife by Robin Claydon at 12.45pm in the Parish Centre. Usual raffle, all welcome.

Power of the Rosary: will meet on Wednesday 25th of March at 10.30am in the Challoner room. All welcome.

Annual Mass for Matrimony: Archbishop Richard invites all couples who are celebrating their; 5th,10th,25th,30th,40th, 50th,60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2026,to the Diocese Mass on 23rd May 2026. Please leave your details at the presbytery.

Lost Property: this will be disposed of on Monday 23rd March 2026. If you have lost any thing please check in the presbytery.

FINANCE: The Planned Giving Drive at OLW concludes this weekend. Please prayerfully consider your response. There will be a Planned Giving Drive at OLSG this November.

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/>.

Please gift aid your donations. . Ask at the Presbytery for a form.

CAR PARKING AT OLSG: Please be aware that anyone who parks outside the marked bays will automatically receive a £60 fine. This will be effective everyday including Sundays and Mass times.

To watch live-stream (LS): www.catholicefield.org/live-stream/
LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASSTIMES

Sun 15th Mar + **Fourth Sunday of Lent + Year A** *Psalter week 4*
OLSG: Mass 8am, 9am (Children's Liturgy), 10.30am, 12 noon (LS) , 6pm.
OLW: Mass at 10am

Mon 16th Mar Lent Feria
OLSG: Church cleaning at 9.30 am
Funeral Mass for Brendan Coy 12 noon (LS)
HFC: Mass 7.30am , Adoration 4-5pm

Tue 17th Mar St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland
OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)
HFC: Mass 7.30am and Adoration 4-5pm

Wed 18th Mar Lent Feria (St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)
OLSG Mass 12 noon (LS) ,
HFC: Mass 7.30am, Adoration 4- 5pm. **OLW:** Stations of the Cross - 10 am

Thu 19th Mar St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
OLSG: Funeral Mass for Giovanni Petrucci 12 noon (LS) **OLW** Mass 9.30am
Prayer to the Sacred Heart 3pm-4pm. **HFC:** Adoration 4-5pm

Fri 20th Mar Lent Feria
OLSG: Mass 10am—followed by Stations of the Cross,
Mass 12 noon (LS).
Stations of the Cross -7.30pm

Sat 21st Mar Lent Feria
OLSG: Mass 9.30am. Adoration and Confessions 10-10.45am
Benediction 10.45-am. Adoration and Confessions 5-5.45 pm.
Mass (of Sunday) 6pm

Sun 22nd Mar + **Fifth Sunday of Lent + Year A** *Psalter week 1*
OLSG: Mass 8am, 9am (Children's Liturgy) 10.30am, 12 noon (LS), 6pm.
OLW: Mass at 10am

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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.catholicefield.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 & Sat. All welcome.

Mass in Polish: For information visit www.parafield.org