

Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Saint George

with Our Lady of Walsingham & the English Martyrs, Enfield

Year A

+ **The Fifth Sunday of Lent– Passion Sunday**
March is the Month of St Joseph

22nd March
2026

The Joy of Lent

The liturgical mood has lightened a little as we pass the halfway point of this holy season of Lent. Last week we celebrated Laetare or 'rejoice' Sunday, and during the week we celebrated the uplifting feasts of St Patrick and St Joseph.

We can also be joyful at this time as we follow the journey of our catechumens and candidates in The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) programme. This is the process by which adults are prepared for full initiation into the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. It is both a spiritual journey and a liturgical process that unfolds in stages, guiding the candidates through conversion, formation, and ultimately, participation in the life of the Church. Lent holds special significance within the RCIA because it is the final period of purification and enlightenment before the Sacra-

ments are received at the Easter Vigil.

The first Sunday of Lent features the account of Jesus' temptation in the desert. The 2nd Sunday presents the Transfiguration, offering a glimpse of glory that strengthen faith during the trials of conversion. The 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays are marked by the traditional "Scrutiny" readings, the Samaritan at the Well, the Healing of the Man Born Blind and the Raising of Lazarus.

Each of these stories reflects an aspect of spiritual transformation. The catechumens experience these themes through prayer, exorcisms, and blessings during the Scrutiny rites.

Let us pray for our catechumens, candidates, sponsors and catechists as they prepare to enter a new relationship with Christ.

With every blessing Deacon Peter

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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: Teresa Falanga, Carmel Fitzgerald, Clare Funigem, Daniel Sexton, Jane Rose Nasser, John James, Seamus Nugent, Giovanni Licata, Geraldine McKenzie, Mary Walsh, Patrick Mortimer, Panayotis Kuvaras and Norman Fonseca.

Anniversary of death: Noel McGurren, Carmine Argenza, Kathleen & Jimmy McHugh

THE LAMPS IN OUR CHURCHES

The lamps burn this week for the following intentions:

Tabernacle (Left) Sue & Joanna Cox—Thanksgiving

Tabernacle (right) Dorothy Essilfie RIP—Fourth anniversary

Our Lady's Chapel: David Lally RIP anniversary

Sacred Heart Chapel: Kieran Browne—healing

St George: Maurice & Clarel Armoogum—Thanksgiving



PARISH NOTICES

Planned Giving 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.

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. A Catechist will be in touch after the Easter holidays.

Receptionists for the Presbytery. We are very grateful to the team of receptionists who volunteer in the Presbytery. Having said this, we are in need of a few more. If you would like to enquire about this opportunity then please contact Father Daniel.

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): This 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—Wednesday at 10 am, OLSG—Friday at 10.30am and at 7.30 pm.

Holy Week Services: the schedule is now available. We are looking forward to the annual celebration of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord. Please would parishioners note the following regarding Palm Sunday—29th March:

The 10.30am Mass at OLSG next Sunday will commence with the Blessing of Palms and Procession. This will begin in the car park. This means that the car park at OLSG will close after 9am Mass (except the part nearest to the Parish Centre will remain open). Stewards will stand at the entrance to the car park to deter those who have not read this notice. It will still be possible to drop off those who find it difficult to walk . The car park will re-open once the procession has entered the church. 12 noon Mass will begin at 12.15pm only for Palm Sunday. Thank you, in advance for your understanding.

Repository Stock: we have a lovely selection of Easter cards, lots of cards and gift ideas for Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. We also have the April Magnificat in stock now.

Why not have a look, the shop is open after every weekend Mass and at most 12 noon weekday Mass.

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: This Sunday biscuits have been made and baked by the children of St Georges school. This is part of their focus on the Catholic Social Teaching principle of Community. All proceeds will go to a charity of the Sunday café's choice. The café is open after 9am and 10.30am Mass for tea/coffee. Coffee morning also after 10am Mass in OLW.

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

Foodbank: the next collection for the foodbank will be the **weekend of 11th/12th April**. Please note there will be no collection Easter weekend. Thank you.

N.B. Clocks go forward one hour next Sunday 29th March at 01:00 GMT.

Finance: Thank you to those at OLW who responded to the Planned Giving Drive. It is not too late if you have not done so yet. Any parishioner wishing to financially support the parish should contact the Presbytery in the first instance. Fr Daniel

CAR PARKING AT OLSG: If you park in the church car park, you MUST park straight in a marked bay ONLY. If you do not park in a marked bay then you will automatically receive a £60 fine. regardless of the day or the reason. Do not block others in, try to give this up for Lent if you are prone to it!

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

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

Mon 23rd Mar Lent Feria
OLSG: Church cleaning at 9.30 am, Mass 12 noon (LS)
HFC: Mass 7.30am , Adoration 4-5pm

Tue 24th Mar Lent Feria
OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)
HFC: Mass 7.30am, Adoration 4-5pm

Wed 25th Mar **The Annunciation of the Lord**
OLSG Mass 12 noon (LS) ,
HFC: Mass 7.30am, Adoration 4- 5pm. **OLW:** Stations of the Cross - 10 am

Thu 26th Mar Lent Feria
OLSG: Funeral Mass for Daniel Sexton RIP—12 noon (LS) **OLW** Mass 9.30am
Prayer to the Sacred Heart 3pm-4pm. **HFC:** Adoration 4-5pm

Fri 27th Mar Lent Feria
OLSG: **No 10am Mass**, 10.30 am Stations of the Cross, Mass 12 noon (LS).
Bereavement Mass 7pm. Stations of the Cross 7.30pm
OLW: Funeral Mass for Giovanni Licata RIP-2.30pm

Sat 28th 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 29th Mar + **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord+ Year A** *Psalter week 2*
OLSG: Mass 8am, 9am (Children's Liturgy) 10.30am (with procession), **12.15 pm**
(LS), 6pm.
OLW: Mass at 10am—with procession.

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.catholicefield.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 & Sat. All welcome.

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