

Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Saint George

with Our Lady of Walsingham & the English Martyrs, Enfield

Year A

+ Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord+
March is the Month of St Joseph

29th March
2026

April is the Month of the Blessed Sacrament

*Tell me angel, what turned you away?
The slaughter of the sheep or the life of the
Lord?*

*The death of the sheep or the type of the
Lord? The blood of the sheep or the spirit of
the Lord?*

(Homily of St Melito of Sardis on the Pascha)

I start this reflection, brothers and sisters, with these questions posed by St Melito of Sardis, about the angel of death, and the Lamb. The angel that took the first born from the Egyptians on the night when the children of Israel were liberated from slavery in Egypt.

This event that happened on that night is recapitulated every time we receive the Lord in the Eucharist. That he has become the one true Lamb, the ultimate sacrifice, so that we may escape the grip of death and have a new life in him.

St Melito of Sardis put it beautifully because he says that God gives his first born, his only begotten to ransom us from death. In other words the tomb is not the physical tomb, slavery is not a physical one even though all

those things are very real, but in this case the Lord wants us to celebrate the Passover with him so that we can experience his victory over all our fears. Christ is the New Moses that comes to liberate us not just from physical death and physical slavery, but from the fear we are put in all our lives that we are alone.

The Israelites had to see the mighty Hand of God, when he parted the Red Sea. **What is the Red Sea in your life? What is the impossible thing for you now.?** Christ wants you to celebrate the Passover with us. He wants to give us the life of Grace which this Easter promises us. Let us not live this time as another Easter and another ritual but let us rejoice that Christ is Victorious and promises us that we can be free to love like him

Let us pray also at this time for the Holy Land, and for all the Christians there, that Christ will celebrate the Passover with them. Through their great tribulation, Christ will cover them with his blood as he will do with us if we open our hearts to his plan.

Have a beautiful Holy Week, *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. For our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land and for all persecuted Christians.

Those who have died: Carmel Fitzgerald, John James, Seamus Nugent, Geraldine McKenzie, Mary Walsh, Patrick Mortimer, Panayotis Kuvaras, Teresa Falanga, Nancy Corrigan, Rasa Kasperaviciute, Pat Humphreys and Thomas Connors .

Anniversary of death: Aylvie Lobo—First anniversary

THE LAMPS IN OUR CHURCHES

The lamps burn this week for the following intentions:

Tabernacle (Left)	Joe Deacy RIP—second anniversary
Tabernacle (right)	Joe Deacy RIP—second anniversary
Our Lady's Chapel:	Marie Coutinho—healing
Sacred Heart Chapel:	Kieran Browne—healing
St George:	Blanche Rapoz—healing
OLW Tabernacle:	Clare Tierney—birthday



PARISH NOTICES

Welcome: at this special time we welcome a visiting priest and seminarian to the parish. Fr Jesse Burish (a priest of the Diocese of La Crosse in the USA, but based in Rome at present) will be with us from Wednesday evening until Easter Sunday. Father Burish will kindly hear confessions and be with us for the Triduum. Seminarian, Mr Michael Tupta III, who is in formation for the priesthood at the North American College in Rome, for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, arrived on Saturday and will be with us for the entire week. Michael is an instituted acolyte so he is permitted to distribute Holy Communion. Please make Father and Michael welcome in Enfield.

Holy Week Services: the schedule is now available in the porch. We are looking forward to the annual celebration of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord.

On Maundy Thursday there will be the traditional Watch at the Altar of Repose (in the Parish Centre) until midnight. This concludes with Night Prayer. On Good Friday the Parish Centre will act as an overflow room to accommodate the large numbers that are anticipated. Please note that there is a liturgy at 7pm on Good Friday evening at Our Lady of Walsingham. This is likely to be less busy and you may like to consider attending this instead of the 3pm OLSG liturgy.

Church cleaning and preparations: please would any parishioners who care to join in with the church cleaning and preparation of OLSG church from 10am on Holy Saturday morning. Many hands make light work. The Easter Vigil will commence with the lighting of the Easter fire and Paschal Candle at 8.00pm on Holy Saturday.

Easter Party: there will be a party in the Parish Centre directly after the conclusion of the Easter Vigil on Saturday. This provides an opportunity for us to toast the Resurrection and also welcome the newly baptised and confirmed. All welcome to attend. Please bring a bottle of your choice

Stations of the Cross this week— at Our Lady of Walsingham at 10am on Wednesday and in OLSG on Good Friday at 11am (led by children from St George's Primary School) and at 7pm in the evening.

Ecumenical Service. as is our custom here in Enfield, there will be an opportunity to join in prayer with fellow Christians on Good Friday. There will be an outdoor service in St Andrew's Churchyard at 10.30 am followed by a service in St Andrew's Church at 11 am. All are welcome.

Confessions: please see the back of this newsletter and the Holy Week schedule for times of confessions during Holy Week. Please do not leave it to the last minute.

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. Closing date is Friday 10th April. A Catechist will be in touch after the Easter holidays.

Update: a heartfelt thank you to everyone at OLSG and OLW for your extraordinary generosity during last weekend's 'Aid to the Church in Need' appeal. Thanks to your kindness, a total of £4,021.83 was raised in support of suffering and persecuted Christians around the world. Your compassion and solidarity brings hope to families whose lives have been marked with violence, displacement and hardship. Please

be assured of our gratitude and our prayers for you all. Thank you for standing with our brothers and sisters in need.

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.

The Sunday Café: the café after gam Mass is closed for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. The Café after 10.30 am is open on this Sunday only. The Café is open in OLW after 10am Mass this Sunday and next.

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

Book Club: will meet on Thursday 9th April 10-11.30am. The day change is due to the Easter holidays. If you are interested contact maryvnewman@btinternet.com/ 0208 366 3915, or just turn up.

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 Mass in Westminster Cathedral on 23rd May 2026. Please leave your details at the presbytery.

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.**

Don't forget to sign up for Gift Aid, please.

HOLY WEEK 2026

- 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 Processions, 12 15pm(LS) , 6pm. **OLW:** Mass at 10am –with Procession
- Mon 30th Mar** Monday of Holy Week
OLSG: Church cleaning at 9.30 am, Mass 12 noon (LS) .
Confessions 11am—12 noon— (Fr Soriano)
HFC: Mass 7.30am , Adoration 4-5pm
- Tue 31st Mar** Tuesday of Holy Week
OLSG: Mass 9.30am(LS), No 12 noon Mass
(Chrim Mass at Westminster Cathedral—12noon)
Confessions 6-7 pm (Fr Humphreys). **HFC:** Mass 7.30am, Adoration 4-5pm
- Wed 1st April** Wednesday of Holy Week (Spy Wednesday)
OLSG Confessions 11am– 12 noon (Fr Carroll)
Funeral Mass for Teresa Falanga - 12 noon (LS) ,
HFC: Mass 7.30am, Adoration 4- 5pm. **OLW:** Stations of the Cross -10 am
- Thu 2nd April** **Maundy Thursday (the commencement of the Sacred Triduum)**
OLSG: Office of Readings & Morning Prayer—9am.
Confessions 10 –11am (Fr Burish) & 6pm—7.30pm (Fr Burish),
Mass of the Lord’s Supper- 8pm, (LS)
- followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose, until Midnight.
- Fri 3rd April** **Good Friday (Day of Fasting & Abstinence)**
OLSG: Office of Readings and Morning Prayer—9am. Stations of the Cross -11am (led by children from St George’s School).
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord—3pm (LS), 7pm Stations of the Cross. **OLW:** 7pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
- Sat 4th April** **Holy Saturday**
OLSG: Office of Readings & Morning Prayer—9am.
Confessions 10am—11am (Fr Soriano), Preparation and cleaning of the church- from 10am –11am. Confessions 6—7 pm (Fr Burish)
8pm Solemn Vigil & First Mass of Easter (LS)
- Sun 5th April** **+ Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord+ Year A** *Psalter week 3*
OLSG: Mass 8am, 9am, 10.30am , 12 noon (LS), No evening Mass today, Church will close at 2pm. **OLW:** Mass at 10am.

KEY **OLSG:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Saint George, 45 London Road

OLW: Our Lady of Walsingham, Holtwhites Hill, EN2 8HG

HFC: Holy Family Convent, 52 London Road, EN2 6EN

(LS): Mass also live-streamed: www.catholicenfield.org/live-stream/

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