

Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Saint George

with Our Lady of Walsingham & the English Martyrs, Enfield

Year A

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26th July 2026

July is the Month of the Most Precious Blood

In manus tuas, Domine, commendo spiritum meum

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last weekend, I had the privilege of going on pilgrimage to the shrines of St Cuthbert Mayne and St Boniface with a group of 65 young people and catechists. This was a vocational pilgrimage, inviting these young people to discover what God is calling them to. The theme of the pilgrimage was trust. St Cuthbert Mayne before his martyrdom echoed the words of Christ on the Cross: *In manus tuas, Domine, commendo spiritum meum*—"Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit."

This pilgrimage was an invitation for these young people to place their lives into the hands of the Lord, trusting that He will never disappoint those who seek Him. One simple but profound experience stayed with me. A young woman in our group lost one of her earrings as we travelled by boat to the replica of Mont Saint-Michel in Cornwall. Naturally, she was upset. But once we reached the island, she accepted what had happened and continued to enjoy the day with remarkable peace. Later, because the tide had gone out, we returned to the main-

land on foot across the causeway. By then she had almost forgotten about the earring, until someone reminded her where she had lost it. She returned to that very spot and, to everyone's amazement, found it. That simple moment reminded me of the Gospel. God does not take things away from us to leave us empty. Rather, He desires to free us from our attachments so that, when His gifts are returned to us—or when He gives us something even greater—we receive them with new hearts and deeper gratitude. The real gift she received was not simply her earring. It was a deeper trust that God was with her throughout the journey. In many ways, that was the grace of the pilgrimage for all of us. We discovered that when we entrust ourselves to the Lord, He changes us. The journey itself becomes a place of encounter, where faith grows and hope is renewed.

May we all have the courage to make the words of St Cuthbert Mayne our own "Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit."

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. For vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.
For all grandparents.

Those who have died: Sheilagh Walsh, Leslie Geary, Nestor Narabal and Kathleen Bougnague.

Anniversary of death: Dermot Reilly, Lily Bleach.

THE LAMPS IN OUR CHURCHES

The lamps burn this week for the following intentions:

Tabernacle (left):	Marie Coutinho—	Healing
Tabernacle (right):	John Coutinho—	Birthday
Our Lady's Chapel:	Antonietta Nicastro—	RIP
Sacred Heart:	Nazzareno Lipani	RIP
St George:	Daniel—	Intentions
Tabernacle OLW	Mary Mensah—	Birthday



PARISH NOTICES

Toilets in OLSG. The new toilets in the narthex are now completed and open for use. This means that the Parish Centre toilets will not be opened for Masses during the week (except when there is a funeral). Please treat all toilets with respect and let the clergy know if you see anyone behaving in an inappropriate manner. Recently there have been a few instances of poor behaviour by those using the toilets and this will not be tolerated. Please also remember that children should not use the Parish Centre toilets without being accompanied there by a parent/carer. This is for their own safety and in line with Safeguarding policy. Thanks for your cooperation.

Father Dominiyan TOR. Many will remember Father Dominiyan who was with us last autumn and also at Christmas. We are delighted to welcome him back to the parish during August. He will assist with Mass and Confessions and other pastoral work whilst

the parish clergy take some holiday.

Masses during August. Please note that there will be no 9.30am Mass at OLW from this week until September. The 10 am Mass on Friday in OLSG will also take a break until September, after this coming Friday.

Gift Aid Income Tax Relief: We will shortly be submitting a claim for the repayment of income tax, in respect of contributions made by parishioners who have Gift Aids. The claim is in respect of the tax year 06/04/25 to 05/04/26. If you have ceased to be a tax payer, please either email the parish Gift Aid Coordinator on enfield-gac@rcdow.org.uk or leave a message with reception, with your full name and address together with details of the change in circumstance, including the effective date.

Garden Advice: we have, as you all know, a beautiful garden at OLSG. The lawn however has suffered with the

building work. Would any of our parishioners know or know of somebody who would give us expert advice on how to bring the lawn back good as new? If you can help please speak to a priest after Mass.

Lay Fraternity of St Charles De Foucauld: the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th August at 10.15-11.45am in the Challoner Room, everyone is welcome.

RCIA: At Easter our parish welcomed five new Catholics, joining the exceptionally large number of adults worldwide who had taken part in the Rite of Christian Initiation groups from 2025. The first meeting of the Rite of Christian Initiation of adults group in Enfield will take place on Tuesday 8th September at 7pm. The group offers an open, warm and friendly setting for teaching and support within Enfield's Catholic community. All are welcome to join this group for adults. The clergy are always happy to speak with those interested in being baptised, confirmed and received into the Catholic Church. Do approach them after Sunday Mass if you would like to discuss anything concerning becoming a Catholic and other Sacraments.

Living the faith after RCIA. If you participated in RCIA in the last few years, we welcome you especially to a series of faith related talks led by the clergy. This is an opportunity to deepen your faith as you journey as a Catholic. These will take place on Tues 28th July and Tues 4th Aug at 7pm in the Challoner Room and will last an hour.

Confirmation Certificates: for the young people who were unable to attend the Mass last week, you can now collect your Confirmation certificates from the presbytery during opening hours.

First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Registration Forms 2026/2027: Registration Forms for children in school years 3 and 4 and older children are now available from the presbytery (opening hours: Mon.-Fri. 9am-5 pm; Sat. 9.30am-1 pm; Sun. 10am-1pm).

Closing date: Friday 4th September 2026.

The Sunday Café 10-11am: the volunteers who run the café are taking a well deserved break. There will be no tea/coffee etc during the summer weeks. It will re-open in early September. Thank you to the volunteers, enjoy a well earned rest. This Sunday is the last Coffee Morning after 10.30 am Mass until September. Thanks to all volunteers.

Food Bank: this collection will be taken next weekend 1st/2nd August, non-perishable foods only please. Thank you. Volunteers are needed to help with the sorting out of donations—please contact the Presbytery.

Sacred Heart Devotions. Each Thursday at 12.45pm (or a little later if there has been a funeral) there will be Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. All welcome.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham. This takes place on Saturday 19th September. We have booked a coach and are taking bookings now. Please contact the Presbytery to book your place, leaving your name and contact details. The cost of the coach is £30 per adult pilgrim and £20 for children. Please pay by card or cash 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 a reference. Thank you.

Please email us to let us know: enfield-gac@rcdow.org.uk **Thank you for your generosity.**

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

Car Parking at OLSG: Please park in marked bays only.

Those who park outside the marked bays will receive an automatic £60 fine.

THE SEVENTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Sun 26th July + **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME + Year A + *Psalter Wk 1***
OLSG: Mass at 8am, 9am (no Children's Liturgy), 10.30am, 12 noon (LS), 6pm
OLW: Mass at 10am

Mon 27th July Feria
OLSG: Church cleaning 9.30am,
Funeral Mass for Sheilagh Walsh RIP 12 noon (LS)
HFC: Mass 7.30am

Tue 28th July Feria
OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)
HFC: Mass 7.30am

Wed 29th July Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus
OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)
HFC: Mass 7.30am

Thu 30th July Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS), Devotions to the Sacred Heart—12.45pm

Fri 31st July Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
OLSG: Mass 10am, Funeral Mass for Kathleen Bounague 12 noon (LS)
Bereavement Mass 7pm

Sat 1st Aug St Alphonsus Mary Ligouri, Priest
OLSG: Mass 9.30am, Adoration and Confessions 10-10.45am
Benediction—10.45am. Adoration and Confessions - 5-5.45pm
Mass (of Sunday) 6pm

Sun 2nd Aug + **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME + Year A + *Psalter Wk 2***
OLSG: Mass at 8am, 9am (no 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
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/

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.
Is open: Morning Prayer at 7.05am on Mon-Weds and 7.30am Thurs—Saturday
Mass in Polish For information visit www.parafiaenfield.org