

Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Saint George

with Our Lady of Walsingham & the English Martyrs, Enfield

Year A

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13th Sept 2026

September is the month of Our Lady of Sorrows

INFINITE FORGIVENESS

In the Gospel reading today (Matthew 18:21-35) Peter asks Jesus how many times he must forgive his brother if he continues to sin against him. As many as seven times? Jesus says to him 'I do not say to you seven times but seventy times'. The actual number here is not strictly relevant, he means every time, an infinite number of times. Infinity is a number so large that it cannot be described. What Jesus is saying here is that Peter needs to forgive his brother every time his brother sins against him.

To put it another way, Peter should not keep a ledger recording the times he has forgiven his brother, so that he could perhaps ask for a favour or pay-back later on. No, he is being asked to forgive and forget each and every time. This might sound hard, and it is.

Jesus then demonstrates this principal with the parable of the unmerciful servant. The king wants to recover his debt from a servant. The only way the king will get his money back is if he sells the serv-

ant, the servant's wife, his children and possessions, which is an unimaginably desperate situation. The servant pleads to the king for mercy which is granted and the king, in his kindness, cancels the entire debt. The servant then goes to one of his fellow servants, demands the money he is owed while strangling him. His peers report this to the king who recalls the servant and throws him into jail until he repays all of the debt. Jesus says 'his heavenly Father will do this to every one of you if you do not forgive your brother from your heart'.

This is a strong message, which is perhaps difficult to take on board. Before we ask for forgiveness, we are required to forgive others totally and unconditionally. Only then can we ask the Lord for forgiveness and make regular use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We pray this every time we pray the Lord's Prayer: 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those that trespass against us'.

With my best wishes, *Deacon Peter.*

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PLEASE PRAY FOR: The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for September: **For the care of water.** Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

All those who are sick, at home or in hospital. All victims of crime and terrorism. The bereaved. For peace throughout the world. For the sanctity of life.

Those who have died: Barbara Mathew, John James Finnerty, Catherine Ambrose, Vilma Taborda, Anna Cicala, Antonia Petrucci, Kevin Daly.

Anniversary: David Dobson, David Vincent Canham, Ana Paula Martins de Cavalho.

THE LAMPS IN OUR CHURCHES

The lamps burn this week for the following intentions:

Tabernacle (left): Christine Walsh—RIP (16th Anniversary)

Tabernacle (right): Mrs Eliza Telles—RIP

Our Lady's Chapel: Hilda Braganza—Birthday

Sacred Heart Chapel: Marie Coutinho—Healing

St George: Mona Crites—Healing



PARISH NOTICES

Rosary at the (dry) Fountain in Enfield Town.

This Sunday evening at the slightly later time of 7.15 pm. All are welcome for this gentle act of prayerful witness. We will pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary.

Second Collection for Fr Axcel Soriano. As advertised, the farewell collection takes place this Sunday after all Masses. In addition to the basket collection there is an opportunity to donate via the Dona contactless machine in the porch at OLSG. Fr Axcel returns to celebrate Mass and preach at 12 noon on Sunday 27th September. There will be drinks and nibbles in the Parish Centre after that Mass.

Next Sunday—annual Mission Appeal. This year we will be supporting the Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers). Fr Ignatius CSSp will be joining us for the weekend.

RCIA—Adults seeking baptism, reception into the Catholic Church and Confirmation—the course continues this Tuesday at 7 pm in the Presbytery. Contact Fr Daniel if interested.

Annual Blessing of the Graves at Lavender Hill and Strayfield Road Cemeteries.

This will take place on Saturday 14th November. It begins with Requiem Mass at 1 pm in the chapel at Lavender Hill cemetery—on the right hand side as you enter the cemetery. All are welcome.

Annual Bereavement Mass. The date for this has had to be changed. It will now take place in OLSG on Thursday 26th November at 7 pm. It is followed by a reception in the Parish Centre.

Walsingham Pilgrimage. The diocesan pilgrimage will take place this Saturday 19th September. The coach from this parish is now full. Pilgrims should note that the coach will leave from outside OLSG at 8 am sharp. They should bring a packed lunch, rosary beads and also waterproof clothing, just in case.

Fire Warden Meeting: there will be a meeting for all parish Fire Wardens on Saturday 26th September at 3pm in the

Challoner Room. More wardens are required.

Mass Readers for Sunday evening: We are looking for new readers to join the rota. If interested, please email enfieldministers@rcdow.org.uk.

St Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition: This exhibition was created prior to his death in 2006 at the age of 15. In the exhibition you will have the opportunity to learn about the Eucharistic Miracles, as well as hearing fascinating talks about the short life and amazing legacy of this wealthy young boy who, like St Francis, shunned everything for the love of God. Our parish exhibition dates are Saturday 3rd to Wednesday 7th October. Please see the schedule in the porch of OLSG.

Children's Liturgy during the 9am Mass has resumed. Children aged 3 years and upwards are welcome. Please note that children beginning preparation for Holy Communion should remain in the Mass.

New Servers. We are blessed in having an excellent and keen group of young altar servers. We are now recruiting more, so those in year 4 and above who are eager to serve at Mass should attend a meeting on Tuesday 22nd September at 6.30 pm in OLSG. The meeting will end by 7.45 pm.

The Sunday Café 10-11am: If you would like to volunteer for one Sunday a month contact maryvnewman@btinternet.com or meet in the Parish Centre. Coffee morning as usual today after the 10.30 am Mass at OLSG and the 10 am Mass at OLW.

Sacred Heart Devotions. Each Thursday at 12.45pm there will be Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. All welcome.

Mount Carmel Ladies Group will meet this Thursday 17th September at 1 pm in the Parish Centre. There will be a talk by Rev Amanda, with the usual raffle.

Secondary School Transfers Sept 2027.

Once again our two Outstanding Catholic Secondary Schools in this parish have surpassed last year's superb results at GCSE and

A Level. This has resulted in virtually 90% of the Students receiving their first choice University place in The Russell Group including Oxford and the LSE. Many notable offers of apprenticeships have also been received and accepted.

Open Evenings at the two Schools are as follows.

**St Anne's Catholic High School for Girls—
Mon 28th Sept 6pm**

**St Ignatius College - Mon 14th Sept
5.30pm.**

Following a School Tour, the respective Headteachers will give a talk on how these results have been achieved and also the continued plan to maintain them.

Bishop Douglas Open Evening: Wednesday 16th September 5-7.30pm. Meet the staff and listen to the talk by the headteacher. Please see the porch notice for details.

Please see OLSG porch for posters for other schools. There is no more space here.

Fr Daniel will be available to discuss the signing of Certificates of Catholic Practice and other school application forms at two sessions only: Sunday 27th September and Sunday 4th October from 3-4 pm in the Parish Centre. Please note we will not be replying to emails regarding this.

Beaver Scout Group: is your child aged 6 or 7? The parish beaver scout group have spaces for girls and boys to develop skills for life and make friends. If you would like your child to join email beavers@29theenfield.org.uk

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 for your generosity.

Parking reminder—please be kind and considerate.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Sun 13th Sept + **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME + Year A + Psalter Wk 4**
OLSG: Mass at 8am, 9am (with Children's Liturgy), 10.30am , 12 noon (LS), 6pm. **Rosary at the Fountain at 7.15 pm.**
OLW: Mass at 10am

Mon 14th Sept THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CORSS
OLSG: Church cleaning 9.30am, Mass: 12 noon (LS)
HFC: Mass 7.30am, Adoration 4-5pm.

Tue 15th Sept Our Lady of Sorrows
OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)
HFC: Mass 7.30am, Adoration 4-5pm.

Wed 16th Sept Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)
HFC: Mass 7.30am, Adoration 4-5pm.

Thu 17th Sept Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS), Devotions to the Sacred Heart—12.45pm
OLW: Mass 9.30am **HFC:** Adoration 4-5pm.

Fri 18th Sept Feria
OLSG: Mass 10am (Year 6 in attendance), Mass 12 noon (LS)

Sat 19th Sept Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
OLSG: Mass 9.30am, Adoration with Confessions 10-10.45am
Adoration and Confessions - 5-5.45pm, Mass (of Sunday) 6pm

Sun 20th Sept + **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME + Year A + Psalter Wk 1**
OLSG: Mass at 8am, 9am (with 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