

Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Saint George

with Our Lady of Walsingham & the English Martyrs, Enfield

Year A

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25th Oct 2026

October is the month of the Holy Rosary

'My Vocation is Love'

Dear Friends,

I am penning these words from my hotel room in Lisieux. The pilgrims and I arrived here from Paris just this afternoon. We have visited the wonderfully restored cathedral of Notre Dame, and also the Miraculous Medal Chapel on the Rue du Bac and the Chapel of Saint Vincent De Paul on the Rue de Sevres. In Paris we reflected on the magnificence of the restored cathedral a phoenix risen out of the ashes and the great witness of St Vincent and his companions. They loved Christ and served Him in the poor and outcast. We were truly challenged to love our neighbour as ourselves. We also prayed for peace and reconciliation in Paris, and throughout France, in these troubled times.

Now here in Lisieux, the pace has

changed a little. It is calmer and simpler. We are fixing our eyes and hearts on the Little Flower, an icon of simplicity and humility. She famously wrote that love is 'the vocation which included all others; it's a universe all of its own, comprising all time and space—it's eternal'.

We promise to pray for you all in this holy and beautiful place. Meanwhile, this Sunday's gospel chimes well with the insights of St Therese. How can we be more loving towards God and our neighbour? It is a lifelong vocation for us all, called to be saints. We ask the Lord of love to lift us out of the drums of self-love into the furnace of His own victorious and self-emptying love.

St Therese of Lisieux—Pray for us!

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FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for October: For mental health ministry. Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

All those who are sick, at home or in hospital. Those who are bereaved. For vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Those who have died: Joyce Bowry, Helen Acosta, Peter McDonald, Brigitte Metz, Pat Hardcastle, Eric Pagaduan, Margaret Flaherty, Theresa Hennessey, Brendan Long.

Anniversary of death: John McGlade.

THE LAMPS IN OUR CHURCHES

The lamps burn this week for the following intentions:

Tabernacle (left) Ita Healy—Healing

Tabernacle (right) Helen Acosta—RIP

Sacred Heart Chapel: Marie Coutinho—Healing

Our Lady's Chapel: Violet Coelho—Thanksgiving



PARISH NOTICES

Civic Service of Thanksgiving with the Mayor of Enfield this Thursday 29th October at 7pm in OLSG. Everyone is welcome and for light refreshments in the Parish Centre afterwards.

Interested in the Catholic Faith? There is still time to join the parish RCIA group which meets on Tuesdays at 7.00pm and on Saturday mornings at 11am for people who are unable to take part on Tuesday. If you would like to join the group please speak to one of the priests.

Confirmation Applications for those in years 9 & 10 for 2026/27: Application forms are now available from the Presbytery. Please note the closing date is next Sunday 1st November.

Year of St Francis: this Saturday 31st October we will be visiting St Francis of Assisi Church in Notting Hill. The pilgrimage walk, led by Fr Daniel, takes us from Paddington Station via Kensington Gardens and Bayswa-

ter through to Notting Hill. Departure from Enfield Town Station at 11.20am to Liverpool Street. You can register at the Presbytery or email enfieldoutreach@rcdow.org.uk.

Jubilee Year of St Francis Votive Mass: Thursday 12th November 7pm here at OLSG. Guest celebrant is Fr Emmanuel Mansford (a Franciscan Friar of the Renewal). This will be followed by a talk about St Francis.

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.

Parish Dead list for November. Please do fill in the violet sheets with the names of your departed loved ones and return in the brown envelope.

lope, with your donation, to the Presbytery before 1st November. The lists will be placed before the altar and Masses offered for the Holy Souls throughout the month of November.

Bereavement Mass: the monthly Bereavement Mass is this Friday 30th October at 7pm and is followed by light refreshments in the Parish Centre.

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.

Saturday Club: we are delighted to announce the opening of the Saturday Club on 7th November 2-4pm, in the parish centre. Children and adults with learning disabilities are warmly invited to enjoy an afternoon of friendship, games and a cup of tea in a welcoming and inclusive environment.

CAFOD: could you inspire the next generation and gain valuable experience of presenting to young people at the same time? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, is looking for volunteers to visit local schools to present assemblies and workshops. Full training and support provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer or for more information contact Westminster's CAFOD representative Chris Driscoll at cdriscoll@cafod.org.uk or call 07776 493162.

The Sunday Café: is open after the gam and 10.30 am Masses at OLSG and after the 10am Mass in OLW.

St Georges Catholic School Reception Admissions: for children who reach 4 between 1st September 2026 and 31st August 2027. To book a place for the open afternoon please visit the school website.

Nursery admissions: for children born between 1st September 2023 and 31st August 2024. Closing date for applications is Friday 15th January 2027.

Certificates of Catholic Practice. For those applying for Primary School Places (Reception & Nursery) for 2027. Fr Daniel will be available to discuss this on Sunday 15th November between 3 and 4.30 pm in the Parish Centre.

Book Club: the next meeting is on Friday 6th November in the St John Southworth room at 10am. New members are always welcome to this friendly group. The book being discussed is Brooklyn by Colm Toibin. Contact maryvnewman@btinternet.com.

All Hallows Children's Party: There will be a party in the Parish Centre this Saturday 31st October 3-4.15pm. The party is to show all that is good, and to counteract the sad secularisation of the eve of All Hallows. Dress as your favourite saint! Parents must accompany their children to the party.

Enfield Deanery Young Adults Retreat: Receive and Respond - Encountering the Father's Love, on Saturday 28th November, 10.30am-5.30pm, at Christ the King, Cockfosters. See poster for details.

St Ignatius College Alumni: invite you to join them for a Fish & Chip supper at the College on Friday 20th November 6-9pm cost £20. This will be one of the final opportunities to visit the current school building before major building works start in 2027.

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.

The Planned Giving Drive at OLSG begins next weekend.

Car Park—please park with consideration.

THE THIRTIETH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Sun 25th Oct + THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME+ Year A *Psalter Wk 2*
OLSG: Mass at 8am, 9am (with Children's Liturgy), 10.30am, 12 noon (LS), 6pm
OLW: Mass at 10am. **Readers will be commissioned at all Masses this weekend.**

Mon 26th Oct Saints Chad and Cedd, Bishops
OLSG: Church cleaning 9.30am, Mass 12 noon (LS)
HFC: Mass 7.30 am, Adoration 4-5pm

Tue 27th Oct Feria
OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)
HFC: Mass 7.30am, Adoration 4-5pm

Wed 28th Oct Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles
OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS)
HFC: Mass 7.30am, Adoration 4-5pm

Thu 29th Oct Blessed Martyrs of Douai
OLSG: Mass 12 noon (LS), Civic Service 7pm
Devotions to the Sacred Heart—12.45pm **OLW:** Mass 9.30am.
HFC Adoration 4-5pm

Fri 30th Oct Feria (Day of abstinence)
OLSG: Mass 10 am, Mass 12 noon (LS), Bereavement Mass 7pm

Sat 31st Oct Blessed Virgin Mary on a Saturday
OLSG: Mass 9.30am, Adoration and Confessions 10-10.45am
Benediction—10.45 am. Adoration and Confessions - 5pm-5.45pm
Mass (of Sunday) 6pm.

Sun 1st Nov + All SAINTS—Year A + *Psalter Wk 3*
OLSG: Mass at 8am, 9am (with 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
OLW: Our Lady of Walsingham, Holtwhites Hill, EN2 8HG
HFC: Holy Family Convent, 52 London Road, EN2 6EN
(LS): Mass also live-streamed: www.catholickenfield.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 7.05 on Mon-Weds and 7.30 am on Thurs– Sat

Mass in Polish For information visit www.parafiaenfield.org