

Parish Centre Open Day is Sunday 17th September between 1pm-6pm. BBQ, vegetarian options and entertainment. A fun day for all so make a note in your diary now.

Soup Run is doing a stock-take and does not need any items at the moment. We will ask again when we do. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Mary's Meals Thank you for your support last weekend—almost 500 bags, 2,365 kg of unwanted clothes worth £1,324.40 were donated and £351.25 cash, making a grand total of £1,675.65. A big thanks to everyone, especially all those who helped shifting bags and running the coffee morning.

FROM THE DIARY

Sun 16th July 15th Sun O.T.	9am Knights of St Columba Corporate Communion & Initiation of Joseph Ramzoo
Mon 17th July	10.15am Bible Study, Newman Room 8.15pm Knights of St Columba meeting, Parish Centre
Tues 18th July	10am - 4pm Team Away for evaluation & planning meeting 10.30am Churches Together prayers, Winchmore Hill Baptist Church 7pm Year 6 'Leavers' Mass', school 7.15pm Church Cleaning, Angela's Team 7.30pm Knitting Club, Newman Room
Wed 19th July	<i>Office closed as usual</i> 7.30pm No Agenda 7.30-9pm Yrs 7, 8 & 9 Youth Club, Parish Centre 8pm Bereavement Group meeting, Newman Room
Thur 20th July	11am Funeral of Peter Burrows RIP 5.30pm Legion of Mary, Newman Room
Fri 21st July	10.15am Christian Meditation, Newman Room 10.30am Memory Lane Dementia Café, Parish Centre 12noon Funeral of Merna Brissett RIP
Sat 22nd July	Walking Group - see inside for times 11.15am Baptism of Tommy Cribbins, Letitia Dolinska, Taliana Lamacz, Iris Preston 3pm Wedding Rehearsal
Sun 23rd July 16th Sun O.T.	Pilgrimage to Lourdes departs Traidcraft goods on sale after all Masses

MASS TIMES

Sunday (Sat 6pm), 7.45am, 9am, 10.30am, 12noon, 3.30pm (Polish) & 5.30pm

Daily 9.35am, Morning Prayer 9.10am

Confessions: Sat 10-11am & 5.15 - 5.45pm (Signed for Deaf by appointment)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mon 4-5pm, Fri 4-5pm, Sat 10 - 11am

Weds: 2nd, 4th & 5th 7pm Holy Hour; 1st & 3rd 7.30pm 'No Agenda' prayer & praise

Thursday 7pm Rosary Hour Friday 7pm Stations of the Cross

St Monica's Church, Palmers Green

A parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster

Newsletter

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16th July

SOWING SEEDS

2017

In the Incarnation, the Word of God leaped down from heaven in the person of Jesus. Through him God spoke and continues to speak to us today.

People were fascinated with the beauty of his words and came to him in such great numbers that, on one occasion, he had to improvise a boat as his pulpit! Then, as now, he planted the good seed in human hearts, granting us knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. The seed is truth, and the truth sets us free. (Jn 8:32.)

The planting of a seed in the New Testament is associated with resurrection and life. Every time we plant a seed in the ground and see it sprout and grow and produce fruit, we witness another miracle in nature. As we drive through the seemingly endless fields of corn and wheat ripening in the sun, we marvel at the never-ending goodness and providence of God: He gives us, not only the rich soil and rain and the life-giving rays of the sun, but He also gives us the seeds. Everything that we have is a gift of God, including abundant harvests!

We see an even greater miracle in the Spirit, when a person receives the Word of God and makes a commitment to Him and His people. God plants the free gift of faith in our hearts. He nourishes it with the living Word, with His grace and through all the loving people who help to bring us to Christian maturity and teach us how to love.

Jesus tells us, as He told His first disciples, "I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, the kind of fruit that endures." (John 15:16.) Mother Teresa and Pope John Paul II, among countless others, received the Word and opened their hearts to God's call in their youth and never stopped growing spiritually. In them the seed truly fell on good ground and produced much fruit. "By their fruits you shall know them", Jesus said. (Matthew 7:20.)

Today we thank God for the seed of faith growing within us, for having freed us from slavery to corruption and promising us a share in the glorious freedom of the children of God! (Romans 8:21.)



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Parish Sister: Sr Joyce Dionne 07940 500908 **Youth Co-ordinator:** Anna McMullan 07532 374291

Parish Secretary: Monica Maxted Jones

Parish Office hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri, **10am - 12noon** (closed Weds)

Polish Chaplain Fr Krzysztof Chaim 07902 432343

PARISH NOTICES

We pray for Peter Burrows, Merna Brissett, Eduardo Hipolito, Lucy (Lucia) Dodds, Seiriol Stone, Rosemary Jackson, Luigi Girandola, who have died recently and Josie Moloney, Patrick Purcell, Giovanna Ferdenzi, Clynton St Clair-Hutchins, Natalia Webster, Neville Clare, Eric Ioannou, Eileen O'Neill, Jackie Reeks, Kathleen Cronley, Sebastina Novak, Dino Stratta, whose anniversaries occur now.

Please Pray for Sick and Housebound Parishioners

Neville Henriques, Sheila Camgöz, Stephen Giffin, Teresa MacKessy, Ernestina Henry, Lima Sanmuganathan.

FINANCE thank you for your generosity.

9th July: Envelopes £1538, Loose £976.

June standing orders: £4957.57

Legacy We are pleased to acknowledge a legacy of £10,000 from the estate of the late Anthony (Tony) Hawes. This will be used for the modifications to the sanctuary.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Wis 12:13.16-19, Rom 8:26-27, Mt 13: 24-30

TODAY

Sr Joyce is on holiday until 18th July. Messages for her can be left with the parish office. Please speak to one of the priests if somebody requires a visit.

Parking Now work has begun on the cycle route outside the church, please allow more time to get to Mass. If you are able to park and walk please leave the car park spaces for less mobile parishioners and take care not to block neighbours' driveways and other access.

Parish Magazine is published today. Please take a (free) copy after Mass.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Office Hours Owing to annual leave the office has reduced opening hours this week and is staffed by volunteers. 10am-12 noon, Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri. The office is **always** closed on a **Wednesday** as uninterrupted time is needed.

Children's Liturgy this Sunday is the last 10.30am Mass with children's liturgy before the summer break. A huge thank you for the talented team of volunteers who prepare and run this every week. It will resume on the second weekend in September. If you would like to help please give your contact details to Fr Paulo. The 10.30am Mass will still have a Liturgy suitable for young children.

Knights of St Columba Monthly meeting at the parish centre on Monday at 8.15pm. New members welcome.

North London Catenians next evening together will take place on Tuesday at Enfield Golf Club. If you are interested in coming along and finding out more about what we do, please contact Sean Duff on 07920 714894.

Peter Burrows RIP Although Peter and Joyce had recently moved to Rickmansworth, Peter's funeral Mass will be at St Monica's on Thursday 20th July at 11am, burial follows at New Southgate Cemetery.

Walking Group - Saturday 22nd Holland Park to Marble Arch: Roof Gardens, Kensington High Street, Round Pond, Hyde Park. Meet Wood Green on platform 10.25am or Holland Park tube 11.15am. All are welcome.

Traidcraft goods will be on sale in the porch next Sunday after Mass. This is a chance to sample fairly traded goods and then to lobby shops to stock them.

Lourdes Petitions If you have petitions which you would like taken to the Grotto in Lourdes, please put them in an envelope marked 'Lourdes Petitions' and post them through the Presbytery letterbox by Saturday. Please do NOT include money.

YOUTH NEWS

Wednesday years 7, 8 & 9 Youth Club, Parish Centre.

Red Caps thank the Knights, Catenian Bursary Fund and parishioners for supporting their fundraising and helping to raise almost half of the cost; if you would like to make a donation, please post it into the presbytery marked 'Red Caps'.

OTHER NEWS

Do you know somebody who is interested in knowing more about Christianity and the Church? This year 10 adults were Baptised or Received into the church and, in September, the 'Come and See' group starts meeting again. There could be somebody just waiting for you to invite them! Information and invitation leaflets are available in the porch - take one and ask!

Ecumenical Camino the annual ecumenical pilgrimage takes place on Saturday 29th July starting at Holy Trinity Church, Winchmore Hill at 10am. It is always a great day with a moderate amount of walking involved, visiting some churches in the area and a picnic lunch. See poster for full details.

Coffee Mornings After Mass During August would you like to serve tea, coffee and cake after 9am and 10.30am Mass to raise funds for your charity? Contact the office to book your date—29th July, 6th & 27th August still available. Thank you to those who keep this important welcome going throughout the year.

Pilgrimage to Aylesford Sun 13th August with Society of Our Lady of Lourdes, £14. All details from Virginia: 020 8363 2569.

The Farewell . . . Parishioners have been asking about a gift. That is difficult to sort out in the present company, we will do that in September after the moves take place. One thing for sure, neither Canon Shaun nor Father Paulo would want individual gifts. Let our gift, when it happens, be a united expression of our gratitude as we say our farewell. *Sr Joyce*

Memorial Service for Madeleine Latham-Fox RIP will be held at St Monica's School at 7pm on Friday 8th September. If anyone would like to do a reading, share a memory etc, please can they contact Kate Baptiste at headteacher@st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk All are very welcome.

Marriage Preparation and other Volunteers needed Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation providing marriage preparation and relationship counselling services through over 50 centres across England and Wales. Our centre for Barnet and Enfield is in need of Marriage Preparation Course Facilitators (training is provided) as well as Assistants to help with general assistance on the day. They are also looking for a Secretary and Qualified Relationship Counsellors (who hold a recognised couples counselling qualification). For more information or to apply, visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

Job Vacancy St Ignatius seeks to appoint a Student Services Support Officer. See poster in the porch.

Parish Centre is at 6, Cannon Hill, N14 and open to all parishioners. The bar is open on Thursday, Friday and Sunday from 8pm-11pm and on Sunday between 1pm – 4pm. Venue available for parties or other events. Brochures in porch. To book palmersgreenpcadmin@rcdow.org.uk or Laura on 07955 037251.

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information tel 0161 941 3498 or visit www.catholicssingles.org.uk

Can you spare 90 mins once a month? If so, the church cleaning teams urgently need new volunteers. Please contact Siobhan on 020 8807 5583 if you can help.

Prayer Ministry You can be prayed with on Wednesday mornings after Mass and after the evening Mass with the Worship Band on the 1st Sunday of the month.

St Monica's Baby and Toddler Group - If you have a child below school age why don't you try out our group? Term time every Mon and Weds 9.30am to 11.30am at the Parish Centre £1.50/session. Indoor and outdoor toys plus singing and arts & crafts. Please Call Katie on 07960 281068 for more info.

The Repository is opened by volunteers and more are needed. If you can help please contact Doreen on 020 8807 2221.

Job Vacancies for the diocese are online at <http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/>

Teaching Opportunities at Nicholas Breakspeare Catholic School Are you a graduate and interested in becoming a teacher? If so, Nicholas Breakspeare Catholic School has opportunities for salaried training positions (up to £25K depending on subject). Nicholas Breakspeare Catholic School is an 11-18 mixed comprehensive school situated on the outskirts of the historic city of St Albans. For further information or to arrange an informal visit, please contact Jackie Clifford on 01727 860079 (ext 212) or email cliffordj@nbs.herts.sch.uk

The Calix Society offers a Catholic ministry to addicts in recovery and their families. Meetings each Thursday (see poster in porch).

Consideration to Neighbours Please park with consideration when attending Mass. Younger parishioners please consider walking (or parking further away and walking).

Baptism Preparation The next Baptism Preparation Course will take place in the Newman Room, 3-5pm, on Sunday 3rd September. Please contact the parish office to book onto the course.

Enfield Refugee Welcome 'I was a stranger and you welcomed me' A body has been set up, which includes many church representatives, to support the 'at risk' Syrian families who are to be welcomed into the borough under the government scheme. Many skills are needed before the process can start. They are particularly looking for people with property letting skills (and landlords). If you are interested and can help please email the parish office.

Homeshare is a scheme whereby someone who needs a small amount of help to live independently in their own home is matched with someone who has a housing need and can provide support or companionship. For further details see sharedlivesplus.org.uk/about-shared-lives-plus/home-share

Deadline To ensure notices are included in the newsletter they should be submitted by noon on Wednesday.

Tea & Coffee after Mass the main purpose of this is to bring parishioners together, to welcome new parishioners and so build community. Please bear this in mind if you are arranging a raffle - people can be invited to buy tickets but not harassed. Also, if you are

selling a strip of five tickets you are indicating that there are five chances of winning—so tickets should be separated before the draw.

Parish Library: Were you aware that the church had a crying room and that the crying room doubled as a parish library? The parish library has been revamped and will be open again during Mass times. There are books on history, theology, spirituality and scripture, and travel, and there will be instructions on how to go about borrowing some. Parishioners are also invited to donate some books.

Health & Safety we take the safety of everybody very seriously and the diocese provides a company who assist us with regular checks of all our buildings. Please observe any safety notices **including in the car park** and let a member of the team know if you spot anything dangerous.

Studying in the sixth form at Nicholas Breakspeare Catholic School Due to the continued expansion of the school, places have become available to study in our sixth form from September 2017. If you would like the opportunity to achieve your full potential at Level 3 study and enjoy the vast array of enrichment opportunities that make our school such a wonderful community, whilst being fully prepared for Higher Education or employment, then please contact Mr C Laing, Director of Sixth Form on 01727 860079 or email: Laingc@nbs.herts.sch.uk