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FROM THE DIARY

- Sun 25th June** 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
- Mon 26th June** Year 4 Retreat Day
10.15am Church Cleaning, Siobhan's Team
10.15am Bible Study, Newman Room
7.30-9pm FRHC Catechists' meeting, Newman Room
- Tues 27th June** **12 noon Funeral of Simon MacJohn RIP**
7.30pm Wedding Rehearsal
7.30pm Knitting Club, Newman Room
- Wed 28th June** *Office closed*
7pm Holy Hour
7.30-9pm Yrs 7, 8 & 9 Youth Club, Large Hall
- Thur 29th June** **Mass at: 7am, 9.35am & 7.30pm**
Ss Peter & Paul 10.15am Seniors' Coffee Club, Parish Centre
HOLYDAY of 5.30pm Legion of Mary, Newman Room
OBLIGATION 7.30pm Strength to Strength, Large Hall
- Fri 30th June** 10.15am Christian Meditation, Newman Room
10.30am Memory Lane Dementia Café, Parish Centre
12 noon Marriage of Emma Baird and Ben Carvalho
- Sat 1st July** **No Exposition or morning Reconciliation**
11am Cemetery Service & Blessing of Graves, Waterfall Rd Cemetery
12noon Fr Malcom Gray RIP—burial of ashes at Holy Trinity church
12noon-4pm St Monica's School Summer Fête
12.30pm Baptism of Abi Screeney, Ava Yanik, Elisa Barretto
6pm Cubs' Mass at Gilwell Park (Fr Shaun)
- Sun 2nd July** 3-5pm Baptism Preparation Course, Newman Room
13th Sun O.T.

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

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25th June

ST JOHN SOUTHWORTH

2017

'Shortly, these candidates will prostrate themselves on the floor of the Cathedral, taking up a posture of utter vulnerability, of self-abandonment. They do so as a sign of dying to self, so that Christ may raise them up to a new life in him...They do so in the company of St John Southworth, whose mortal remains, our precious relics, are there alongside them. But if you look more closely, we will notice that the saint lies with his face turned upward to God, already full of the glory of the Risen Christ. For our part, we prostrate ourselves face downwards, knowing that we depend on God's mercy and grace. The one who is dead is now fully alive in God. We who are alive seek to die in Christ so he may live in us...'

These striking words were spoken by the Cardinal Vincent on the day of my ordination to the priesthood. I remember asking the Cardinal to have the grace of being ordained as close as possible to the feast of St John Southworth, 27th June, under whose patronage I wanted to entrust my priesthood. He was a Catholic priest, martyred during the Reformation on the 28th June 1654. Most of his priestly work was carried out in Westminster, close to the area where the Cathedral now is. His body is kept in a glass coffin in the chapel of the English Martyrs. (The relics are always in the Cathedral, you can visit them anytime.)

These words have at the very centre the call of every Christian: to die in Christ so as to live in Christ; to live a life that look towards heaven. In the beautiful play of words, *'The one who is dead is now fully alive in God,'* it is well portrayed how much more alive St John Southworth is for having died for Christ, than we who live and are still in constant danger of death, not only physical, but also spiritual. So much has happened recently which challenges our faith, our relationship with God and with each other. Yet, it only takes one simple look at St John Southworth's relics for us to be able to dispel any doubt, for those relics speak of something that is greater than what we call happiness or love; and that is a real, divine and concrete love for God and for the neighbour.

May the intercession of St John Southworth help us to receive and give this love which is eternal, unconditional, worth living and worth dying for, and that love is God. *Fr Paulo*

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Parish Priest: Canon Shaun Lennard Assistant Priest: Fr Paulo Bagini

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, 9.30am - 2.30pm (closed Weds)

Polish Chaplain Fr Krzysztof Chaim 07902 432343

PARISH NOTICES

We pray for Simon MacJohn, Noreen Demetriou who have died recently and Brian Ellis, Mary Veerasingam, Mary Bagulay, Noel Greaney, Anthony Bourke, James Ryan, Donal Feehan, John Murtagh, Luigi Villa, Phillip Cole, Paolino Inzalaco, whose anniversaries occur now.

Please Pray for Sick and Housebound Parishioners

Neville Henriques, Peter Burrows, Bernadette Tompkinson, Geraldine.

FINANCE thank you for your generosity.

18th June: Envelopes £1653, Loose £1428.

Grenfell Tower Fund: £2325.64 to date.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

2 Kgs 4:8-11.14-16, Rom 6:3-4.8-11,

Mt 10:37-42

TODAY

CARITAS/Catholic Children's Society & Grenfell Tower these two Catholic agencies are well established in the North Kensington area and are making their expertise and support available in the aftermath of the dreadful fire. The collection will remain open for a couple of weeks. You can donate online at <http://rcdow.org.uk>

THE WEEK AHEAD

St Peter & St Paul Thursday is the solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul which is a Holyday of Obligation in this country. Mass is at 7am, 9.35am & 7.30pm. Peter's Pence, the annual collection for the Holy Father's expenses, is taken during this Mass.

Seniors Coffee Morning, Café Monique is at the Parish Centre, on Thursday from 10.15am. All are welcome. Tea, coffee and tempting pastries and cakes. Come and spend a delightful morning with fellow parishioners.

Strength to Strength The course on prayer resumes on Thursday at 7.30pm in the Large Hall, topic: 'Lord Teach us to Pray'.

Annual service and blessing of graves at Waterfall Road cemetery on Saturday at 11am. We will conclude with prayers at Fr Robin Whitney's grave.

Fr Malcolm Gray RIP there will be a Requiem Mass and burial of Fr Malcolm's ashes celebrated by Bishop Peter Wheatley on Saturday at 12noon at Holy Trinity Church, Green Lanes, Winchmore Hill. All are very welcome.

Baptism Preparation The next Baptism Preparation Course will take place in the Newman Room, 3-5pm, on Sunday 2nd July. Please contact the parish office to book onto the course.

Due to unforeseen circumstances unfortunately the Worship Band are unable to play at Mass on 2nd July.

YOUTH NEWS

Wednesday years 7,8&9 Youth Club, Large Hall.

OTHER NEWS

Mary's Meals is a charity that sets up school feeding programmes in communities where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education. Mary's Meals wants your unwanted clothing and bedding (no duvets or pillows please) and will be visiting our parish to collect them on Sunday 9th July. Please bring your clothing/bedding in tied sacks before 12 noon. (Those attending 6pm (Sat) Mass please bring sacks to the Newman Room before Mass.) Amazingly, 4 full black sacks of good quality clothing will feed a child one good nutritious meal every school day for a whole year! *Please do not bring donations until 8/9th July as we have nowhere to store them.*

Pilgrimage to St Augustin's Shrine in Ramsgate on Saturday 8th July Fr Paulo is taking altar servers and their families to the cradle of English Christianity. The coach leaves from the church at 8.30am to travel across the spectacular Queen Elizabeth's bridge to the Garden of England. In Ramsgate we will see the amazing shrine church, designed by Pugin and attend Mass. After a picnic lunch (please bring) on the Royal Esplanade we travel to visit the Benedictine sisters at Minster Abbey, the oldest inhabited monastic building in England. After a tour of the abbey and exhibition centre there will be time for tea before returning to London for about 7pm. Forms are available in the porch and should be handed in to the parish office with your payment of £10 to reserve your seat on the coach. First come, first served.

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.

Entertaining the Elderly Woodlands Care Home, 33 Fox Lane N13 are looking for occasional visits from musicians, dancers etc. Can you help? If so, please call the home on 020 8886 8725.

40 Days for Life will be hosting a conference in central London entitled 'The Beginning of the End of Abortion' with an ex-abortion doctor as keynote speaker. Starts with a dinner on Friday 7th July and continues on Sat 8th with workshops on inspiring strategies to help bring about an end to this terrible tragedy facing society and hurting many women and men. Please be part of this great mission for life and register on <https://40daysforlife.com/conference>

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.catholicsingles.org.uk

Soup Run Is in need of new socks, hats, fleeces and chocolate bars. Please leave in box in porch at weekends. Thank you.

St Ignatius College Summer Blow Out Friday 30th June at 7.30pm. Live ceilidh bands, stalls, games and bar. Raising money for Sossy's Kids in Tanzania. Tickets (£10 adults/£2.50 children, £20 family -2 adults 2 children) available from Tanzania@st-ignatius.enfield.sch.uk

Godspell Performed by pupils from St Anne's School and St Ignatius College, on 6th & 7th July, 7pm, at St Anne's Upper Site School, Oakthorpe Road, N13 5TY. Tickets £5 adults / £3 children (under 5s go free) / £12 Family (2 adults, 2 children) can be reserved by calling 020 8886 2165.

Calling all former St Anne's students Come along to the Old Girls' Association Summer Afternoon Event on Saturday 15th July 1.30-4.30pm, at the Upper Site in Palmers Green. All Old Girls are welcome, whether a former St Anne's student or from the previous Holy Family & St Angela's Convent schools. FREE tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-annes-old-girls-association-summer-afternoon-event-tickets-35177931139>

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.

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.

Teaching Opportunities at Nicholas Breakspear Catholic School Are you a graduate and interested in becoming a teacher? If so, Nicholas Breakspear Catholic School has opportunities for salaried training positions (up to £25K depending on subject). Nicholas Breakspear 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).

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 Breakspear 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