

Job Vacancy St Thomas More School seeks a 6th Form Common Room Supervisor. Please call the school on 020 8826 9389 for more details.

FROM THE DIARY

Sun 2nd July 13th Sun O.T.	3-5pm Baptism Preparation Course, Newman Room
Mon 3rd July	10.15am Church Cleaning, Graziella's Team 10.15am Bible Study, Small Hall 7pm Catechists' Meal at Parish Centre
Tues 4th July	10.30am Churches Together Prayers, Winchmore Hill Baptist Church 11.30am Funeral of Noreen Demetriou RIP 7.30pm Knitting Club, Newman Room
Wed 5th July	<i>Office closed</i> <i>No 9.35am Mass</i> 10.30am Funeral of Bernadette Tomkinson RIP 7.30pm 'No Agenda' prayer & praise 7.30-9pm Yrs 7, 8 & 9 Youth Club, Large Hall
Thur 6th July	11.45 am (for 12.15pm) Seniors' Clubs lunch at Royal Chace Hotel 5.30pm Legion of Mary, Newman Room 7.30pm Strength to Strength, Church
Fri 7th July FIRST FRIDAY	10.15am-6.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.15am Christian Meditation, Newman Room 10.30am Memory Lane Dementia Café, Parish Centre 1pm Funeral of Geraldine Minoli RIP 6.45pm Stations of the Cross 7.30pm Mass
Sat 8th July	8.30am Coach departs for pilgrimage to Ramsgate 11.15am Baptism of Patrick Lynch, Myarose McAndrew-Smith, Annabel and Grace O'Brien 1pm Baptism of Edward Fitzgerald 2pm Wedding Rehearsal in church 4pm onwards Mary's Meals clothing can be left in Newman Room 5.15pm Children's Choir practice, Small Hall
Sun 9th July 14th Sun O.T.	Called to Serve the Sick, Blessing of Carers Mary's Meals clothing collection van in car park 12noon Mary's Meals clothing collection van departs

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	THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	2nd July
A CUP OF COLD WATER		2017

My previous parish was one of great extremes; incredibly expensive properties and very poor quality 'social housing' estates with great problems; Upper Street with restaurants representing 32 different regional cuisines alongside homeless people begging. The parish had many outreach projects to homeless people and this included a daily 'tea and sandwich' service at lunchtime .

One of our regular guests had an addiction to alcohol and had become estranged from his family and many of his friends. He would regularly be taken into hospital with liver and kidney problems. He would come out looking better, cleaner and resolved to avoid the drink but, within days, would 'fall into the gutter.' And that phrase summed it all up; he wanted to live a better life but , for may reasons, drifted back into his old lifestyle. What he, and many people like him, needed was a hand up out of the gutter.

One day he came to the door very sober and asked to speak to me. He had been sitting on the pavement, begging with a paper cup, his head cast downwards. Occasionally people were tossing in loose change, mainly 10p and lower value coins, and he was calculating when he had enough to go and buy a can of lager. Suddenly somebody threw in a £2 coin. He looked up to say thank you only to realise that the man who had put the money in was his son! His son continued walking by, not recognising his father.

This incident certainly had a sobering effect on the man and he asked for a coach ticket to Ireland so that he could go back to his sister.

When I reflect on today's reading this man comes to mind and I wonder what would have happened if, instead of dropping the coin in the cup, his son had taken him for a cup of tea and realised that it was his father. I reflect on opportunities I may have missed.

St Vincent de Paul wrote to his sisters, the Daughters of Charity, 'If you are in the chapel at prayer and hear the doorbell ringing, leave your prayers and answer the door because that is Jesus at your door.' We pray that we might recognise Christ in friend and stranger.

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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, 9.30am - 2.30pm (closed Weds)

Polish Chaplain Fr Krzysztof Chaim 07902 432343

PARISH NOTICES

We pray for Noreen Demetriou, Bernadette Tomkinson, Geraldine Minoli, Sharon Healy, Peter Burrows, Colum Meagher, Enzo Pradelli, who have died recently and Luigi Villa, Phillip Cole, Paolino Inzalaco, Raymond Tottle, George Smythe, Dorothy Molinari, Sr Mary Patricia, Carmel Pengilley, Oreste Ranaldi, Margaret O'Neill, Mary Killian, Clara Daly, Eric Walters, whose anniversaries occur now.

Please Pray for Sick and Housebound Parishioners

Neville Henriques, Sheila Camgöz, Stephen Giffin.

FINANCE thank you for your generosity.

25th June: Envelopes £1608, Loose £1309.
Grenfell Tower Fund: £3065.64 to date.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Zech 9:9-10, Rom 8:9.11-13, Mt 11.25-30

TODAY

Forty Hours thank you to all those who supported this last week. It was a great sign to the local community, a great opportunity for grace and numbers were higher than last year. Remember Exposition takes place every Monday, Friday, Saturday, First Friday and during Wednesday Holy Hour/No Agenda.

Sr Joyce is now on holiday until 18th July. Messages for her can be left with the parish office - please do not use her mobile number. Please speak to one of the priests if somebody requires a visit.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Masses for August can be booked from 10am on Monday at the parish office and by telephone. Please only book 1 Mass during the first week, extra Masses can be booked from 10th July.

Strength to Strength The final session of the course on prayer is on Thursday at 7.30pm in the church, topic: 'Give us this day'.

First Friday there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10am - 6.30pm on Friday. Please sign up to pray before the Blessed Sacrament during the day.

Pilgrimage to St Augustine'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. 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.

Mary's Meals sets up school feeding programmes in communities where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education. We need your unwanted clothing and bedding (no duvets or pillows please) and will collect them next 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.*

Blessing of Carers as part of the follow-up to the Year of Mercy, 'Called to serve the sick', there will be a prayer of blessing for all carers, both professional and voluntary, at each Mass next weekend. Many carers look after relatives or friends and are not acknowledged or supported.

YOUTH NEWS

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

OTHER NEWS

Do you know somebody who is interesting 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!

St John Bosco Children's Summer Holiday Camps run by the SVP. Boys' camp (ages 8-13) runs for two weeks (children are accepted for one week only) from 22nd July to 5th August; Girls' camp (ages 9-12) from 5th -12th August. For further details please email bookings@boscocamp.co.uk

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 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

Life Animated Talkies Community Cinema presents a film about one young man's unique story of living with autism. Thursday 6th July at 7.30pm in the Dugdale Centre. Box office 020 8807 6680.

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 reserved by calling 020 8886 2165.

Authentic Indian lunch in Aid of CAFOD Sunday 9th July 1pm. The Enfield Malayalee Association (ENMA) invites you to a delicious and authentic 3-course Indian lunch at Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St George's Parish Centre. Tickets, £10 (ages 11+)//£5 (ages 7-11)/under 6 yrs free, available from OLSG Enfield presbytery during the week and on the day. Bar. Take-away option also available.

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>

Sad but it must happen! The farewell Mass for Canon Shaun and Fr Paulo will be at 6pm on Saturday September 23rd. Keep this date special! A small group of parishioners have agreed to form a committee to co-ordinate the get-together in the Large Hall following the Mass. No doubt you will be hearing from them soon! *Sr Joyce*

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.

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 palmergreenpcadmin@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.

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