

**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.

**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.

### FROM THE DIARY

<b>Sun 6th August</b>	<b>Solemnity of the Transfiguration of the Lord</b>
<b>Mon 7th August</b>	6pm Church cleaning, John's team
<b>Tues 8th August</b>	7.30pm Knitting Club, Newman Room
<b>Thur 10th August</b>	5.30pm Legion of Mary, Newman Room 8.15pm Wedding rehearsal
<b>Fri 11th August</b>	10.15am Christian Meditation, Newman Room 2-3030pm Beloved Disciples (over 60s), Newman Room
<b>Sat 12th August</b>	11.15am Baptism of Benjamin Butler, Joelle Deane, Letitia Dolinska, Taliana Lamacz 2pm Marriage of Natalie Follen and Carmelo Noto
<b>Sun 13th August</b>	<b>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Tues 15th August</b>	<b>FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION</b> Holyday of Obligation Mass at 7am, 9.35am and 7pm Catenian meeting, Enfield Golf Club 7.30pm Knitting Club, Newman Room
<b>Weds 16th August</b>	<i>Office closed as usual</i> 7.30pm 'No Agenda' Holy Hour of Prayer and Praise
<b>Fri 18th August</b>	10.15am Christian Meditation, Newman Room
<b>Sun 20th August</b>	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9am Knights of St Columba Corporate Communion

### 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**

**Note: There will be no 7pm Weds Holy Hour or Stations during August**

# St Monica's Church, Palmers Green

A parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster

Newsletter

**TIME TO SAY GOODBYE**

6th & 13th

**THIS NEWSLETTER COVERS TWO WEEKS**

Aug 2017

As I come to the end of three fantastic years in St Monica's, I noticed in myself the growing temptation of only looking at my failures in serving the parish: *'If only I had said this...done that...written this...met this person...said it in this way...'* Yet the words of Graham Tomlin, in his book *Looking Through the Cross*, was of enormous help to me:

*'When we fail, one of our biggest fears is what others will think...Looking through the Cross, we see a different meaning to failure. When we fail, God learns nothing new about us. He is not disappointed by our fall, as if it was unexpected. Just as it was for Peter, his feeling towards us, his regard for us is exactly the same as before. Failure need not to destroy us, but only if we look both at it and God directly in the face. Failure can lead to self-knowledge and wisdom if we refuse to make the excuses that comes readily to mind, and let it tell us what we need to hear about ourselves: that we are frail, liable to miss the mark...sinners in need of forgiveness. Failure is also...about divine knowledge. It can lead to restoration if we allow it to turn us back to, rather than away from God...'*

Thanks to the love, patience and friendship of the parish team and the parishioners, I can see that God has helped me to mature as a priest in this three years and my failures only remind me of my constant need to be close to the beating, loving heart of God, full of mercy and love towards me, so that whatever I do or say may not be done or said relying on my own strength and capacities.

I thank you all for everything you shared with me during these past years of your own faith journeys. I thank you for allowing me to be part of such special moments of your lives through the many celebrations and services, some joyful, others very sad, but always full of love. I also want to thank St Monica's School and the Knights of St. Columba, both where I had the privilege of being a chaplain.

As I take my new role as Parish Priest of St Anne's, Underwood Road and Principal Chaplain to the Brazilian Chaplaincy, I am consoled by the fact that the good Lord precedes me there, with his love, mercy and the welcoming of so many parishioners that I have already met, and that I go accompanied by the prayers of so many of you. If you are ever in that part of London, you are more than welcome to visit.

*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 Solomon Michael, Czeslaw Kulakowski, Pete Lowry who have died recently and Iolanda Azzali, Lena Petrides, William O'Neill, Alana Mathurin, Sandra Fernandes, Ernesto Cennamo, Donato Coppolella, Silvia Venosi, Malcolm Whitehead, Catherine Jeakings, Roberto Labella, David Owens, Dennis Wells, Margaret Carr, Sr Mary Agnes, Philomena Evans, Michael Tzouvanni, Franco Ferraro, Adrian Brown, Breda Warren, Bridget De Souza, Rene Cattini, whose anniversaries occur now.

### Please Pray for Sick and Housebound Parishioners

Neville Henriques, Sheila Camgöz, Teresa MacKessy, Ernestina Henry, Lima Sanmuganathan, Arlyn Alvin, Monica Dean, Gerry Hurrell, Ann Till.

**FINANCE** thank you for your generosity.

**23rd July:** Envelopes £1356; Loose £904.

**30th July:** Envelopes £1247; Loose £980.

**200 Club:** Winners in the July 2017 draw: 1st M J Ginty £170.00; 2nd Barbara Edwards £127.50; 3rd Maureen Marteau £85.00; 4th Florise Cerclay £42.50. If you would like to join the 200 Club's monthly draw for £5 a month, please complete a form available from the parish office/porch. Thank you for your support.

### READINGS FOR NEXT TWO SUNDAYS

**13th:** 1 Kings 19:9-11-13, Rom 9:1-5,  
Mt 14:22-23

**27th:** Is 22:19-23, Rom 11:33-36,  
Mt 16: 13-20

### SUMMER ARRANGEMENTS

**Fr Shaun** I am officially convalescing for the rest of August. Thank you for all the cards, Masses and prayers - it has been wonderful to feel so supported.

This weekend we welcome **Fr Tom (7.45am) & Fr Chinedu (12noon)** to celebrate Mass. Fr Paul Bigirwa is still waiting to hear about his visa which was delayed due to a technicality.

### THE TWO WEEKS AHEAD

**First Sunday** the monthly charities collection takes place after Mass today. Over £4,000 has already been given to the three charities. Please be generous.

**Beloved Disciples** the next meeting of this group for over '60s is on Friday 11th August at 2pm in the Newman Room, for tea, chat and a DVD about St Ignatius of Loyola. **Who's making the tea?** (please let the office know!)

**Romero Centenary Mass** Saturday 12th August at 12.30pm in St George's Cathedral, Southwark. Principal celebrant, Archbishop Peter Smith. Celebrating 100 years since the birth of Blessed Oscar Romero.

**Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady** is on Tuesday 15th August and is a Holyday of Obligation in this country. Mass is at **7am, 9.35am and 7.30pm.**

**North London Catenians** next evening together will take place on Tuesday 15th 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.

**Walking Group Wednesday** 16th August, Kew to Barnes Bridge (5 miles). Kew Green and church, Thames tow-path to Strand on the Green, Old City Barge Chiswick Bridge, The Ship Pub, a stone replica of a Bedouin tent, St Mary Magdalen's Churchyard Mortlake. Return Barnes Bridge overground. Meet: Wood Green underground platform 10.25am, or Kew Gardens Station 11.45am.

**Driver/carer wanted** to help parishioner with dementia to attend 10.30am Mass. Pick up from Southgate at 10.10am and return after coffee. £25. Call Lorren 07717 191389.

### OTHER NEWS

**Thank You** all from Moreen MacJohn for your generosity - £340 was donated in Simon MacJohn's memory for Parkinson's Research and thanks for your prayers and the Masses being celebrated for him.

**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!

**'Gluten Free' hosts** you may have seen articles in the press about this. Our hosts come from two monasteries and the 'gluten free' hosts are made from codex wheat starch which has a trace element of gluten, not enough to affect people with coeliac disease, which satisfies the Church regulations for gluten content.

**Hymn Books** 'Somebody' keeps removing hymn books from the church pews and stacking them on the Sacred Heart altar. Please STOP doing this. The books are needed in the church. The 10.30am choir have their own music books and we have spare books for occasions when we seat people in the Sacred Heart Chapel.

**Mass Books** We apologise for the poor state of some of the Parish Mass Books. We are not buying new ones because the bishops have given notice that a new translation of the readings is coming and so replacements now would soon be out of date.

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

**Garden Party! Volunteers with power tools needed** on Saturday 2nd September to help put together new garden furniture at the parish centre and dismantle & dispose of the old. If you can help, please contact Graziella on: 07710 238715 It may be helpful to bring power tools if you have them.

**Winchmore Hill Community Care** is a good neighbourhood scheme offering help and support for the elderly and housebound in our area. I would love to hear from you if you are able to volunteer for a couple of hours a week to support someone in the community. If you know anyone who would benefit from a visit or help with shopping or small errands please get in touch. Our phone number is 020 8882 7824 and our e-mail is [infowhcc59@gmail.com](mailto:infowhcc59@gmail.com) Thank you.

**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](mailto:headteacher@st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk) All are very welcome.

**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.

**The Farewell** a group is organising the farewell on 23rd Sept. We would like to hear any suggestions/ideas as to how to make this evening a wonderful occasion. We are Charlotte, Mel, Des, Nikki & Sinead. Please contact Des 07422 555042 or Sinead 07905 886119 with ideas and offers of help.

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

**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.

**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](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or email [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk)

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

**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](mailto:palmersgreenpcadmin@rcdow.org.uk) or Laura on 07955 037251. **SUMMER CLOSURE the parish centre is closed from 14th - 31st August inclusive.**

**Job Vacancy** Teaching Assistants required at Finchley Catholic High School. See poster in the porch.

**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](http://www.catholicsingles.org.uk)

**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.

**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](http://sharedlivesplus.org.uk/about-shared-lives-plus/home-share)

**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.