

Handover We are beginning the handover process so that Fr Mehall and Fr John can be well-informed to start on 1st September. The Finance Committee will meet this week to discuss things that have to be done over the summer. Some things will have to wait until the new team has met and settled in. Obviously Sr Joyce, Anna and Monica will have vital roles to play but lay-leaders of various activities will also be important in September. A provisional diary will be set for catechetics, school chaplaincy work, Novena, 40 Hours and other important matters. Thank you to all those who volunteer to lead areas of parish life, it is because of your hard work and commitment that so many things go on in the parish. One of the results of this process will be more work in the parish office so please respect the Wednesday closure so that the secretary and volunteers can get on with the extra work without interruptions. *Fr Shaun*

FROM THE DIARY

Sun 9th July 14th Sun O.T.	Called to Serve the Sick, Blessing of Carers 6pm (Sat) Children's Choir sing 12noon Mary's Meals clothing collection van departs
Mon 10th July	10.15am Bible Study, Newman Room 4-5.30pm Lourdes Pilgrimage meeting, Newman Room 6pm Church Cleaning, John's Team
Tues 11th July	7.30pm Knitting Club, Parish Centre 8pm Finance Committee meeting, Newman Room
Wed 12th July	<i>Office closed</i> 11am Funeral of Sharon Healy RIP 7pm Holy Hour 7.30-9pm Yrs 7, 8 & 9 Youth Club, Parish Centre
Thur 13th July	5.30pm Legion of Mary, Newman Room
Fri 14th July	10.15am Christian Meditation, Newman Room 10.30am Memory Lane Dementia Café, Parish Centre 2pm Beloved Disciples (over 60s), Newman Room
Sat 15th July	1pm Marriage of Paisley Hepting & Martin Nicholls
Sun 16th July	9am Knights of St Columba Corporate Communion & Initiation of Joseph Ramzoo

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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9th July

COME TO ME

2017

'Each Sunday Christian people come together to be nourished by God's Word and to participate in the Eucharist. These are the two objectives of our Sunday celebration. We do not come here just to listen to the Word but to make that Word come alive and to celebrate that Word that becomes a Passover, that becomes the body and blood of Jesus who redeems us. It is for this reason that we bring this stream of living water, this Word of God to the concrete events of our life. Thus our Sunday Eucharist is not simply a parallel act to our lives, but is the true soul and power and spirit of our own lives and history.'

These words were the beginning of a homily of Blessed Oscar Romero. Every week in his homily he presented the facts that had happened during the week: the number of people gone missing, kidnapped, arrested, murdered... His homilies were the way in which all the little ones, the poor, the campesinos, had the chance to hear Jesus speaking to them, encouraging them, suffering with them and for them. That weekly meeting with the Word of God and the Eucharist were the moment in which they could bring their weariness and burdens and lay them at the feet of Jesus.

This opportunity is also offered to us. Every Sunday we have a chance to bring to Jesus our weariness, all those things that make life heavy: the ups and downs of our relationships or work, our uncertainties, our worries... We need help to carry these.

But how good are we at emptying our souls in front of Jesus or to have a real conversation with him? When was the last time that we sat down and said: "Now, Jesus, sit down with me, I need you to listen: I am really having difficulties in my marriage... with my children... I do not know what to do... I said this one day to my friend and I really hurt him/her and I do not know how to make up for it... this person said this to me and it hurt me so much and now I keep getting angry at the children..." If we are not giving ourselves a chance to empty our hearts to Jesus, who asks us to allow him to carry these burdens, then it is no wonder the Mass seems so boring... and no matter how often we come things do not seem to change. Let us not allow this opportunity to pass us by! Let us come to Jesus that he may give us rest.

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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 Sharon Healy, Peter Burrows, Patricia Ryan, who have died recently and Mary Killian, Clara Daly, Eric Walters, Luigi Gatto, Francis Lewis, Norah Kelly, Luigi Resmini, Donal Feehan, Francis Bradley, whose anniversaries occur now.

Please Pray for Sick and Housebound Parishioners

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

FINANCE thank you for your generosity.

2nd July: Envelopes £1552, Loose £938.

Grenfell Tower Fund: £3065.64 sent.

Monthly charities collection: £1015.99.

Monthly Charities Collection Vote: For this year the three charities are **Mary's Meals** (International): **The Passage** (National) **Solace, Enfield Women's support** (local). Thank you to all who participated in the vote.

200 Club July Draw Winners 1st C. Toohey-Hicks £168, 2nd R.Laquiere £126, 3rd M.Phillips £84, 4th R.McDonnell £42. 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 SUNDAY

Is 55:10-11, Rom 8:18-23, Mt 13:1-9

TODAY

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. Many carers look after relatives or friends and are not acknowledged or supported. There are copies of a carers prayer available for people to give as a gift of appreciation to their carer.

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.

Parking as you can see, work has begun on the cycle route outside the church - apologies that we did not receive the promised notice to warn you. 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.

Mary's Meals Clothing Collection please take any bags of clothing to the car park and Large Hall **BEFORE 12noon**.

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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Beloved Disciples afternoon tea and a video about St Thérèse of Lisieux for all over '60s on Friday at 2pm in the Newman Room. All welcome. Would those who are organising tea please confirm with the parish office.

YOUTH NEWS

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

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!

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 22nd July. Please do NOT include any money.

Ecumenical Camino the annual ecumenical pilgrimage takes place on Saturday 29th July starting at Holy Trinity Church, Winchmore Hill. 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.

St Anne's Old Girls' Association Summer Afternoon Event, Saturday 15th July 1.30-4.30pm, at the Upper Site in Palmers Green. All Old Girls are welcome (from St Anne's, Holy Family & St Angela's). FREE tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-annes-old-girls-association-summer-afternoon-event-tickets-35177931139>

Dementia Friends Talk hosted by Maria Tozzi on Saturday 15th July, 1pm at the Parish Centre. The session is designed to increase understanding and awareness of dementia and help create a Dementia Friendly Community. This informal talk lasts for an hour and both adults and teenagers are welcome to attend. If you would like to come along and find out how we can all play a part in helping people who are living with dementia, please let Carole O'Shea know via email carole@centrestageuk.com

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. Thank you to those who keep this important welcome going throughout the year.

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

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 palmersgreenpcadmin@rcdow.org.uk or Laura on 07955 037251.

Job Vacancies St Thomas More school seeks a Teaching Assistant and a Secretary. Details from 020 8826 9389.

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

Parish Centre Open Day will be on Sunday 17th September. Put the date in your diary now!

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