

FROM THE DIARY

Sunday 10th March	6pm (Sat)	<i>Luigi & Itala Azzali (RIP)</i>
Fourth Sunday of Lent	7.45am	<i>People of the Parish & Holy Souls</i>
	9am	<i>Timothy Docherty (RIP)</i>
	10.30am	<i>Imelda Colletta (RIP)</i>
	12 noon	<i>Norene Steel Hristov (RIP)</i>
Monday 11th March Lent Feria	9.30am	<i>Michael & Bridgie Monaghan (Ann)</i>
	10.15am	The Chosen Series 3, Ep 9 (Newman Rm)
	7.30pm	Confirmation, parents meeting (Church)
	7.30pm	RCIA (Newman Room)
Tuesday 12th March Lent Feria	7.00am	<i>Jerry Cummins (RIP)</i>
	9.30am	<i>Garth Stocking (RIP)</i>
	7.30–9pm	Confirmation Preparation (Large Hall)
Wednesday 13th March Lent Feria	9.30am	<i>Rose Kendrick (RIP)</i>
	11.30am	Funeral of Josephine Al-Nakdali
Thursday 14th March Lent Feria	9.30am	<i>Patrick Cassidy (RIP), Madeline Corbett (RIP)</i> <i>Terence McEneaney (RIP)</i>
	3.10pm	Legion of Mary, (Newman Room)
	7.30–8.45pm	God who speaks through Stations of the Cross (Newman Rm)
Friday 15th March	9.30am	<i>Norene Steel Hristov (RIP)</i>
	7.00pm	Stations Of The Cross
	7.30pm	<i>Vincent Smith (RIP)</i>
Saturday 16th March Lent Feria	9.30am	<i>Brendan O'Connor (Ann)</i>
	10-11am	Catechism Programme (Newman Rm)
	10-11am	Preparation for FHC 4, St Monica's School
	3–4.30pm	Altar Servers Training (Church)
Sunday 17th March Fifth Sunday of Lent	6pm (Sat)	<i>Sidonio Henriques (Ann)</i>
	7.45am	<i>Maggie Kelly (RIP) & Lily Culbert (RIP)</i>
	9am	<i>Clifford & Ray Shaw, George Edward & Robbie Cooper (RIP)</i>
	10.30am	<i>People of the Parish & Holy Souls</i>
	12 noon	<i>Brian Harvey (Ann)</i>

MASS TIMES

Sunday (Sat 6pm), 7.45am, 9am, 10.30am, 12noon.

Mon-Sat : 9.30am (extra masses at 7am and 7.30pm on Holy Days of Obligation)

Morning Prayer: Weekdays 9.10 am Rosary: Weekdays after Mass & Sat 9.10am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Mon-Fri 2-3pm (except Bank Hol)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 10.15-10.45am, 5.15pm–5.45pm

St Monica's Church, Palmers Green

A parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster

Readings	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	10th March
Parish Mass Bk Pg. 166	"As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you." Is 66:13	2024

Mothering Sunday

Mother's Day is always on the Fourth Sunday of Lent and you may find yourself wondering why this might be. This tradition has been around since medieval times. Mothering Sunday hasn't always been a day where we buy our mums flowers and cards and help out around the house all day so that she doesn't have to do anything. It was originally a day where people would visit their "mother" church. The mother church would have been the place where you were baptised: the local parish church or cathedral.

In more recent times people working in the service of others were given the day off to go and visit their mother church. This was usually something that people did as a whole family and was often one of the only chances for the whole family to get together. It then became part of the tradition for people to go and see their mothers on this day as well as go to their mother church.

This eventually evolved into the current traditions of giving mothers gifts on Mothering Sunday. In the early 1900's people stopped following the traditions of Mothering Sunday in Europe. In 1914 Constance Penswick Smith created the Mothering Sunday movement. The old traditions of Mothering Sunday in the Church merged with the new traditions of buying gifts and cards for mothers. This is why Mother's Day in the UK changes every year and is always on the 4th Sunday of Lent – it combines old traditions with new traditions.

The new traditions of Mother's Day allow us to celebrate our mums and everything they do for us. We should not just remember our earthly mothers and grandmothers but also remember Mary, the Mother of God who is also our Mother. Mary looks out for us all year round and whenever we say a Hail Mary we are asking her to pray for us. Try saying a rosary today as a way of recognising Mary as our Mother and thanking her for all she does for us.

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Parish Office hours: 9.30am-2pm Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri (closed Wed & Bk Hols)

PARISH NOTICES

We pray for all those who have died recently: Francesco Di Maria, Josephine Al-Nakdali, Michael Howard, Michael Linnane, Sheila Ripsher, Richard Crossingham, Mark Casali, Kevin Guinnane, Francisco Raposo and for **those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Thomas and Bertha Cullen, Margaret Collins, Ellen Campbell, Elizabeth Twaites, Moira Bradley, Peter Scully, Marie Hawes, Anne Pope, Josephina Chiappa, Jeanne Zanelli, Niall O'Connor, Elizabeth Tymkiw, Carmine Argenza. **Please pray for all sick and housebound parishioners, especially those in our care homes:** Anastasia Lodge, Beaumont, Brookwater House, The Conifers, The Hollies, Queen Ann Care, Woodlands and **hospitals:** North Middlesex, Chase Farm. Pat Swift, Stella Whittaker, Baby Joseph Osbourne, Liz Panayi, Mary Jordan, Donna Cummings, Sheila Corbett, Elizabeth, Kathy McCarthy, Father Michael Daley, Agnieszka Puszek, Marie Herry.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23, Eph 2: 4-10,
John 3: 14-21

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Jer 31:31-34, Heb 5:7-9, John 12:20-30

TODAY

RCIA candidates celebrate the First Scrutiny at the 10.30am Mass. "The scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect us all from temptation and strength in Christ." (RCIA, 141). We keep Alejandro, Joshua, Alfie, Millie, Peter and Reuben in our prayers as they prepare to be baptised/received at the Easter vigil.

Refreshments in the Newman Room after the 9am and 10.30am Masses provided by the Cubs. All welcome!

Our Cubs aim to walk 100km (and beyond!) for "In Sue's Name". If you would like to sponsor them in support of this amazing charity.

Please visit: <https://www.totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/20thsouthgate>
<http://www.insuesname.org.uk/walkofhope24>

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Redcaps for providing the refreshments last weekend. £98.15 was raised towards their pilgrimage to Lourdes.

SACRAMENTS

Confirmation Parents are reminded of their meeting on Monday at 7.30pm in the Church.

The Sacrament of the Sick – Prayers with the laying on of hands and anointing with holy Oil – is available to anyone who finds themselves dealing with medical issues, or who are about to go into Hospital for an operation or who are in the frailty of age. If you or a member of your family is ill please contact Fr Mehall, Fr David or the parish office.

LENT

Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Easter. On Thursday 21st March at 7pm You are invited to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, eight Priests will be in attendance to hear confessions.

Palm Sunday 24th March. On Palm Sunday we bless palms at the beginning of Mass. Those attending the 10.30am Mass, we will gather for ten minutes at 10.20am in the hall where we will process with St John's parish. I am sure you are aware of the arson incident at St John's. Let's make every effort to gather with Rev Julie Coleman and St John's parish in this act of worship to show our support and friendship.

Lenten devotions—**Westminster Cathedral Choir** will perform Johann Sebastian Bach's retelling of St John Passion. Thursday 14th March at 7.30pm at Westminster

Cathedral. Discounted tickets are available at the following link <https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/event/1F00602BD7A81B4F?did=sjp30>
Password: **SJP30**.

During Lent there will be an additional mass: Please take a Lent schedule from the back of the Church.

Every **Thursday 7.30-8.45pm Prayer and the God who speaks**, with Anna in the Newman Room. All invited.

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2024. H.E. Cardinal Vincent expresses his gratitude to everyone who can support his Appeal with whatever they can afford. All funds raised go towards projects across our Diocese. Donations can be made by envelope, found at the back of the church, or use the On-line QR code on the poster. Thank you for your generosity.

A gift for Lent from the Catenians. Leaflets containing images of the Stations of the Cross from the Church of the Holy Sepulchre are available at the back of the church this weekend. Please take one as we continue on our Lenten journey.

THE WEEK AHEAD

St Monica's Walking Group. Saturday 16th Holland Park to Notting Hill Gate. Through woodlands of Holland Park onto the Japanese gardens with its waterfall and pond full of Koi Carp. Murals show imaginary scenes of bygone times at Holland Park, Drayson Mews, St Mary Abbots Church, Kensington Place. **Meet** Wood Green underground on platform 10.25am. **Return:** Notting Hill Gate tube.

OTHER

St Patrick's Day Cards are now on sale in the Repository.

Good Friday children's workshop, 9-11.15am—date for your diary. This is for children of primary school age with each

year group reflecting on a station and sharing what they learn in church from 10.30am. More information to follow.

Brookwater House Care Home invite us to pray with them in one of their reserved rooms. If you are interested please see Sister Joyce.

Can you help? A 50 year old male working in North London. Looking to rent a room in shared accommodation or otherwise. Able to pay weekly/monthly. Please contact the parish office if you are able to help.

Daily Morning Carer required 1.5 hours Monday - Friday (9.15-10.45 am) for elderly female living in Palmers Green. Please contact Helen Power T07980757844 / hp118@hotmail.co.uk.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 25th May at 2.30pm. The Cardinal is inviting all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2024. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please email/call the parish office with the following details: husband/wife's names, wedding date, postal address, email/telephone number by 30th March at the latest.

Columban Mission Appeal 2024 - the annual Mission Appeal will be visiting the parish on the weekend of 7th April.

FINANCE

3rd March Envelopes £328; Loose Plate £841 ; **Giving by Standing Order**, please use the following details: Bank: **HSBC**; A/c no: **41096176**; Sort Code: **40-05-20**; A/c name: **WRCDT Palmers Green** and give your surname as a reference. If you pay income tax, click on [gift aid form](#) to complete & return. Thank you for your generosity.



Chair of Finance Committee.

COST OF LIVING

The **Healthy Start Scheme** provides help with buying healthy food and milk, and is open to people receiving Universal Credit or Child Tax Credits, who are pregnant or have a child under 4. Find out more here - <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>

Those on a lower income and claim Pension Credit - with the onset of colder weather, the Warm Home Discount Scheme with your energy provider is now open. You are also entitled to a council tax discount and, if you are over 75, a free TV licence. Speak to Citizens Advice Enfield about what else you maybe entitled to.

Small grants programme for elderly people living on low incomes, offered by Friends of the Elderly, and as identified by Caritas, the Diocesan fundraising department. Grants are c£400, cost of living grants c£250 according to their guidance. [Grants For Older People | Grants for the Elderly | Friends of the Elderly \(fote.org.uk\)](#)

Grants to help pay off energy debts - People who are in debt to their energy supplier might be able to get a grant from a charitable trust to help pay it off. See <https://fuelpovertyresource.org.uk/focus-on/fuel-debt-and-trust-funds/>

Financial Resilience and Cost of Living Martin Lewis, the Money Saving Expert, provides information about the cost of living support package. Click on the following link for this and other topical issues to <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/family/cost-of-living-survival-kit/>

The Heet Project is a charity providing free services to low income, aged and vulnerable people to help improve home insulation and reduce energy bills. If you live in the London borough of Enfield, Waltham Forest or Redbridge or know someone who can benefit, please see their website for further details <https://www.theheetproject.org.uk/> or telephone 0208520 1900.

JOB VACANCIES

Diocesan jobs - For further details, please visit <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

St. Michael's Catholic Grammar School: Temporary Part-time Teacher of Spanish & French – Maternity Cover. The Governors are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and well-qualified Teacher of Spanish & French for this temporary contract while the incumbent is on maternity leave. Closing date: Wednesday 20th March midday - early applications are encouraged as we reserve the right to call candidates to interview before this advert is withdrawn. An application pack is available on the school website. Please send completed forms to applications@st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk

Head of Religious Education at St James' Catholic High School, Colindale, NW9 5PE. If you would like to find out more about this exciting opportunity, please follow the link below: [link https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/head-of-religious-education-barnet-1998078](https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/head-of-religious-education-barnet-1998078). Visits to the school are welcomed and can be arranged, by emailing Ms Rock at: brock@st-james.barnet.sch.uk

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) wishes to recruit a full time Administration Assistant, for a full job description and application form, please contact Lucille McQuade at Lucillemcquade@spuc.org.uk or on 020 7091 7091.

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The interfaith group will meet on Wednesday March 20th from 1.30 pm to 3 in the Hinsley room next to Westminster cathedral, Morpeth Terrace, SW1P 1EP to discuss the last two chapters of Pope Francis' Laudate Deum. Refreshments available and all welcome. If you would like to join our day in Cambridge on Wed April 24th please contact woodhousesopten@btinternet.com.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday Retreat at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Saturday 6th April 10 am-4:30 pm. The retreat will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

Young Adults LENT RETREAT DAY (aged 18-30s) with the Assumption Sisters & Fathers on **Saturday 16th March 11am – 7pm**. Venue: the Assumption Priory, Victoria Park Square, London E2 9PB (closest tube station: Bethnal Green). Programme: including talks • prayer, adoration and confessions • Stations of the Cross • faith sharing • mass and social time. Donations only. Register by emailing to: tramy@assumptionreligious.org

St. Anne's Gospel Choir Concert on Friday 22 March 2024 - 7.30pm, at our Upper Site, 6 Oakthorpe Road, Palmers Green, N13 5TY. We invite you to enjoy the sounds of an outstanding Gospel Choir. Tickets are £10 for Adults, £5 for Students & Children (Under 5s free) and £22 for a Family Ticket (2 Adults & 2 Children). Tickets can be purchased online via our E-Shop: <https://tinyurl.com/StAnnesEShop> or reserved by calling the school on 0208 886 2165.

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Would you like to become an Altar Server? If you are interested, please speak to Fr David and collect a form.

A Day With Mary pilgrimage to Fatima. 7th to Friday 14th June, 2024. Please see poster in the porch.

Would you be interested in joining the zoo Club to raise funds for the Parish? The subscription per entry is only £5/month. Please contact the parish office.

John Woodhouse Laudato Si' animators UK. Demands for climate and environmental justice. Christian climate action. On Ash Wednesday we will begin a 24/7, ten day vigil of mostly silent prayer outside Parliament and Downing Street. The vigil will be open to all regardless of religious practice, but will be preceded by a distinctively Christian inter-denominational service at St John Waterloo at 12.30 p.m. on Ash Wednesday and conclude with a service outside Downing Street on the Saturday ten days later. <https://christianclimateaction.org/2023/12/08/join-us-for-the-no-faith-in-fossil-fuels-lent-vigil-for-climate-justice-14-24-february-2024/>. Discussion of Laudate Deum Hinsley Room Morpeth Terrace Thursday Feb 21 1.30 to 3. A petition to try and save the Inter Faith Network of the UK <https://chnng.it/QxBt2XK2vk>.