

**FROM THE DIARY**

<b>Sunday 14th April</b> <b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>(6pm (Sat))</b> <b>7.45am</b> <b>9am</b> <b>10.30am</b> <b>12 noon</b>	<i>Siobhan Bucke (Ann)</i> <i>John Cawston (RIP)</i> <i>People of the Parish and the Holy Souls</i> <i>Mabel Monsurate (RIP)</i> <i>James &amp; Maura Finley (RIP)</i>
<b>Monday 15th April</b> <b>Easter Feria</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b>	<i>Norene Steel Hristov (RIP)</i> <b>Funeral of John Cawston (RIP)</b>
<b>Tuesday 16th April</b> <b>Easter Feria</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>7.30-9.00pm</b>	<i>Baby Joseph Osbourne (Int)</i> Confirmation Session 11 Prayer
<b>Wednesday 17th April</b> <b>Easter Feria</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<i>George &amp; Nina Gauci (RIP)</i> <i>Loiza &amp; Neofitos Magdalinis (RIP)</i>
<b>Thursday 18th April</b> <b>Easter Feria</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>3.10pm</b>	<i>Mr Sartori &amp; Family (Int)</i> Legion of Mary, (Newman Room)
<b>Friday 19th April</b> <b>St Alphege, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<i>Andro Paraskeva (RIP)</i>
<b>Saturday 20th April</b> <b>Easter Feria</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>10-11am</b>	<i>Bridie Troy (Ann)</i> Catechism Programme (Newman Rm)
<b>Sunday 21st April</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>(6pm (Sat))</b> <b>7.45am</b> <b>9am</b> <b>10.30am</b> <b>12 noon</b>	<i>Cyril Tims (Ann)</i> <i>Roddy Beare (RIP)</i> <i>Michael Linnane (RIP)</i> <i>Rita (Susan) Whitfield (RIP)</i> <i>Norene Steel Hristov (RIP)</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	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	14th April
<i>Parish Mass Bk</i> <i>Pg.262</i>	Jesus appears again to his disciples and shares a meal with them.	2024

On the third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection. Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the event being recounted by the disciples in the opening verse of today's Gospel. Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." This is a most appropriate greeting. The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift—forgiveness. In today's Gospel, this connection is made in the final verses.

Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement.

As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke's Gospel. By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper.

Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins.

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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:** Anne Keogh, Kathleen McCarthy, John Cawston, and for **those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Anne Mullen, Máiréad Jordan, Elizabeth Japal, Cristina Ballini, Margaret Gallaway, Margaret Tottle, Maria Da Silva, Siobhan Bucke, Gina Ferdenzi, Patrick Amour, Rosaleen Anthonisz, Cathy McAuley-Nathan, Marie Modeste, Renata Bruin, Cyril Tims, Eunice Onyema, Roderic Beare, Bernadette John Gager, Madeleine Latham-Fox, Ronald Sole, Bridie Troy, Bridget Hampson, Delia Flaherty, Francis Johnstone. **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. Stella Whittaker, Baby Joseph Osbourne, Mary Jordan, Donna Cummings, Sheila Corbett, Elizabeth, Agnieszka Puszko, Marie Herry, Akhter Zabier, Pauline Monaghan, Claudette Seeboruth, Fr John Warnaby.

### READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19, 1 John 2: 1-5, Luke 24:35-48

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 4:8-12, 1 John 3:1-2, John 10: 11-18

Dear Parishioners, please keep in your prayers Fr John Warnaby who many of you will know as Assistant Priest here from 2017 to 2019. Fr John has been unwell and currently having palliative care. Please pray for Fr John and his sister.

**Permanent Deaconate.** It gives me great pleasure to share with you that Jeff Douglas a parishioner of St Monica's for many years has been accepted by the Cardinal to discern his vocation to serve the Church as a permanent Deacon.

You may know Jeff personally or recognise him from serving weekday Masses and the 7.45 am Sunday Mass. We will of course carry Jeff in our prayers in this period of discernment.

**Role of a Deacon.** Since the earliest days of the Church, men ordained as Deacon by the Bishop of his diocese has served the Church in a three-fold ministry: The Ministry of Charity, The Ministry of the Word, The Ministry of the Altar. As well as parish ministry, deacons are engaged in a variety of other ministries, including school, prison and hospital chaplaincy. Please pray for Jeff and

others who are discerning their vocation to Priesthood/Deaconate and religious life.

**The Pope's Intentions & Prayer for April please see:** <https://popesprayerusa.net/popos-intentions/>

### TODAY

**Refreshments** in the Newman Room after 9am & 10.30 Masses. Jenny and Albie are selling **homemade** cakes to raise funds for the Marie Curie Hospice. Go on, treat yourself!

### THANK YOU

**Missionary Society of St Columban.** Father Pat O'Beirne would like to thank all parishioners for their welcome and support to the Annual Mission Appeal. £1,543.96 was raised last weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

**The Life Group** would like to thank those who supported the coffee morning last weekend. £111.58 was raised to support the 'March for Life' charity in their work promoting the sanctity of life.

Thank you to everyone who supported the **Cubs in their "Walk of Hope"** during March. We were delighted to raise £1,211 for "In Sue's Name" and you can read how this was achieved at <http://www.20thsouthgate.org/cubs/insuesname>

## NEXT WEEKEND

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently **48** men studying at Allen Hall seminary, **14** of whom are from our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. Last year **8** men who studied at Allen Hall were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code (see poster in porch) to make your donation online or visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). Thank you for your generosity.

The Easter edition of Allen Hall Seminary News can be found in the porch.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Churches Together Prayer Meeting, Tuesday 10.30am.** Zoom Meeting <https://uso4web.zoom.us/j/74680204904?pwd=TjJhQnBIYVVVUzUzNRYzZXQ0Tj6MHEZQT09>. ID: 746 8020 4904. Passcode: 8zq1F7.

**St Monica's Walking Group. Wednesday Warren Street to Baker Street.** Our walk leads us to Fitzroy Sq designed by Robert Adam which is full of Blue plaques. St Andrew's Place, St Marylebone Church followed by a circular walk of Regent's Park to Baker St. **Meet:** Wood Green underground on platform 10.25am. **Return:** Baker St tube.

**A Day With Mary, St Mellitus Church, Tollington Park, N4** Saturday 20th April 9.30am-3.45pm.

## PARISH GROUPS

**RCIA Meetings** resume on Monday 22nd April at 7.30pm in the Newman Room.

**Legion Of Mary.** Acies (for members to renew their consecration to Mary) to be held on Sunday 21st April at 2pm at St Edmunds RC Church, Edmonton. Auxiliary members are invited to attend.

## OTHER

**A Day in Cambridge:** Wednesday 24th April. Join a London Interfaith group for an interreligious tour around Cambridge. To book please email John: [woodhousesopenten@btinternet.com](mailto:woodhousesopenten@btinternet.com).

**Pilgrimage to Lisieux.** 6th–13th June. St Anselm and St Caecilia's, Kingsway. For further details please email Stephen Osborne. On [sta.osborne@gmail.com](mailto:sta.osborne@gmail.com) or call 07870 769631. Please see poster at the back of the Church.

**Lourdes Pilgrimage 19th- 26th July 2024** – meeting on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April @ 7.30pm in the Newman Room. Options to travel by plane, train or coach are available and there are volunteering opportunities for those wishing to serve. **All applications to join this year's pilgrimage need to be submitted by Tuesday 30th April.** See <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or contact the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173.

## FINANCE

**7th April,** Envelopes £197; Loose Plate £711 following details: Bank details: **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.

## 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 may be 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.

## VACANCIES

**Trustee Vacancy with Marriage Care.** Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation providing marriage preparation and relationship counselling services across England, Wales and Gibraltar. We are looking for **Trustees** to strengthen our board and to help us continue to provide vital relationship support services to the Catholic community and beyond. For more information visit: [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or email: [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk)

**St. Michael's Catholic Grammar School . Two vacancies: Teacher of Physics.** An application form is available on the school website. Closing date Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024 at 9am .

**Temporary Part-time Teacher of Spanish & French – Maternity Cover.** Closing date Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024 - midday - early applications are encouraged as we reserve the right to call candidates to interview before this advert is withdrawn.

Please send completed forms to [applications@st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk](mailto:applications@st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk).

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

## OTHER

**A Day With Mary pilgrimage to Fatima.** 7<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2024. Please see poster in the porch.

**DONA CONTACTLESS MACHINES. (Contactless Giving)** If you would like to donate by card we have two DONA machines and the **QR Code** on the newsletter. Machines are located in the church porch and in the parish office. For example: donations can be made for: **Sunday Collection; Votive Candles; Repository purchases;** and for **Mass Offerings**. Please select the

option you want and then the amount you wish to donate. If you require assistance using the machine or the QR code then please ask any member of the parish team who will be happy to help you. Thank you for your continued support of the parish.

**CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal.** You can donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://cafod.org.uk/ipc) or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected which gets funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who are working alongside communities helping those most in need. Please see the poster in porch with the QR code. Thank you for your continued prayers.

**St. Monica's Church Foodbank.** Since the beginning of the year we have seen a 45% increase in the number of households we are helping. Add to this the current cost of living crisis and it is proving increasingly difficult to keep up with demand. We have had to restrict who we can help to those who live in the borough of Enfield or within 3 miles of the church hall. **More than ever we need your help to support neighbours who are struggling. You can do this by making a financial donation to parish bank account (see bank details below) using reference "food distribution". Or you could donate food to us directly on a Monday morning at the church hall.** Items like cheese; eggs; tins of corn beef; ham; long life milk; tea; coffee; cooking oil; washing up liquid; and toiletries would be most welcome.

**The Legion of Mary** have two statues of Our Lady for family Rosary and prayers in your home. Please contact Gloria 0208 360 3554. **Every Saturday** the Legion of Mary gather and pray the Angelus and Rosary at 12 noon at the Triangle in Palmers Green; all are invited to join them.

**Laudato Si' Animators UK** "Human beings must be recognized as a part of nature. Human life, intelligence and freedom are elements of the nature that enriches our planet, part of its internal workings and its equilibrium." (LD 26). "The world sings of an infinite Love: how can we fail to care for it?" (LD 65). Join the [Laudato Si' Movement](#) by subscribing for online updates . [Laudato Si' Animators program to support your "ecological conversion" journey with fellow Catholics from all continents.](#) Pope Francis Laudate Deum.

**Irish Dancing Classes** have resumed in the small hall. Beginners welcome. Contact Margaret on 07932056163 or email [m.brennan@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:m.brennan@hotmail.co.uk).

**The Mass** explained by Bishop Robert Barron in 7 short videos that are currently available to watch for free <https://videos.wordonfire.org/themassepisode1> If you would like to get more from Mass, watch to discover what is happening and Who we encounter.

**Proud to be the Pope's charity for world mission**, Missio ignites God's love by helping local missionaries work alongside global communities who are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Whatever our missionaries need to help them share the joy of the Gospel, Missio strives to provide it. Visit [www.missio.org.uk/about-missio](http://www.missio.org.uk/about-missio) St Monica's parish has a long history of supporting Missio—once your red box is full please return it to the presbytery and take an empty box from the church porch.

**Gap Year opportunity:** Step into the Gap is a fully funded year of volunteering (18-30 year olds) with food, accommodation, stipend and training within a UK placement plus a Rome and Assisi pilgrimage. visit: [cafod.org.uk/gapyear](http://cafod.org.uk/gapyear)

