

FROM THE DIARY

Sunday 28th April	(6pm (Sat))	<i>Brian Henriques & Alzira Fernandes (RIP)</i>
Fifth Sunday of Easter	7.45am	<i>John McPhillips (Ann)</i>
	9am	<i>Luigi & Andrea Azzali (Int)</i>
	10.30am	<i>Mary Campbell (Ann)</i>
	12 noon	<i>Norene Steel Hristov (RIP)</i>
Monday 29th April	9.30am	<i>Liam Beatty (RIP)</i>
St Catherine of Siena Virgin & Doctor	7.30pm	RCIA Meeting (Newman Room)
Tuesday 30th April	9.30am	<i>Kathleen Rowley (RIP)</i>
Easter Feria	7.30pm	FHC Parents Meeting (Large Hall)
Wednesday 1st May	9.30am	<i>John and Nellie Harrington (RIP)</i>
Easter Feria		
Thursday 2nd May	9.15am	<i>Marion Procession Service (St Monica's School)</i>
St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor	9.30am	<i>Sheila Ripsher (RIP)</i>
	11.30am	Funeral of Kathleen McCarthy (RIP)
	3.10pm	Legion of Mary, (Newman Room)
Friday 3rd May	9.30am	<i>Luigi Fraulo (Ann)</i>
SS Philip & James, Apostles		
Saturday 4th May	9.30am	<i>Anne Walsh (RIP)</i>
The English Martyrs & Feast of the dedication of the Parish		
Sunday 5th May	(6pm (Sat))	<i>Nadeesha Jude (Ann)</i>
Sixth Sunday of Easter	7.45am	<i>Intentions of the Parish</i>
	9am	<i>Tom Gorry (RIP)</i>
	10.30am	<i>People of the Parish & Holy Souls</i>
	12 noon	<i>Carvalho Family (Int)</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	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	28th April
<i>Parish Mass Bk Pg.268</i>	Jesus teaches that he is the vine and that his disciples are the branches	2024

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. Recall that John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. In John's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus' farewell discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for his disciples.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name. **Loyola Press**

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PARISH NOTICES

We pray for all those who have died recently: John Flanagan, Annibafa Frederick, Father John Warnaby, Alexandra McBride, Kathleen McCarthy and for **those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Mary Campbell, Bernadette Ujah, Mary King, Maureen O'Connor, Irene Barrett, Carole Owen, Denis Kelleher, Rina Husain, Luigi Fraulo, Mary Fernandes, Lina Beschizza, Phyllis McDonnell, George Azzali, Angela Ramlakhan, Francis Peduzzi, Carmelina Verde, Peter Beekmeyer, Rina Perdoni, Maria Parente, . **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. Baby Joseph Osbourne, Mary Jordan, Sheila Corbett, Elizabeth Frangeskou, Agnieszka Puszko, Marie Herry, Pauline Monaghan, Claudette Seeboruth.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

Acts 9:26-31, 1 John 3:18-24, John 15: 1-8

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48, 1 John 4:7-10,
John 15: 9-17

TODAY

Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available in the back of the church, or by contacting the parish office. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation, visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

Refreshments in the Newman Room after 9am & 10.30 Masses provided by the Knights of St Columba.

THANK YOU

Thank you to those who supported the Catenians refreshments last weekend, £85.13 was raised for the Food Bank.

Congratulations to Saffienne and Simon who were married on Tuesday.

SACRAMENTS

Congratulations to all our Confirmation Candidates who made their confirmation yesterday, they will be presented with their certificates at all Sunday Masses this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.

Baptism Preparation Course The next course is on Sunday 5th May, 3-5pm in the Newman Room. Please contact the parish office to book on to the course.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Funeral of Fr John Warnaby (RIP) Tuesday at 12noon St Joseph's church, Oxhey Drive, Carpenders Park, Watford WD19 7SW.

MONTH OF MAY, MONTH OF MARY. During the month of May a 'Tree of Prayer' will be placed before the statue of Our Lady with the names of the sick on it for prayer. If you want a sick person's name to be on it for prayers to Our Lady, please PRINT the name and hand it in to the office or give it to me to be placed on the Tree. At the end of daily Mass, during the Month of May, the Memorare will be said for the sick. (Please do not touch the Tree, thank you). Sister Joyce.

Church Cleaning will be on **Tuesday** for this week only **not Thursday**. Thank you.

Mass Intentions for June can be booked from 10am on Wednesday. Please only book one Mass during the first week of booking, extra Masses can be booked from 8th May, if available.

A Year of Encounter. With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as

poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. *A Year of Encounter* is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter for more information and poster in porch, also an online session on **Saturday 4th May** to learn more. Further information is on the website. [Training session: Using our Catholic voice at the next election \(cafod.org.uk\)](http://Training session: Using our Catholic voice at the next election (cafod.org.uk))

PARISH GROUPS

Music Appeal. If you are looking for an opportunity to contribute your musical abilities to the parish, whether singing or playing an instrument, we'd love to hear from you! **For Sunday 10.30 Mass Music Group**, contact John Dodd on jsdodd@btopenworld.com or 07802 498801. **For Sunday 12 o'clock Mass** speak to Anna Cechova anna.cech@hotmail.co.uk

To sing with the Children's Choir at **Saturday evening** once a month, (children in year 4 or above), contact Christine Dench on 07966 140508 or callenN4@aol.com Or just speak to any of us after Mass! There are also registration forms at the back of the Church.

St Monica's Walking Group. Saturday 18th May. Old Amersham and Chalfon St Giles. More details in next week's newsletter.

OTHER


Vocations Days: 'Come and See'. Men who are interested in exploring vocations to the priesthood or the permanent diaconate are invited to come along to the Vocations Team's 'Come & See' Vocations Morning on Sat 1st June, 10am-2pm at Our Lady's Hall (the undercroft) at Our Lady of Lourdes

Parish, Rothamsted Avenue, Harpenden AL5 2DB. Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided. To find out more and to register attendance please contact: Canon Roger Taylor, Vocations Promoter, at robertaylor@rcdow.org.uk or Deacon Adrian Cullen, Director of the Permanent Diaconate, at adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk or call 07961 594725

CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal. Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please donate online at cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal or ring 0800 58 588 85. Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it. Thank you.

CAFOD Pilgrimage. CAFOD is organising a pilgrimage for young adults aged between 18 - 40 from **Friday 12th – Sunday 14th July**, in a special way in this year of prayer and lead up to the year of Jubilee. Reconnecting with their faith through worship, prayer and journeying as a pilgrim together. The pilgrimage will include a two-night residential stay at the Frontier Centre, Irthlingborough, NN9 5UH. **For more information:** [Young Adults Residential Pilgrimage \(cafod.org.uk\)](http://Young Adults Residential Pilgrimage (cafod.org.uk)) **Sign-up link:** Young Adults Pilgrimage July 24 - Formstack

FINANCE

21st April, Envelopes £260; Loose Plate £813 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. 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 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 or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

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

OTHER

Walsingham National Shrine of England Sunday 12th May. 12.10pm –5pm, a day of instruction, devotion and intercession.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Saturday 1st June 2024 from 11 am to 4:30 pm. The Recollection Day will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Pls call millie on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

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 or call 07870 769631. Please see poster at the back of the Church.

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

Lourdes Pilgrimage 19th- 26th July 2024 – meeting on Thursday at 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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham. The annual diocesan pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham will take place this year on Saturday, 21st September. Further information will be available in due course but parishes are invited to note the date and to start making coach bookings.

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 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.