

FROM THE DIARY

Sunday 31st March	8pm (Sat)	Maria Arnold (Ann)
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	7.45am	Elizabeth (Int)
	9am	Konan Kouame Alphonse (RIP)
	10.30am	Anne Fallon (Ann)
	12 noon	Norene Steel Hristov (RIP)
Monday 1st April Easter Octave	9.30am	Rosemary Ford (Int) & Noreen Campbell (Int)
		BANK HOLIDAY—Church closes after Rosary
Tuesday 2nd April Easter Octave	9.30am	Therese Edirimanasinghe (Ann)
Wednesday 3rd April Easter Octave	9.30am	Sheila Grady (RIP)
Thursday 4th April Easter Octave	9.30am	Gennaro Barile & Rosa Volpe (Int)
Friday 5th April Easter Octave	9.30am	Angelina & Lina Verdi (Int)
Saturday 6th April Easter Octave	9.30am	Kathleen Kileen (RIP) Nestor Encisa (Ann)
	11.30am	Baptisms of Lydia and Ethan
Sunday 7th April Second Sunday of Easter	(6pm (Sat)	Benny Duffy (RIP)
	7.45am	Juliana Carvalho (Ann)
	9am	Joanna Bernasinska (Ann)
Devine Mercy	10.30am	Norene Steel Hristov (RIP)
	12 noon	People of the parish and the Holy Souls

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	EASTER SUNDAY	31st March
Parish Mass Bk Pg. 255	"...just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life" Rom 6:4	2024



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Parish Administrator & Secretary: Noreen Campbell

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: Thomas Law, Margaret White, Fr Michael James Daley, John Cawston, and for **those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Bill Duffy, Angelina Medici, Jane Hurley, Christopher Bacon, Mary Ryan, Theresa Hurtan, Giuseppe Vaccaro, Therese Edirimanasinghe, Claudio Querin, Pierina Arthur, Richard Lindeman, Bruna Avogadri, Margherita Borella, John Youselli, Jacqueline Appiah. **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, Liz Panayi, Mary Jordan, Donna Cummings, Sheila Corbett, Elizabeth, Kathy McCarthy, Agnieszka Pusko, Marie Herry, Anna Keogh. Akhter Zabier, Pauline Monaghan.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

Acts 10:34, 37-43, Col 3:1-4, John 20: 1-9

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 4: 32-35, 1 John 5: 1-6, John 20: 19-31

TODAY

The Parish team would like to thank you for your kind gifts and Easter cards. We wish you a Holy and Joyful Eastertide. And to the many volunteers who dedicate many hours to the parish. We thank all the parishioners and those who are present during the live streaming of the Mass for your prayers and support. God bless you all. Canon Mehall

No refreshments today.

We welcome and congratulate Alejandro and Peter who were Baptised. Millie and Reuben who were received into the Church. Alfie and Joshua who were confirmed with the elect at the Easter Vigil.

Easter and (Christmas) collections are your gift to your priests. These contributions make up the annual allowance that does not come from parish offertories or Standing orders. Online banking details: Bank: **HSBC**; A/c no: **41096176**; Sort Code: **40-05-20**; A/c name: **WRCDT Palmers Green**; Reference: Priest Gift. Thank you for your generosity and support. Canon Mehall

NEXT WEEKEND

Refreshments in the Newman Room after 9am & 10.30 masses will be provided by the Redcaps for their trip to Lourdes.

Columban Missionaries Appeal. We welcome Fr Patrick O'Beirne who will be visiting the parish next weekend. The principal purpose of the appeal is to raise awareness of their missionary vocation. To encourage people to become more involved in the missionary work of the church and support for the mission magazine, 'The Far East'.

There will be a Mission collection after each Mass. Father O'Beirne would like to thank everyone for their support and generosity.

THANK YOU

Anna and Eamonn Swift would like to thank everyone for all their prayers, support and kindness at this sad time of the recent passing of Pat (RIP). A Mass will be offered for your intentions.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mass Intentions for May can be booked from 10am on **Tuesday**. Please only book one Mass during the first week of booking, extra Masses can be booked from 9th April, if available.

Churches Together. Tuesday at 10.30 am. We will be meeting via Zoom.

<https://uso4web.zoom.us/j/74680204904?pwd=TjJhQnBIYVVuUzNRY3ZXQTJ6MHEzQT09> Meeting ID: 746 8020 4904: 8zq1F7

A Day With Mary—St Mary Magdalen, Athenaeum Road, Whetstone N20. Saturday starting at 9.30am. A day of instruction, devotion and intercession.

PARISH GROUPS

St Monica's Life Group Meeting will be on Monday 8th April at 3.10 in the Newman Room. All welcome!

St Monica's Walking Group. Wednesday 17th April. 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.

200 Club. Congratulations the winners are: 1st Prize £132 Pauline Reilly, 2nd Prize £130 Laurence Cooper, 3rd Prize £66 Bridget Steel, 4th Prize £33 Rachel McArdle.

Would you be interested in joining the 200 Club to raise funds for the Parish? The subscription per entry is only £5/month. Please contact the parish office.

OTHER

Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, 19-26th July. Book via the Diocesan website <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> by end April to travel by coach, train or air. Speak to Anna for more information.

St Ignatius College is excited to announce our new Alumni page and LinkedIn group for all of our Old Ignatians to reunite and stay up to date with all of our news/Events. We are looking forward to all of our Alumni signing up soon. AMDG. <https://www.st-ignatius.enfield.sch.uk/3472/dear-alumni>, <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12893571/>

VACANCIES

Head Teacher Required at Our Lady of Muswell Catholic Primary School -

September 2024 seeking to appoint a Head Teacher from September 2024. Full details of this job vacancy can be found at <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/head-teacher-haringey-2020444>. If you are interested or require further information, please contact the School Business Manager - Katherine Johnston via email sbm@ourladymuswell.haringey.sch.uk. Application Deadline is Wednesday 10th April 2024 at 10am.

St. Michael's Catholic Grammar School .

Two vacancies. Teacher of Physics . An application form is available on the school website. Please send completed forms to applications@st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk.

Closing date: Monday 22nd April 2024 - 9am

Temporary Part-time Teacher of Spanish & French – Maternity Cover. An application pack is available on the school website.

Please send completed forms to applications@st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk.

Closing date: Monday 22nd April 2024 - midday - early applications are encouraged as we reserve the right to call candidates to interview before this advert is withdrawn.

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

FINANCE

24th March Envelopes £314; Loose Plate £1,104.80 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 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 £400, cost of living grants £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

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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.

OTHER

St. Anne's Catholic High School for Girls. Sharing Good News: We're thrilled to announce that attendance at **St. Anne's Catholic High School for Girls** has been recognised among the **Top 10%** of secondary schools in England! This is a testament to the dedication of our students, staff, and community. Thank you to everyone for your commitment to excellence!

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.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 19th- 26th July 2024 – Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols is now open via the application form on <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or by contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173. Options to travel by plane, train or coach are available and there are many volunteering opportunities for those wishing to serve. **All applications to join this year's pilgrimage need to be submitted by Tuesday 30th April.**

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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.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate is holding a Divine Mercy Reflection on Saturday 13 April 1-4:30 pm at St Mary's R C Church, 157 Aldershot Road, Guildford GU2. The Reflection will include the Holy Rosary, teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for more information.

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

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.

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://chnq.it/QxBt2XK2vk>.

Right To Life Life UK. Praying for the unborn and women facing crisis pregnancies **Stop two**

extreme abortion amendments. Pro-abortion MPs, Stella Creasy and Diana Johnson, have tabled two extreme abortion amendments in an attempt to hijack the Criminal Justice Bill. Right To Life UK has launched a tool on its website that makes it easy for you to email your MP to ask them to oppose the two extreme abortion up to birth amendments and sign Early Day Motion 131 to stop abortion pills being sent out without an in-person medical appointment.

Please visit <https://righttolife.org.uk/abortionamendments> to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.

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.

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock & Co Mayo, 10th March 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

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.

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 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