

FROM THE DIARY

Sunday 3rd March	6pm (Sat)	<i>Theresa Mackessy (Ann)</i>
Third Sunday of Lent	7.45am	<i>Daphne Huxley (RIP)</i>
	9am	<i>Luigi Fraulo (Int)</i>
	10.30am	<i>Donnacha O'Rourke (Ann)</i>
	12 noon	<i>Francis & Elizabeth O'Loan (Int)</i>
Monday 4th March	9.30am	<i>Kathleen Ryan (RIP)</i>
Lent Feria	10.15am	The Chosen Series 3, Ep 8 (Newman Rm)
	3.10pm	Life Group Meeting (Newman Rm)
	7.30pm	RCIA, Newman Room
Tuesday 5th March	7.00am	<i>Eddie & Bridget & Family (Int)</i>
Lent Feria	9.30am	<i>Holy Souls & Bridget Murphy (RIP)</i>
	7.30–9pm	Confirmation Preparation (Large Hall)
Wednesday 6th March	9.30am	<i>Philip Murphy (Int)</i>
Lent Feria	11.30am	Funeral of Bruno Negri (RIP)
Thursday 7th March	9.30am	<i>Narciso Calderato (RIP)</i>
Lent Feria	3.10pm	Legion of Mary, (Newman Room)
	7.30– 8.45pm	God who speaks through feelings for discernment (Newman Rm)
Friday 8th March	9.30am	<i>Thomas & Sarah McIver (Ann)</i>
	7.00pm	Stations Of The Cross
	7.30pm	<i>Peter Boylan (RIP)</i>
Saturday 9th March	9.30am	<i>Sandie Cowan (RIP)</i>
Lent Feria	10-11am	Catechism Programme (Newman Rm)
	10-11am	Preparation for FHC 3, St Monica's School
	3– 4.30pm	Altar Servers Training (Church)
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 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 LENT	3rd March
Parish Mass Bk Pg. 158	Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up	2024

In today's Gospel we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem. In order to understand the relevance of Jesus' action, we must learn more about the activities that were going on in the temple area. Worship at the Temple in Jerusalem included animal sacrifice, and merchants sold animals to worshipers. Moneychangers exchanged Roman coins, which bore the image of the Roman emperor, for the temple coins that were needed to pay the temple tax. Jesus' action at the Temple in Jerusalem is recorded in all four Gospels and is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus' arrest and Crucifixion. The Gospel of John, however, places this event much earlier in Jesus' public ministry than do the Synoptic Gospels. In John's Gospel this event occurs at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, after his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana. We must read the Gospel of John carefully, especially in its presentation of Jesus' relationship to Judaism. The Gospel of John tends to reflect greater tension and animosity between Jesus and the Jewish authorities than the Synoptic Gospels. The Gospel of John was the last of the four Gospels to be written, and its narrative reflects the growing divide between the Jewish community and the early Christian community. Thus, greater emphasis on the distinction between Christianity and Judaism is found in John's Gospel. Reflecting upon the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem (A.D. 70), John recalls Jesus' cleansing of the Temple and uses that story to interpret this later event. John explains to his audience, an early Christian community, that temple worship would no longer be necessary because it was surpassed in the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. With greater frequency than the other Evangelists, John intersperses post-Resurrection reflections of this Christian community in his narrative. After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection. During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us when we gather for prayer.

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PARISH NOTICES

We pray for all those who have died recently: Michael Howard, Michael Linnane, Sheila Ripsher, Bruno Negri, Richard Crossingham, Mark Casali, Kevin Guinnane, Francisco Raposo and for **those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Thomas and Bertha Cullen, Margaret Collins, Shirley Paes, Donnacha O'Rourke, Bice Paganuzzi, Patrick Callaghan, Giuseppe Castagnetti, Nicolo Dispinseri, Joseph Bedier, Theresa MacKessy, Helen Kenny, Eva Ruffini, Irene Findlay. **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 Puszk, Marie Herry.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

Exo 20:1-17, 1 Cor 1:22-25, John 2: 13-25

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

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

TODAY

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

THANK YOU

CAFOD Family Fast Day. Thank you to everyone who supported this day and for your generosity, £2,076.55 was raised.

Thank you to the Knights of St Columba for providing the refreshments last weekend,

SACRAMENTS

Baptism. We congratulate Ciara on her baptism yesterday.

RCIA Elect. Please keep Alejandro, Joshua, Alfie, Millie, Peter and Reuben in your prayers as they prepare to be baptised/received at the Easter vigil.

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 Your 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 Johns parish. I am sure your aware of the arson incident at St Johns. Let's make every effort to gather with Rev Julie Coleman and St Johns 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/1Foo602BD7A81B4F?did=sjp30> Password: **SJP30**.

During Lent there will be an additional masses: 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 Life Group. Please join us for prayers and discussion as we look for ways to promote the sanctity of all human life from conception. Monday, 3.10 in the Newman Room. All welcome.

There is a tabled amendment in March to the government's Criminal Justice Bill (New Clause 1) so that "no offence is committed by a woman acting in relation to her own pregnancy" at any gestation, by any means, including just before birth. Please contact your MP to oppose this proposal, at: www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments or a personal letter to your MP at: (Bambos Charalambous), House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA. Please pray for the defeat of this amendment, for protection of unborn babies, and help and comfort for mothers in need.

Churches Together Prayer Meeting Tuesday at 10.30 am. We will be meeting via Zoom: <https://uso4web.zoom.us/j/74680204904?pwd=TjJhQnBIYVVuUzNRY3ZXQJTjJ6MHEzQTog> Meeting ID: 746 8020 4904 Passcode: 8zq1F7.

A day with Mary on Saturday at Church of Mary, Mother of God, Nags Head Road, Ponders End. 9.30am-4.30pm. A day of instruction, devotion and intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in

1917.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St George Enfield invite you to a Mass to celebrate the Gifts of all people especially those who have learning disabilities, their friends and families. Saturday at 3.30pm followed by refreshments. Please also see poster at the back of the Church.

Caritas Volunteer Service. (Volunteering Fair) Saturday 3-5pm Westminster Cathedral Hall. To register scan QR code on poster at the back of the Church or visit caritaswestminster.org.uk.

PARISH GROUPS

200 Club Winners for January: Congratulations the winners are: 1st Prize £141.00 Jacqueline Gibbs, 2nd Prize £105.75 Conrad Stocking, 3rd Prize £70.70 Angela Murphy, 4th Prize £35.35 Maureen Kennedy.

OTHER

Children's Choir are due to sing at Mass on Saturday 9th March.

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.

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.

FINANCE

25th Feb Envelopes £299; Loose Plate £816; **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/>

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

St Paul's Church Winchmore Hill. Office Manager & Vicar's PA. For more information visit www.spwh.org/jobs. Closing date 6th March.

St. Michael's Catholic Grammar School: PE Teacher for September 2024. An application form and job description are available on our website. Please send completed applications to applications@st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk. Closing date: Thursday 29th Feb 2024 Midday – Early applications are encouraged as we reserve the right to call candidates to interview before this advert is withdrawn.

St. Michael's Catholic Grammar School: Senior Finance Administrator. Application forms are available on the school website - please send completed forms to applications@st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk. Closing date: Monday 26th February 2024 midday – interviews that week - early applications are encouraged as we may call to interview before this closing date.

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.

Headteacher Required at Our Lady of Muswell Catholic Primary School - September 2024. Full details can be found at <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/head-teacher-haringey-1984118> or please contact the School Business Manager - Katherine Johnston via email sbm@ourladymuswell.haringey.sch.uk. Application Deadline is Monday 26th Feb at 10am.

OTHER

In Sue's Name has their annual **Walk for Hope** in March, which is Brain Tumour Awareness Month. To take part, go to <http://www.insuesname.org.uk/walkofhope24> or contact David Taylor: avidt@yahoo.co.uk 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>

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>

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.

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 55 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.

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.

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.