

**FROM THE DIARY**

<b>Sunday 7th April</b>	<b>6pm (Sat)</b>	<i>Benny Duffy (RIP)</i>
<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>7.45am</b>	<i>Juliana Carvalho (Ann)</i>
	<b>9am</b>	<i>Joanna Bernasinska (Ann)</i>
<b>Divine Mercy</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<i>Norene Steel Hristov (RIP)</i>
	<b>12 noon</b>	<i>People of the parish and the Holy Souls</i>
<b>Monday 8th April</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<i>Joy Moraes (RIP)</i>
<b>The Annunciation of the Lord</b>	Pilgrimage in London with Confirmation candidates	
	<b>3.10pm</b>	St Monica's Life Group Meeting (Newman Room)
<b>Tuesday 9th April</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<i>Maureen McManus (RIP)</i>
<b>Easter Feria</b>		
<b>Wednesday 10th April</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<i>Cleofas Maniano and Maria Purissima (Ann)</i>
<b>Easter Feria</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Reception of Margaret White (RIP)</b>
<b>Thursday 11th April</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<i>Kathleen Kileen (RIP)</i>
<b>Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr</b>	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Funeral of Margaret White (RIP)</b>
	<b>3.10pm</b>	Legion of Mary, (Newman Room)
<b>Friday 12th April</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<i>Kathleen Reilly (RIP)</i>
<b>Easter Feria</b>		
<b>Saturday 13th April</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<i>Anne Mullen (Ann)</i>
<b>Easter Feria</b>		
<b>Sunday 14th April</b>	<b>(6pm (Sat))</b>	<i>Siobhan Bucke (Ann)</i>
<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>7.45am</b>	<i>John Cawston (RIP)</i>
	<b>9am</b>	<i>People of the Parish and the Holy Souls</i>
	<b>10.30am</b>	<i>Mabel Monsurate (RIP)</i>
	<b>12 noon</b>	<i>James Finley (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

<b>Readings</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>7th April</b>
<i>Parish Mass Bk</i>	<b>DIVINE MERCY</b>	<b>2024</b>
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Thomas made two contradictory statements, one after the other. One expressed unbelief: 'Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe' (v. 25). The other was a marvellous proclamation of faith in Jesus: 'My Lord and my God!' (v. 28). Thomas was divided in himself. He was a believer: he had believed in Jesus, followed him and become a disciple. His actions arose out of his faith. But when faced with the crisis brought about by the death of Jesus, his faith faltered and failed him. He was cast into doubt and unbelief. Jesus himself overcame Thomas's doubt and unbelief by speaking to him and showing him his hands, feet and side (v. 27). Jesus revived Thomas's faith.

Often we are divided in ourselves. Part of us believes but part of us battles with doubts. Our faith is constantly under challenge and attack. However, although we can think that our faith is weak, it is actually more robust than we imagine. It may be bruised and weakened, yet it is still there, needing only to be revived.

Faith is 'the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen' (Heb. 11:1). Thomas was not convinced of what he had not seen. Only the presence of the risen Jesus revived his faith. Jesus has returned to his Father but he has not left us orphans. Instead, he sent the Holy Spirit to take his place and be with us. The Spirit therefore does for us what Jesus did for Thomas. His role is to bring us from doubt to faith, to build up our faith and to create living faith. He does this for us every time we participate in the Eucharist and in the sacraments of the Church, or whenever we pray, read the Scriptures or stand firm on the truth that God is sovereign. Therefore, again and again, we should be turning to the Holy Spirit and asking him to banish our doubts and to revive and enliven our faith.

Holy Spirit, lead me into all truth and give me all that is of Jesus. Overcome all doubt in me by strongly convincing me of what I weakly believe. Fill me with living faith and hope. Strengthen me to stand faithful before all the challenges which come to me.

Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 117(118):2-4, 15-18, 22-24 1 John 5:1-6 John 20:19-31

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## PARISH NOTICES

**We pray for all those who have died recently:** Peter Canavan, Thomas Law, Margaret White, Fr Michael James Daley, John Cawston, and for **those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Margherita Borella, John Youselli, Jacqueline Appiah, Veronica Ramsden, Joan Stripp, Joseph Zanelli, John McPhillips, John Lynchehan, Patrick Bradley, Mary Perretta, Michael Cassidy, Josephine Scanlon, Agnes Corner, Anne Mulley, Máiréad Jordan, Elizabeth Japal, Cristina Ballini. **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, Kathy McCarthy, Agnieszka Puszek, Marie Herry, Anna Keogh, Akhter Zabier, Pauline Monaghan, Claudette Seeboruth.

### READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

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

### TODAY

The parish team would like to **thank you** for your Easter cards and gifts. Fr David & myself thank you for your Easter offerings.

God bless you all. *Fr Mehall*

We welcome Fr Patrick O'Beirne from the **Columban Missionaries** who will be appealing today at Mass 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 today and there are also some envelopes at the back. Father O'Beirne would like to thank everyone for their support and generosity.

**Refreshments** in the Newman Room after 9am & 10.30 masses will be provided by the Life Group and the Knights of St Columba.

### SACRAMENTS

**Congratulations** to Lydia and Ethan who were baptised yesterday.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

**Peter Canavan (RIP).** The Funeral Mass for Peter will take place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 12pm at The Most Precious Blood & St Edmunds, Edmonton N9 7DN. May he rest in peace.

**A Day With Mary.** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April, St Francis de Sales. A day of instruction, devotion and intercession. 10am—4.15pm.

### PARISH GROUPS

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

**St Monica's Life Group Meeting** will be on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 3.10 in the Newman Room. All welcome! The spring edition of the Pro-life News is available in the Church Porch.

**St Monica's Walking Group. Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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

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

**Annual Collection for the Priests Training Fund** will be the weekend of 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> April. More details to follow next weekend.

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

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

**Lourdes Pilgrimage 19<sup>th</sup>- 26<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> April.** Speak to Anna for more information.

**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!

**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](mailto:sbm@ourladymuswell.haringey.sch.uk). Application Deadline is Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 10am.

**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 - 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/>

### FINANCE

**31<sup>st</sup> March**, many thanks for your Easter offerings.

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 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.

## OTHER

**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](mailto:hp118@hotmail.co.uk).

**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 for more information.

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**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> .

**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.

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**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.

**Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock & Co Mayo,** 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](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. isit: [cafod.org.uk/gapyear](http://cafod.org.uk/gapyear)