

FROM THE DIARY

SUNDAY 3RD MAY	6pm Sat	<i>Anne Fallon (Ann)</i>
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	7.45am	<i>June Goldie (RIP)</i>
	9am	<i>Valerie D'Souza (Int)</i>
	10.30am	<i>Philomena Soares (Ann)</i>
	12noon	<i>John McPhillips (Ann)</i> <i>Michael & Kathleen Boyle (Ann)</i>
	3-5pm	Baptism Preparation Course (Newman Room)
Monday 4th May The English Martyrs Dedication of St Monica's	9.30am	All Benefactors of the Parish, Living and Dead BANK HOLIDAY — <i>No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Church closes after Rosary</i>
Tuesday 5th May Easter Feria	9.30am	<i>Maura Hickey (Int)</i>
Wednesday 6th May Easter Feria	9.30am	Tom Gorry (Ann)
	4.30pm	FHC Rehearsal
Thursday 7th May Easter Feria	9.30am	<i>Michael Maguire (Ann)</i>
	11.00am	Funeral of Gillian Kilkenny RIP
	3.10pm	Legion of Mary (Newman Room)
Friday 8th May Easter Feria	9.30am	<i>Mary Kiely (RIP)</i>
Saturday 9th May Easter Feria	9.30am	<i>Peter Nguyen (Ann)</i>
	11.00am	First Holy Communion Mass <i>(Due to First Holy Communion Masses there will be no morning Confessions or Exposition)</i>
SUNDAY 10TH MAY SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	6pm Sat	<i>Peter Wims (Ann)</i>
	7.45am	<i>Louise Wood (RIP)</i>
	9am	<i>Helen Westbury (RIP)</i>
	10.30am	<i>Matteo Bragoli (Ann)</i>
	12noon	<i>George Gurmel Kooner (Ann)</i>

MASS TIMES

Sunday (Sat 6pm), 7.45am, 9am, 10.30am, 12noon. Mon-Sat : 9.30am
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)
Exposition and Benediction: Not Saturday 9th & 16th May
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Not Saturday morning 9th & 16th May
 Available Saturday at 5.15pm– 5.45pm

St Monica's Church, Palmers Green

A parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster

Readings	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	3rd May,
<i>Parish Mass Bk</i>		2026
<i>Pg. 265</i>	'I AM THE WAY, AND THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE.'	

The readings for the last few Sundays have been about the Resurrection, but today's Gospel takes us back in time to an event in Jesus' life before his Passion. Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house. He promises that where he is going, his disciples will be able to follow. Thomas, who will later doubt the disciples' reports that they have seen the Risen Lord, contradicts Jesus by saying that the disciples don't know where Jesus is going or how to get there. Jesus explains that he himself is the way, the truth, and the life. In knowing and loving Jesus, the disciples now love God the Father.

Philip then makes a request that challenges Jesus' words. Philip wants Jesus to show the Father to the disciples. Recall that Jesus has just told his disciples, "If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." As a good teacher, Jesus responds to Philip by repeating and elaborating on what he has just told the disciples: they have seen and known Jesus, so they have seen and known the Father. Then Jesus offers another reassurance about his departure: because of faith in God and in Jesus, the disciples will do the work that Jesus has done and more.

The connection between Jesus and his Father, between Jesus' work and the work of the Father, is made clear in today's Gospel. Jesus is in the Father, and God the Father is in Jesus. As God spoke his name to Moses, "I am," so too Jesus speaks his name to his disciples: "I am the way and the truth and the life." The revelation of the Trinity is completed in the passage that follows today's reading, and it is the Gospel for next Sunday. Because Jesus goes away, the Father will send in Jesus' name the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will continue the work of the Father and of Jesus.

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PARISH NOTICES

We pray for all those who have died recently: Mick Curran, Janet Johnson, David Kirby, Gillian Kilkenny, Samuel Falegan, and **those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Angela Ramlakhan, Francis Peduzzi, Margaret Griffin, Kenneth Martin, Carmelina Verde, Peter Beekmeyer, Rina Perdoni, Maria Parente, Phyllis Morahan, Yvonne Faria, Joan McAlinden, Peter Wims, Denis Nolan, Maria Heard-White, Fernando Gerardo, Mary Mangan and Marie Casey. **We also pray for all our sick and housebound parishioners especially:** Angela Murphy, Lydia Meniano, Doreen Matthew, Marie Herry, Ronnie Lynch, Ronald Walner, Jim Ball, Sandy Philbin, Maureen Dundon and **those in our care homes:** Anastasia Lodge, The Beaumont, Brookwater House, The Conifers, The Hollies, Queen Ann Care Home, Amberley House and The Woodlands and **hospitals:** North Middlesex and Chase Farm.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

Acts: 6: 1-7, 1 Peter 2:4-9, John 14:1-12

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17, 1 Peter 3: 15-18, John 14: 15-21

TODAY

Mission Appeal. We welcome Father Isah Katuka from **The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers)** who will be giving a mission appeal at all Masses. There will be a collection as you leave, thank you supporting this appeal.

Refreshments. Newman Room after gam & 10.30 Masses provided by the the Explorers, who are fund raising for their Kenya expedition in August. Thank you for your support.

Baptism Preparation Course: today in the Newman Room 3-5pm. Please speak to one of the priests if you are seeking baptism for your child.

SACRAMENTS

Congratulations to Gabriella, Finbarr and Caolan who were baptised yesterday. We welcome them into God's church and our parish community.

First Holy Communion children are looking forward to celebrating their First Holy Communion on the 9th and 16th May. Please keep them in your prayers. *(Please note, there will be no morning confession or exposition on the 9th or 16th May).*

THE WEEK AHEAD

St Monica's Foodbank is closed on Monday 4th May as it is a bank holiday.

Churches Together Prayer Meeting. Zoom Meeting Tuesday, 5th May 10.30 am. Join <https://uso4.web.zoom.us/j/74680204904?pwd=TjJhQnBIYVVuUzNRYzZXQTJ6MHEzQT09> Meeting ID:746 8020 4904 Passcode: 8zq1F7.

Church Cleaning will take place on Wednesday 6th May after the Rosary. Thank you to all who help each week.

Weekly Prayer for Priestly Vocations Week Two. Friday 8th May at Holy Hour between 2-3pm. **Prayer Intention:** Pray for those currently discerning the priesthood. Please do come and join us in Church.

Young adults (18-35) are invited to an Enfield Deanery gathering on Friday May 8th, 7.30-9.30pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St George, Enfield (EN2 6DS). Worship music, speaker & Adoration followed by social. Contact Anna for more information.

NEXT WEEKEND

The Children's Choir next sings at the 6pm Mass on Saturday 9th May. If your child is interested in joining, please contact the parish office.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 14th May is a Holy Day of Obligation

for the **Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**, with additional Masses at 7am and 7.30pm.

Bible Course. Join Fr Sean from Monday 1st June at 7.30pm for an eight-week Bible Course exploring the great story of salvation history from Genesis to the Book of Revelation. Together we will discover how the different books of the Bible fit together, how God speaks through the Scriptures, and how the Word of God continues to shape our lives today. No previous knowledge is needed, to register your interest please email palmergreen@rcdow.org.uk or call the parish office.

Welcome Gathering for New Parishioners. Sunday 14th June at 3pm. If you have joined the parish within the last six months please email the parish office and complete one our yellow Census cards.

Mass for the Sick and Housebound with the Sacrament of the Sick. Saturday 20th June at 11.00am.

Cemetery Mass will be celebrated at New Southgate Cemetery on Saturday 27th June at 11am, followed by prayers at Waterfall Road Cemetery at about 12.15pm.

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Holy Communion under both kinds. At most weekday and Sunday Masses, Holy Communion will once again be offered under both kinds—that is, the Sacred Host and the Precious Blood. This fuller sign more clearly expresses the richness of the Eucharistic mystery, though it is important to remember that Christ is fully present under either form alone. Those who wish may receive from the chalice; those who prefer not to do so are encouraged to receive as usual. A gentle reminder: intinction (dipping the Host into the chalice) is not permitted in England and Wales; ministers may refuse anyone who attempts this, and we ask for your understanding and cooperation.

MONTH OF MAY, MONTH OF MARY. Do not touch the TREE OF PRAYER which is in front of the statue of Our Lady. If you would like to add the name of a sick person to be prayed for, please give the name to Sister Joyce and she will put it on the tree for you. During the month of May, we will add the sick to the intentions of our daily Rosary.

Knights of St Columba. Are you interested in joining the Knights of St Columba? If you are male, over the age of 16 and a practising Catholic you are eligible to join. Please contact Kevin Donnelly on 0208 364 1721/07484 134848 or see our website: <https://www.ksc.org.uk>

CAFOD Seed Campaign Update: In a small but significant victory the Kenyan government has declared the seed laws unconstitutional, protecting the rights of farmers and setting an important precedent to challenge similar laws in other countries.

SCHOOLS

St Michael's Catholic Grammar School. Certificate of Catholic Practice. Parents of children who are practising at St Monica's are invited to email the parish office to receive a date and time with Fr Mehall.

FINANCE

75% of weekly offerings are now by standing order. **October to December quarterly income/expenditure summary** displayed in the porch. Thank you for your continued generosity. **To Donate Bank**



Transfer please use the following HSBC bank details: Sort Code: **40-05-20;** A/c no: **41096176;** A/c name: **WRCDT Palmers**

Green. If you pay income tax, click on the [gift aid form](#) to complete & return. Thank you. Chair of Finance Committee

FINANCE

DONACONTACTLESS 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.

MARRIAGE

Easter Marriage and Family Life Reflections. The first links to this Sunday's Gospel and the second begins with the question, 'Do you have a song that reflects your shared journey of commitment, resilience, and renewal in marriage?'

<https://rcdow.org.uk/marriage-and-family-life/news/two-hearts-one-journey-a-pilgrims-guide-to-marriage/>

<https://rcdow.org.uk/marriage-and-family-life/news/here-comes-the-son/>

Marriage Matters for the forthcoming Liturgical Year A. A newly written forward from Bishop Bosco MacDonald, lead bishop for Marriage and Family at CBEW.

<https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/how-we-help/two-in-one-flesh/>

MARRIAGE HELP - Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 0788 7296983

Marriage Care provides a relationship counselling service for couples when life gets tough and it is hard to find a positive solution. www.marriagecare.org.uk/

TEL: 0800 389 3801 <https://rcdow.org.uk/marriage-and-family-life/news/sea-glass---beauty-from-brokenness-1/>

VACANCIES

Diocese Vacancies, for further details, please visit <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>.

The Archdiocese of Southwark have a vacancy for a HR Manager. More information in the Church porch.

CHARITY

CAFOD: Stand with Sudan. On the third anniversary of the war in Sudan, Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Region for Africa, asks will you consider setting up a monthly gift to support families who are fleeing the violence - let them know we will stand with you until peace is restored." Donate at cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan.

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.

RETREATS and PILGRIMAGES

Vocations Weekend for Women (20s and 30s) - Discerning God's Call in your life 15th - 17th May, Liverpool. The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org. To register: <https://bit.ly/Vocation2026>.

A Day with Mary Pilgrimages 2026: Pilgrimage to Fatima. 8th July to 15th July 2026, closing date 28th April 2026. **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.** 17th to 24th July, registration is now open. Please see <https://pilgrimages.rcdow.org.uk/>

Pilgrimage to Italy. 1st September to 10th September 2026, closing date 23rd June 2026. Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/>

Parish Pilgrimage to Rome. Fr Sean is planning a Parish Pilgrimage to Rome 9th to 13th November. There are still some places available. Please email parish office on palmersgreen@rcdow.org.uk

SCHOOLS

Finchley Catholic High School are delighted to share with the community that they have been graded as Outstanding in all areas of their recent Section 48 Inspection. To see the full report, please visit the school website: www.finchleycatholic.org.uk

OTHER

CELEBRATE Trust is excited to announce two new webinars for parents and carers of teenagers: <https://www.celebratetrust.org/>. **Confident parenting in a world of screens. 29th April @ 8pm** Worried about the impact of phones and social media on your teen? A helpful webinar with Kate Duroux from Care for the Family, offering practical advice for supporting teenagers growing up in a digital world.)

Raising teenagers in a Catholic family. 2nd June @ 8pm As children enter adolescence, parenting can feel brand new. Mike and Alicia from the Messy Family Project share faith-filled wisdom and practical tools to help parents guide their tweens and teens with patience, modelling, and stronger relationships. **To reserve your place, book now by visiting** <https://www.celebratetrust.org/faith-parenting>

MISSIO Red Box: If you are interested in having a Red Box at home then please collect one from the porch. Every little penny helps. Thank you.

Dads Hub. A brand new fathers' weekly group. A place for men to come and help with their mental, physical health and create a community. For more information contact: dadshub@northsideyouth.co.uk. See poster in porch.

Caritas Westminster is offering free online training for parishioners who want to volunteer and support people in their local community facing unemployment or financial hardship. More details here <https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/event/financial-resilience-training-for-volunteers/>. Make a real difference in someone's life.