

FROM THE DIARY

SUNDAY 10TH MAY	6pm Sat	<i>Peter Wims (Ann)</i>
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	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>
Monday 11th May Easter Feria	9.30am	<i>Bridie Troy (Ann)</i>
Tuesday 12th May Easter Feria	9.30am	<i>Matthew Baird (RIP)</i>
Wednesday 13th May Easter Feria	9.30am	<i>Janice Quinn (RIP)</i>
	4.30pm	FHC Rehearsal
Thursday 14th May THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	7am	<i>Maria Nhau (RIP)</i>
	9.30am	<i>Michael O'Reilly (Ann)</i>
	3.10pm	Legion of Mary (Newman Room)
	7.30pm	<i>Mary Rohan (Ann)</i>
Friday 15th May Easter Feria	9.30am	<i>Albino Iacovone (Ann)</i>
	10.45am	Funeral of Michael Curran RIP
Saturday 16th May Easter Feria	9.30am	<i>O'Sullivan & Kelly Families (Int)</i>
	11.00am	First Holy Communion Mass
<i>(No morning Confessions or Exposition)</i>	3-5pm	Saturday Club (Newman Room)
SUNDAY 17TH MAY	6pm Sat	<i>Thomas Keatley & Liam M Shine (Ann)</i>
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	7.45am	<i>Phyllis Krakowiak (Ann)</i>
	9am	<i>Regina & Stanislaw Krzeczowski (RIP)</i>
	10.30am	<i>Carmel Molloy (Int)</i>
	12noon	<i>Mary Dell (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	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	10th May,
<i>Parish Mass Bk</i>		2026
<i>Pg. 268</i>	'I WILL ASK THE FATHER, AND HE WILL GIVE YOU ANOTHER HELPER.'	

Today's Gospel is a continuation of last week's Gospel: Jesus is speaking to his disciples at the Last Supper. In today's reading Jesus offers encouragement to his disciples, who will soon see him crucified. He reassures them that even though he will leave them, he will not abandon them. Instead he will send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, through whom the disciples will continue to live in union with Jesus. Jesus uses the term *Advocate* to describe the Holy Spirit, whom the disciples will receive. Another word used to describe the Holy Spirit is *Paraclete*, a legal term meaning "one who offers defense for another." Note that Jesus says that he will send "another Advocate." Jesus himself is the first advocate, interceding for his disciples with the Father.

In today's reading Jesus contrasts his impending departure with the permanence of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus will leave to return to the Father, but the Holy Spirit will remain with the disciples.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples will come to know and appreciate the unity of the Son and the Father. They will also understand that they too participate in the communion between the Father and the Son: "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you" (John 14:20).

Today's reading is one example of the contrast that John's Gospel presents between the community of disciples, to whom God will reveal himself, and the unbelieving world, which will remain in darkness. The unbelieving world cannot accept the "Spirit of truth," whom the disciples will receive. Only through the Spirit will God's revelation and love be known.

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PARISH NOTICES

We pray for all those who have died recently: Mick Curran, Janet Johnson, David Kirby, Samuel Falegan, and **those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Joan McAlinden, Peter Wims, Denis Nolan, Maria Heard-White, Fernando Gerardo, Mary Mangan, Marie Casey, Paola Corso, Iris Jones, William Gardner, Mary Rohan and John Clifford. **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 8: 5-8, 14-17, 1 Peter 3: 15-18,
John 14: 15-21**

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

**Acts 1: 12-14, 1 Peter 4: 13-16,
John 17: 1-11a**

TODAY

Thank you to the Children's Choir who sang at the Saturday evening Mass.

Congratulations to the children who celebrated their First Holy Communion yesterday, and we look forward to the remaining children celebrating their First Holy Communion next Saturday. Please keep them in your prayers.

Please note, there will be no morning confession or exposition on the 16th May.

Refreshments. Newman Room after 9am & 10.30am Masses provided by the Scouts. Thank you for your support.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism Preparation Course: Next course is in June. Please speak to one of the priests if you are seeking baptism for your child.

THANK YOU

Mission Appeal. The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) last weekend, £1,420.96 was raised, many thanks you for your generosity to this Mission.

Thank for your supporting the **Explorers** refreshments last weekend. Lucy, Clodagh

and Robyn raised an additional £200 towards their Kenya expedition in August.

The White Flower Appeal. The Society for the Protection of the Unborn Children (SPUC) would like to thank St Monica's for their support and generosity, the retiring collection we had here in February raised £821.13.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension of The Lord and a Holy Day of Obligation, with Masses at 7am, 9.30am & 7.30pm.

Church Cleaning will take place on Thursday 14th May after the Rosary. Thank you to all who help each week. Extra help is always welcome!

Weekly Prayer for Priestly Vocations Week Three. Friday 15th May at Holy Hour between 2-3pm. **Prayer Intention:** Pray for seminarians in their formation. Please do come and join us in Church.

NEXT WEEKEND

St Joseph's Saturday Club: Saturday 16th May (3rd Sat/month) 3-5pm Newman Room is for people with disabilities, and their families. All welcome. Please contact the office if you would like to find out more or volunteer.

Retiring Collection is for the Catholic Communications Network.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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, followed by refreshments in the hall.

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.

OTHER

The Legion of Mary have two statues of Our Lady available for family Rosary and prayers in your home during the month of May. Please contact the parish office.

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.

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.

PILGRIMAGES

Walsingham Pilgrimage 2026. The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. Saturday 6th June 10:30am - 4:30 pm. Coaches from Slough, Ealing Broadway, North London, Barking and Victoria. The Recollection Day will include Holy Mass, Talk, Hour of Mercy with Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

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

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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 CBCEW.

<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

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>

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.