

FROM THE DIARY

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>
Monday 18th May	9.30am	<i>Antonio Varlese (Ann)</i>
Easter Feria	6.30pm	Rosary Service for FHC Children (including blessing of religious gifts)
Tuesday 19th May	9.30am	<i>Peter Fernandes (Ann)</i>
Easter Feria		
Wednesday 20th May	9.30am	<i>Ritinha Henriques RIP</i>
Easter Feria		<i>Lumen D'Silvas (RIP)</i>
Thursday 21st May	9.30am	<i>Joseph Tran (Ann)</i>
Easter Feria	3.10pm	Legion of Mary (Newman Room)
Friday 22nd May	9.30am	<i>Franca Basta (Ann)</i>
Easter Feria		
Saturday 23rd May	9.30am	<i>Marie & Michael Lyons (RIP)</i>
Easter Feria	11.30am	Baptism of Niamh Goodwin
SUNDAY 24TH MAY	6pm Sat	<i>Luigi Azzali (Ann)</i>
PENTECOST SUNDAY	7.45am	<i>Liam Sullivan (RIP)</i>
	9am	<i>Ritinha & Sidonio & Brian Henriques (RIP)</i>
	10.30am	<i>Eddie McCormack (Ann)</i>
	12noon	<i>Marie Merrick (Int)</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: Saturdays after 9.30am Mass until 11am

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	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	17th May,
<i>Parish Mass Bk</i>		2026
<i>Pg. 275</i>	'FATHER, GLORIFY YOUR SON.'	

Today's reading is a prayer, which appears at the conclusion of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. At the end of the prayer, Jesus is arrested in the garden. The prayer might be read as Jesus' final commendation of himself to the Father. In the prayer, Jesus also expresses care and concern for his disciples.

Jesus' prayer reaffirms the complete union between Jesus and the Father. Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus has been presented as the Word, who pre-existed with the Father and was sent to do the Father's work on earth. In this prayer we learn that Jesus' life and ministry have been directed toward one purpose, revealing the Father. When this work is accomplished, Jesus is to return to the Father to be glorified. Regardless of what happens to Jesus, in John's Gospel, Jesus and the Father are in charge. Even in the description of Jesus' death, Jesus does not simply die but instead hands over his spirit.

In today's Gospel we also note the distinction found in John's Gospel between the world and the disciples. The disciples are in the world, but they are separate from it because they have been given to Jesus. They are chosen from the world to be in service to the world for its salvation. This salvation has been accomplished in Jesus because Jesus has revealed the Father to the world, but the disciples will be sent by Jesus to make both the Father and Jesus known to the world. Jesus' prayer is for the disciples' work in the world.

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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: Alex Stewart, Janet Johnson, David Kirby, Samuel Falegan, and **those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** John Clifford, Phyllis Krakowiak, Rosa Maserati, Bernard Moger, Michael McGrath, David Ferdenzi, Michael Treacy, Justyna Kuklewicz and Teresa Alaimo. **We also pray for all our sick and housebound parishioners especially:** Caterina Tossut, 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 1: 12-14, 1 Peter 4: 13-16,
John 17: 1-11a

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 2: 1-11, 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13,
John 20: 19-23

TODAY

Retiring Collection today is for **Catholic Communications Network**. Pope Leo's **Message for World Communications Day 2026**. In his message for the 60th World Day of Social Communications, Pope Leo XIV highlights the importance of ensuring that technological innovation, particularly artificial intelligence, serves the human person rather than replacing or diminishing human dignity.

Congratulations to the children who celebrated their First Holy Communion over the last two Saturdays and those confirmed in April; it is a cause of great celebration for the parish. Please keep them in your prayers.

Refreshments in the Newman Room after 9am & 10.30am Masses supporting the North London Hospice. 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

Recycling for Good Causes. The Common Home Group would like to thank everyone who participated in this earlier in the year.

An overall total of £539.50 was raised. The money will be divided between CAFOD and the Food Bank.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Rosary with First Holy Communion Children. Monday 18th May 6.30pm in the Church, includes blessing of religious gifts.

Weekly Prayer for Priestly Vocations Week Four. Friday 22nd May at Holy Hour between 2-3pm. **Prayer Intention:** Pray for our Parish Priests and all clergy serving in the diocese. Please do come and join us in Church.

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 contact 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 of our yellow Census cards.

Mass for the Sick and Housebound with the Sacrament of the Sick. Saturday 20th June at 11.00am we will offer anointing of the sick during Mass at 11.00am followed by refreshments in the hall. Could you volunteer

to help with refreshments or to bring some one to church? Please contact the office if you are able to help.

Oil of the Sick. The oil of the sick, which is pure olive oil, is used for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The priest lays hands on the sick or elderly person, says special prayers and anoints the person by placing oil in the form of a cross on the forehead and hands. Through this sacrament, God gives the sick person grace and strength to bear the illness or infirmity. In addition, many Catholics have witnessed the power of this anointing to bring spiritual, emotional and even physical healing. *The Church makes use of three holy oils: the oil of the sick, the oil of the catechumens and the holy chrism oil. The first two are blessed, and the bishop consecrates the third, ordinarily during the annual Chrism Mass. Each has a distinctive purpose in the Church.*

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.

St Monica's Walkers. Highgate Wood Walk. Wednesday 27th May, visiting Muswell Hill, St James church and onto the ancient forest of Highgate Wood where we stop for a picnic lunch. **Meet:** at 10:30 outside Wood Green tube station.

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. 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

Marriage Care. Volunteer Relationship Counsellors. Interested in training and volunteering as a Relationship Counsellor? Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation offering relationship support. We are looking for empathetic individuals committed to supporting adult relationships to train on our Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC) and to volunteer with us to make a real difference to couples and families. There are costs associated with training on our CRC, but no one is excluded on the basis of their ability to pay. Find out more by visiting: www.marriagecare.org.uk or emailing: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

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/>.

St. Michael's Catholic Grammar School. Vacancy for Teacher of Mathematics. An application form is available on the school website. Please send completed forms to applications@st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk. Closing date: Monday 18th May 2026 9am. Poster in porch.

St. Michael's Catholic Grammar School. Vacancy for Temporary Teacher of Girls' PE at Please see poster in porch. Closing date: Monday 18th May 2026 9am – interviews that week.

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

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

Ecological Conversion Group upcoming events and retreats: Journey to 2030 Network Meeting: Tuesday 26th May (online) 7pm to 8pm. Free to attend - registration required: journeyto2030.org/registration/

In-person day retreat: Joy of Limits. FCJ Centre for Spirituality and EcoJustice, 32 Phoenix Road, Somers Town, London NW1 1TA. Saturday 6th June 10am to 4pm (Optional Vigil Mass at 4:30pm). Further information <https://tinyurl.com/JoyofLimitsJune26>.

Residential Retreat: Recreation! 1st–6th October. Boarbank Hall (Allithwaite, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria, LA11 7NH). Cost: £100-£170 per night. Join us for a week of talks, art, walks, liturgy and gardening! For more visit www.boarbankhall.org.uk or email Sr Margaret margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk.

SCHOOLS

St Ignatius College Alumni: Please join us for a Barbecue at the College on 26/06/26, 6-9pm, £15. This will be one of the final opportunities to visit the current school building before it is rebuilt.

OTHER

Vigil of St Rita, Day of Fasting for Life. Wednesday 21st May. Please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting contact The Good Counsel Network on 020 7723 1740, or via www.goodcounselnetwork.com.

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>