

FROM THE DIARY

SUNDAY 24TH MAY	6pm Sat	<i>Luigi Azzali (Ann)</i>
PENTECOST SUNDAY	7.45am	<i>Liam Sullivan (RIP)</i>
<i>*Young Adults (18-35) "Live Life to the Full" after</i>	9am	<i>Ritinha & Sidonio & Brian Henriques (RIP)</i>
<i>10.30am Mass (Small Hall)</i>	10.30am*	<i>Eddie McCormack (Ann)</i>
	12noon	<i>Marie Merrick (Int)</i>
Monday 25th May	9.30am	<i>Fr Pat Currie (RIP)</i>
Mary, Mother of the Church		BANK HOLIDAY —No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Church closes after Rosary
Tuesday 26th May	9.30am	<i>Matteo Bragoli (Ann)</i>
Saint Philip Neri, Priest		
Wednesday 27th May	9.30am	<i>Francis Xavier Nghiem (Ann)</i>
Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop		
Thursday 28th May	9.30am	<i>Jackie & Bernadette McDermott (Ann)</i>
Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest	3.10pm	Legion of Mary (Newman Room)
Friday 29th May	9.30am	<i>Michael & Marie Lyons (RIP)</i>
Feria	1.00pm	Wedding of Constance McKinney & Nicholas Amos
Saturday 30th May	9.30am	<i>Philip & Mark Bonn (Ann)</i>
Feria		
SUNDAY 31ST MAY	6pm Sat	<i>Narciso, Maria & Ricky Calderato (Ann)</i>
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	7.45am	<i>Canon Reginal Crook (RIP)</i>
	9am	<i>Mary Conroy (RIP)</i>
	10.30am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	12noon	<i>Ilena Oswald, Maria & Liliana de Marco (RIP)</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	PENTECOST SUNDAY	24th May,
<i>Parish Mass Bk Pg. 288</i>	'AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME, EVEN SO I AM SENDING YOU. RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT.'	2026

Dear Friends,

On this Pentecost Sunday we pray for fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us.

We are seeing the fruits of the Holy Spirit at St Monica's. Having embarked on this Journey of Parish Renewal more adults have and are coming forward for Baptism.

From actives of sharing faith more members are joining faith groups and or attending actives that deepen our understanding of Scripture and the Catholic faith both at St Monica's and the Diocese.

As our outreach and actives grow, we seek to have buildings fit for purpose. We have instructed architects to design and implement a phased renovation of our hall building. Firstly, to upgrade the kitchen facilities that can support large gatherings. Secondly to allow ease of access to the upper hall and basement by lift so erecting an extension. Lastly to renovate and improve the large hall toilets and to create smaller meeting rooms. (we hope to share these designs in the coming months).

Our now beautiful gardens, renovated stained glass windows are a deeper sign that we are a vibrant and welcoming parish. The Parish Renewal endeavours and our building plan is in accord with the Vision of St Monica's for the coming years. We pray on this coming Pentecost Sunday the lord will bless us with opportunities to witness to Christs love in the community.

I thank you for your continued prayers and support of Parish Renewal.

Blessings, Fr Mehall

Prayer for Parish Renewal

Heavenly Father, everything we have and everything we are comes from you. Please guide the vision of our Parish to make your Son, Jesus, known. Help us to reach out to all people so that they may come to know the beauty of a personal encounter with Him. Pour out your Spirit upon your people. Grant each one of us ... a new vision of your Glory, a new experience of your Power, a new faithfulness to your Word and a new dedication to your service, that your love may grow among us and your Kingdom come. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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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, David Kirby, Samuel Falegan, and **those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Teresa Alaimo, Gloria Waldrow, Matteo Bragoli, Sheila Edwards, Josephina D'Costa, Seren Flannagan, Katherine Barber, Emilija Masiliunaite, Eleanor Macdonald, Jean Campion, Peter De Souza, Giovanni Bernardone, Philip Bonn, Mark Bonn and Pietro Beschizza. **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 2: 1-11, 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13,
John 20: 19-23

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Exo 34: 4b-6, 8-9, 2 Cor 13: 11-14,
John 3: 16-18

TODAY

Young Adults (18-35) meeting up after the Sunday 10.30am Mass. If you are aged 18-35 and wish to explore how to live life to the full as a disciple of Christ through community, social action, friendship, reflection and the Holy Spirit, then please come and join us.

Refreshments: are provided by the Knights of St Columba this weekend in the Newman Room after the 9am and 10am Masses.

SACRAMENTS

Congratulations to Niamh who was baptised yesterday. We welcome her into God's church and our parish community.

Congratulations to Constance and Nicholas who will be celebrating the sacrament of marriage here on Friday.

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

Catholic Communications Network, Thank you £616.34 was raised for our retiring collection last weekend.

Thank you also for your supporting the refreshments last weekend, £237.50 was raised for the **North London Hospice.**

THE WEEK AHEAD

St Monica's Walkers. Highgate Wood Walk. Wednesday 27th May. **Meet:** at 10:30 outside Wood Green tube station.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Eucharistic Octave & Central London Corpus Christi Procession. The Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane will again be hosting a Eucharistic Octave from **30th May - 7th June.** This has been organised by several London parishes to celebrate our Eucharistic Lord in the lead up to the Solemnity of Corpus Christi and includes the celebration of Masses in the various Rites of the Church and the *Quarant'Ore* devotions. Full details can be found at <https://catholiclondon.org>

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.

Corpus Christi Procession and First Holy Communion Thanks Giving Mass. After the 12 noon Mass on Sunday 7th June we will have a Eucharistic procession led by our First Communion Children and families. All are welcome as we give witness to our faith in the

community. Finishing with Benediction and refreshments in the large hall.

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 we will offer anointing of the sick during Mass 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.

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

Congratulations to the 20th Southgate Cubs who in May won both the Enfield District 5-a-side football tournament and the Southgate District Sports Day. Fantastic teamwork as always. You can find out more on their website at www.20thsouthgate.org

Common Home Group. Spotlight on Food Waste: Handout at the back of the church which draws your attention to the Pope's message to pray that all may have access to food. He expresses sorrow over widespread hunger alongside food waste. The leaflet provides information on the scale of UK household food waste with suggestions for simple changes. Do share this with others.

Mass Bookings for July. Can be booked from **10am on Monday 1st June** either in person, at the parish office, or by email/telephone.

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.

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.

St Michael's Catholic Grammar School. Open Evening Wednesday 24th June 2026. Full details of the Admissions Policy are on the School's website St Michael's Admissions 2027-28. Please see poster in porch.

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: WRCDDT Palmers Green. If you pay income tax, click on the [gift aid form](#) to complete & return. Thank you.

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

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.

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

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.

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

Interested in finding out more about becoming a Westminster Cathedral chorister? Each September, up to six boys join Westminster Cathedral Choir School in Year 4 or Year 5. Choristership offers the chance to sing in a **world-class choir** while attending one of the country's **leading independent schools for boys**. All choristers receive generous discounts covering up to 100% of fees. Interested in finding out more? Join our next Chorister Zoom Information Session on **Wednesday, 3rd June at 6:30pm Register here - <https://tinyurl.com/zsfqzj8>**. Alternatively, contact Rachel Bonnet at 020 7798 908, or RBonnet@choirschool.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>