

FROM THE DIARY

SUNDAY 31ST MAY THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	6pm Sat	<i>Narciso, Maria & Ricky Calderato (Ann)</i>
	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>
Monday 1st June Saint Justin, Martyr	9.30am	<i>Holy Souls</i>
	7.30pm	Bible Course (Large Hall)
Tuesday 2nd June Feria	9.30am	<i>Nora Fitzpatrick (RIP)</i>
Wednesday 3rd June Saint Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs	9.30am	<i>John O'Gara (RIP)</i>
Thursday 4th June Feria	9.30am	<i>Philomena Fox (RIP)</i>
	12.30pm	Funeral of Alexander Stewart (RIP)
	3.10pm	Legion of Mary (Newman Room)
Friday 5th June Saint Boniface, Bishop & Martyr	9.30am	<i>Carmel/Shane/Warren/Celine & Grandchildren (Int)</i>
	11.30am	Funeral of Samuel Falegan (RIP)
Saturday 6th June Feria	9.30am	<i>Patrick Lyne (Ann)</i>
	11.30am	Baptism of Leandro, Rafael & Harper
SUNDAY 7th June THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)	6pm Sat	<i>Thomas Moynihan (Ann)</i>
	7.45am	<i>Emilliana Galvez (Ann)</i>
	9am	<i>Ellen Winters (Ann)</i>
	10.30am	<i>Joanna Bernasinska (Ann)</i>
	12noon	<i>Kevin Coughlan (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	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	31st May,
<i>Parish Mass Bk</i>		2026
<i>Pg. 81</i>	'GOD SENT HIS SON IN ORDER THAT THE WORLD MIGHT BE SAVED THROUGH HIM.'	

Pope Leo XIV's First Encyclical: *Magnifica Humanitas*

This week Pope Leo published his first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas (The Magnificence of Humanity)*, a major reflection on artificial intelligence and the future of human society. Issued on the 135th anniversary of Pope Leo XIII's encyclical *Rerum Novarum* which began the Church's formal Social Teaching, it seeks to do for the digital revolution what that document did for the industrial revolution: to place the dignity of the human person at the centre of public life.

The Pope is clear that this is not primarily a document about technology. It is a document about humanity. The question facing us is not simply what machines can do, but what kind of people we are becoming.

Drawing on the biblical images of the Tower of Babel and the rebuilding of Jerusalem, Pope Leo suggests that every society faces a choice. We can use our growing technological power to dominate, control and exclude, or we can use it to build communities marked by justice, solidarity and care for the common good.

The encyclical welcomes scientific progress and recognises the immense potential of artificial intelligence. At the same time, it warns against any vision of humanity that reduces people to data, productivity or economic value. Human beings are more than intelligent machines. We are created in the image of God, capable of truth, freedom, love and communion. No technology, however sophisticated, can replace those gifts.

In an age fascinated by artificial intelligence, Christians must become more deeply human. The Church's task is not to resist the future, but to ensure that the future never loses sight of the human person and the God in whose image each person is made.

More information about the encyclical is available online at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/magnifica-humanitas-overview/>.

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PARISH NOTICES

We pray for all those who have died recently: Judy Linnane, David Pearman, George Williams, Maureen Dundon, Noleen Fitzgerald, Alex Stewart, Samuel Falegan, and **those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Giovanni Bernardone, Philip Bonn, Mark Bonn, Pietro Beschizza, Maria Calderato, Michael Norman, Luciano Cerini, Ellen Fox, Michael Ryan, John Vassili, Alex Flannagan, Carmel Charleston, Patrick Lyne, Ruzard Fernandes, Teresa Magee and Ellen Browne. **We also pray for all our sick and housebound parishioners especially:** Christina Joseph, Richard Pople Caterina Tossut, Angela Murphy, Lydia Meniano, Doreen Matthew, Marie Herry, Ronnie Lynch, Ronald Walner, Jim Ball, Sandy Philbin 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

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Deu 8: 2-3, 14b-16a, 1 Cor 10: 16-17,
John 6: 51-58

TODAY

Refreshments provided by the Altar Servers this weekend in the Newman Room after the gam and 10am Masses.

SACRAMENTS

Congratulations to Constance and Nicholas who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage here on Friday.

Baptism Preparation Course: Next course is on Sunday 7th June. Please speak to one of the priests if you are seeking baptism for your child.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mass Bookings for July. Can be booked from **10am on Monday 1st June** either in person, at the parish office, or by email/telephone. If you are able, please come to the office as you will have a better chance of getting the date you require.

Bible Course. This will begin on Monday 1st June at 7.30pm to 9pm facilitated by Fr Sean in the large hall. An email has been sent to those who have registered. For further details speak to Fr Sean.

Churches Together Prayer Meeting. Tuesday, 2nd June 10.30 am. Zoom meeting

<https://uso4web.zoom.us/j/74680204904?pwd=TjJhQnBIYVVuUzNRY3ZXQTJ6MHEzQT09> Meeting ID: 746 8020 4904 Passcode: 8zq1F7

40 Hours Devotion. Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St George Parish, Enfield are having a Quarant'ore for Corpus Christi. There is an opening Mass at 6pm on Thursday 4th June followed by exposition through the Thursday night, all day Friday and then Friday night and all through Saturday morning. It will end with Mass at 12noon on Saturday 6th June. All welcome.

NEXT WEEKEND

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.

Walsingham Pilgrimage 2026. The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London. First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. Saturday 6th June 10:30am to 4:30pm. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

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>

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.

COMPETITION

The Common Home Group are organising a **Children's Competition** for children in Years 4, 5 and 6. Could you compose a prayer, write a poem or draw a picture with a message to "Reduce Food Waste". Hand in your entry to Anna McMullan by the closing date of 10th July. Winners will be announced at 10.30 am Mass on Sunday 12th July.

OTHER

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. 17th to 24th July, registration is open. Please see <https://pilgrimages.rcdow.org.uk/>

Climate Change. Dugdale Centre, Enfield Town. Saturday 13th June 2pm, there will be a screening of a 45min film about climate change; it says we are not taking it seriously enough and calls for more urgent action.

Watch a short trailer at <https://youtu.be/qtLUnWHkGG4?feature=shared>

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.

Annual Mass for Matrimony 2026. Celebrated last weekend at Westminster Cathedral with Archbishop Richard Moth. 480 couples from 122 parishes and all the deaneries attended. Six couples from St Monica's attended the service. There were 50 couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversaries, and 14 who were marking both 60 years and beyond. Below is a short reflection inspired by this gathering, which includes a link to the photos taken on the day. <https://rcdow.org.uk/news/paths-of-grace-the-pilgrimage-of-marriage/>

SCHOOLS

St Ignatius College Alumni. Welcome all old Ignatians to join them for a barbecue at the College on 26th June, 6-9pm, £15. This will be one of the final opportunities to visit the current school building before it is rebuilt later in the year. See poster in porch.

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](https://www.stmichaelsgrammar.org.uk/st-michaels-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: **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/>.

CHARITY

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.

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

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.

OTHER

Walk of Creation - Saturday 27th June - 11 am .The Walking Group will lead the Walk at Grovelands Park. Meet by the Cafe (nearest entrance Broad Walk). Do join us. See poster in porch.

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/zsfq2j8>**. 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>

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.

Musical Pilgrimage on the Augustine Camino, June 8th-14th 2026. This exciting event is organised and led by Andrew Kelly, founder of the Augustine Camino, and Eddie Gilmore. Setting off from Rochester Cathedral, we will walk about 10 miles a day through the beautiful Kent countryside to Canterbury, then onto the shrine of St Augustine in Ramsgate. Each evening, Eddie will perform a little concert in a pub on route. Contact Eddie for more details: gileag@gmail.com www.augustinecamino.co.uk www.eddiegilmore.org