

**FROM THE DIARY**

<b>SUNDAY 21st June</b> <b>TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	6pm Sat	<i>William McCarthy (Ann)</i>
	7.45am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	9am	<i>Rusard Fernandes (Ann)</i>
	10.30am	<i>Lodovico &amp; Adelaidina Littardi (RIP)</i>
	12noon	<i>Geoff Brady (Ann)</i>
	6.00pm	Reception of the body of Judy Linnane (RIP)
<b>Monday 22nd June</b> <b>Saints John Fisher &amp; Thomas More</b>	9.30am	<i>Patricia Mendonsa (Int)</i>
	11.30am	<b>Funeral of Judy Linnane RIP</b>
	7.30pm	Bible Course (4) (Large Hall)
<b>Tuesday 23rd June</b> <b>Feria</b>	9.30am	<i>Helen Westbury (RIP)</i>
	11.30am	<b>Funeral of Patrick Gallagher RIP</b>
<b>Wednesday 24th June</b> <b>Saint John the Baptist</b>	9.30am	<i>Imelda &amp; Vittorio Colletta (Ann)</i>
	11.00am	<b>Funeral of David Pearman RIP</b>
<b>Thursday 25th June</b> <b>Feria</b>	9.30am	<i>Klaus Nowotny (RIP)</i>
	11.30am	<b>Funeral of Kieran Fitzsimons RIP</b>
	3.10pm	Legion of Mary (Newman Room)
<b>Friday 26th June</b> <b>Feria</b>	9.30am	<i>Teresa Joyce (RIP)</i>
<b>Saturday 27th June</b> <b>Saint John Southworth, Priest &amp; Martyr (Diocesan)</b>	9.30am	<i>Joseph Tran (RIP)</i>
	11.00am	Church Tour (Saturday Catechism)
<b>SUNDAY 28th June</b> <b>SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES</b>	6pm Sat	<i>Frances Mary Cosgrave (RIP)</i>
	7.45am	<i>Eileen Cronin &amp; Michael Harrington (Ann)</i>
	9am	<i>Regina &amp; Stanislaw Krzeczowski (RIP)</i>
	10.30am*	<i>June Sharon Healy (Ann)</i>
	12noon	<i>Agostina D'Agostino &amp; Enzo Pradelli (Ann)</i>
<i>Young Adults (18-35) "Live Life to the Full" after 10.30am Mass (Small Hall)</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

<b>Readings</b>	<b>TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	21st June,
<i>Parish Mass Bk Pg. 93</i>	'DO NOT FEAR THOSE WHO KILL THE BODY.'	2026

We read today's Gospel in the context of last week's Gospel in which Jesus sent the twelve disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. In between last week's reading and today's reading, Jesus has predicted that the disciples will face difficulties in their mission. Many people will not receive them well, even within the land of Israel. Even family members will turn away from the disciples because of the disciples' commitment to Jesus and the kingdom. Today's Gospel offers the disciples consolation against this difficult truth.

This section of Matthew's Gospel should be read in the context of Matthew's intended audience, a Jewish-Christian community. The Gospel alludes to the dangers and persecutions that this community has most likely already faced and will continue to face. To reassure this community, Matthew recalls for them the encouraging words of Jesus that we read today.

In this Gospel passage, Jesus might be understood as putting suffering in perspective. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to keep their focus on God.

Those who can harm the body do not have ultimate power; God does. Still persecution and suffering can not be avoided or prevented. But Jesus reassures his disciples that God knows and cares about what happens to his children.

We might not face the same type of persecution, but we do experience difficulties as we endeavor to live a Christian life. Sometimes we let the opinions of others prevent us from doing what we know to be right. We need the reminder that what God thinks about us is more important. We are reassured by the promise that God cares for us and protects us. *Loyola Press*

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## PARISH NOTICES

**We pray for all those who have died recently:** Fr Peter John Dwyer, Beatrice Grimes, Eileen Thomas, Dante Sidoli, Christina Joseph, Patrick Gallagher, Kieran Fitzsimons, Judy Linnane, David Pearman, George Williams and **those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Peter Burrows, Peter Falco, Bernadette Tomkinson, William McCarthy, Brian Ellis, Mary Veerasingam, Fermo Alberici, Geraldine Minoli, Calogero Ferraro, Mary Bagulay Sharon Healy, Catherine O'Donnell and Cesarino Spagnoli. **We also pray for all our sick and housebound parishioners especially:** Sylvia, 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

Jer 20: 10-13, Rom 5: 12-15,  
Matt 10: 26-33

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16a, Rom 6: 3-4, 8-11,  
Matt 10: 37-42

### TODAY

**Happy Father's day** - we pray and bless all our fathers who are vessels of love from our one Father in Heaven.

The **retiring collection** today is for **Day for Life**. This is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year. The theme is "The Wonder of the Child in the Womb". Announced by Archbishop John Sherrington, the initiative focuses on recognizing the humanity of unborn children and extending compassion to bereaved parents who experience pregnancy loss.

**Welcome Gathering.** Last Sunday we were delighted to have twelve families who celebrated baptism plus new parishioners to the parish come to the gathering. It was a wonderful afternoon getting to know each other. The next gathering will be in September for new parishioners and Baptism families.

**Refreshments** in the Newman Room after 9am & 10.30am Masses provided by the Catenians for the Food Bank. Thank you for your support.

### SACRAMENTS

**Congratulations** to Charlie who was Baptised and Confirmed; Ana Christina, Emily and Katie who were Confirmed last weekend.

### APPLICATIONS FOR THE SACRAMENTS

For parishioners registered and attending St Monica's Church, come and meet Fr Mehall on Monday 22nd, 29th June or 6th July in the Newman Room. Booking links are below or scan the QR Code in the church porch.

**Children not at Catholic Primary School\*** and currently in year 1 or above are to register for Saturday Catechism.

**First Holy Communion in 2027\*** for children at a Catholic Primary School currently in year 2 or above, or who have completed the Saturday Catechism course this year.

\*Book between 5-7pm using [First Holy Communion / Catechism applications : appointment with Fr Mehall – Fill in form](#)

**Confirmation in 2027** Young people currently in Year 9 or above to come and meet Fr Mehall (groups of 5 max.). Book between 7.30-8.30pm using [Confirmation applications : appointment with Fr Mehall – Fill in form](#).

**Closing Date for both is 6<sup>th</sup> July.**

**Baptism Preparation Course:** Our next course is in July. Please speak to one of the priests if you are seeking baptism for your child.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Bible Course Session 4.** Monday 22nd June at 7.30pm to 9pm facilitated by Fr Sean in the large hall.

**Church Cleaning** will take place on Friday 26th June after the Rosary. Thank you to all who help each week.

## NEXT WEEKEND

**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.

**Walk of Creation:** Saturday 27th June at 11am. **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.

There will be a **retiring collection** next weekend for Peter's Pence.

**Young Adults (18-35) meeting up after the Sunday 10.30am Mass** (Small Hall). 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.

## COMPETITION

**Competition Time!** 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

We have recently gone live with a new website. We would welcome your comments and if you have any difficulties please let us know.

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

**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.

## SCHOOLS

**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.

**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 Monica's School Fete.** The Friends of St Monica's School invite everyone to their Summer Fete on Saturday 4th July 12-4pm.

## VACANCIES

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

## FINANCE

75% of weekly offerings are now by standing order. **January to March 2026 quarterly income/expenditure summary** is 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 for your generosity. 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](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or emailing: [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk)

**MARRIAGE HELP** - Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://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/](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk/)

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

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## 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

**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](mailto:palmersgreen@rcdow.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>

**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](mailto: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.

**Musicians Summer Conference. 'One heart, one voice'.** National Network of Pastoral Musicians Conference 24th-26<sup>th</sup> July. Highgate House Northamptonshire NN6 8NN. For more information from: [jburrige@me.com](mailto:jburrige@me.com). To book please see link: <https://nnpm.org/NNPM-%28current%29/2026-Conference.html>

**N14 Tutoring Services.** Retired headteacher and former class teacher with thirty years' experience. Having worked in primary schools across Enfield, Barnet, Haringey and Hertfordshire mainly across Key Stage 2. I have also successfully prepared children for KS 2 SATS and 11+ Entrance Exam and hold an enhanced DBS certificate. Please make an enquiry by contacting Charlie via email at: [charlie@n14tutoring.co.uk](mailto:charlie@n14tutoring.co.uk) or visit the website at [www.n14tutoringservices.co.uk](http://www.n14tutoringservices.co.uk). Please also see poster in porch. *(authenticity and clarification rest with those who engage these services, not the responsibility of St Monica's parish)*

## SCHOOLS

**St Monica's Catholic Primary School** is in the unusual position of having one or two spaces in Reception and Year 4. If you think you may be interested in visiting the school with a view to applying for a place, please contact the school office.

**St Columba's College Prep and Senior School** Open Morning on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. A wonderful opportunity to have a full tour of the school by current students and to hear from the Leadership Team. Please register using the following link: [Visit Us | St Columba's Independent Co-Educational Catholic Day School](#)

**St Monica's 6th Palmers Green Guides and Brownies.** Brownies are girls between the ages of 7 and 10 years old. **Meet:** St Monica's Scout/Guide HQ, Cannon Road N14 7HE. Wednesdays 6.30pm till 8pm term time only. There is a waiting list so it is important to register your daughter as early as possible. Please register at <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child> and ensure you select 6th Palmers Green Brownies. Once registered a leader will be in contact with you.

**Piano and Violin Tutor.** Open to all ages and abilities. Message 07583574818 or via email [oliveraston1@gmail.com](mailto:oliveraston1@gmail.com) to start/continue your musical journey!