

**FROM THE DIARY**

<b>SUNDAY 28th June</b> <b>SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES</b>	<b>6pm Sat</b>	<i>Frances Mary Cosgrave (RIP)</i>
	<b>7.45am</b>	<i>Eileen Cronin &amp; Michael Harrington (Ann)</i>
	<b>9am</b>	<i>Regina &amp; Stanislaw Krzeczowski (RIP)</i>
	<b>10.30am</b>	<i>Sharon Healy (Ann)</i>
	<b>12noon</b>	<i>Agostino D'Agostino &amp; Enzo Pradelli (Ann)</i>
<b>Monday 29th June</b> <b>Feria</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<i>Michael Dalton Thomson (Ann)</i> <i>Wilfred Thomson (Ann)</i>
	<b>10.20am</b>	Tour of the Church RY St Monica's School
	<b>7.30pm</b>	Bible Course (5) (Large Hall)
<b>Tuesday 30th June</b> <b>Feria</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<i>Maria Nhau (RIP)</i>
	<b>10.20am</b>	Tour of the Church RG St Monica's School
<b>Wednesday 1st July</b> <b>THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<i>Danny O'Dwyer (RIP)</i> <i>(Year 3 St Monica's School attending Mass)</i>
	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Funeral of George Williams RIP</b>
<b>Thursday 2nd July</b> <b>Feria</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<i>Jim McGlade (RIP)</i>
	<b>3.10pm</b>	Legion of Mary (Newman Room)
	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Reception into Church Beatrice Grimes RIP</b>
<b>Friday 3rd July</b> <b>SAINT THOMAS, Apostle</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<i>Holy Souls</i>
	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Funeral of Beatrice Grimes RIP</b>
<b>Saturday 4th July</b> <b>Feria</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<i>David Pearman (RIP)</i>
	<b>11.30am</b>	Baptism of Francis, Luca, Giorgio & Gabriela
	<b>1.30pm</b>	Baptism of Ciaran, Godwin, Wivina, Elsie & Orrin
<b>SUNDAY 5th July</b> <b>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>6pm Sat</b>	<i>Ranee &amp; George Canjemanaden (Ann)</i>
	<b>7.45am</b>	<i>Nellie Harrington &amp; Eileen Cronin (Ann)</i>
	<b>9am</b>	<i>Maria &amp; Lido Zuccolini (RIP)</i>
	<b>10.30am</b>	<i>Pat Lynch &amp; Family Members (Ann)</i>
	<b>12noon</b>	<i>Padraic Campbell (Ann)</i>
	<b>3-5pm</b>	Baptism Preparation Course (Newman Room)

**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>SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES</b>	28th June,
<i>Parish Mass Bk</i>	'WHOEVER DOES NOT TAKE HIS CROSS IS NOT WORTHY OF ME.	2026
<i>Pg. 96</i>	WHOEVER RECEIVES YOU RECEIVES ME.'	

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the instructions and consolations that we have heard Jesus offering to his disciples during the past few weeks. In this passage, Jesus summarizes both the costs of discipleship and its rewards. Once again our understanding of the Gospel is strengthened by considering the context in which it was written and the perspective of Matthew's audience.

The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew's Gospel may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth—choosing anything with one's whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective. For many in Matthew's community, this choice brought division to their family.

Matthew also outlines the reward of hospitality offered to Jesus' followers. In today's Gospel, Jesus explains the difficulties of discipleship, yet reveals that those who welcome the disciples have also welcomed him.

Today's Gospel also highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus' name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God's love.

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## PARISH NOTICES

**We pray for all those who have died recently:** Lucy Kelly, Dr Raphael Irechukwu, John Fergus, Caterina Tossut, Fr Peter John Dwyer, Beatrice Grimes, Eileen Thomas, Christina Joseph, George Williams and **those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Mary Bagulay Sharon Healy, Catherine O'Donnell, Cesarino Spagnoli, John Murtagh, Paolino Inzalaco, Ciro Albano, Eithne Roche, Annunziata Cuomo, Oreste Ranaldi, Christina Ryan, Bridget (Agnes) Fitzsimons and Padraic Campbell. **We also pray for all our sick and housebound parishioners especially:** Theresa O'Rielly, Sylvia, Richard Pople, 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

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

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Zech 9: 9-10, Rom 8: 9, 11-13,  
Matt 11: 25-30

### TODAY

**Prayer for Father Sean.** Today we give You thanks for the gift of Father Sean who celebrates his first anniversary of ordination. We praise You for calling him to serve Your Church, to proclaim Your Word, and to bring Your people closer to You through the sacraments.

Lord, we ask that You continue to strengthen him in faith, hope, and love. May his heart remain on fire with zeal for Your Gospel, his hands always ready to serve, and his words filled with truth and compassion.

Bless him with wisdom in his decisions, courage in his challenges, and joy in his ministry. Surround him with supportive friends, a loving community, and the constant guidance of the Holy Spirit.

May he always find rest in Your presence, renewal in prayer, and inspiration in the example of Christ, the Good Shepherd. And as he continues his journey, may his life be a living testimony of Your grace and mercy.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Our retiring collection is for **Peter's Pence**. As part of the annual Peter's Pence collection, Catholics around the world are invited to support the Pope's universal mission of peace, hope, and charity by expressing our love and trust for the Successor of Peter through a donation, even a small offering. Thank you.

**Refreshments** in the Newman Room after 9am & 10.30am Masses provided by the Knights of St Columba. Thank you for your support.

**CAFOD Emergency Appeal.** Two devastating earthquakes have struck northern Venezuela. Our local partner, Caritas Venezuela, is ready to help the survivors of this crisis with emergency water, food and shelter. If you would like to donate please see the CAFOD website <https://www.cafod.org.uk>. Thank you for your support.

**APPLICATIONS FOR THE SACRAMENTS** For parishioners registered and attending St Monica's Church, come and meet Fr Mehall on Monday 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.**

### THANK YOU

On behalf of the Linnane family, thank you to the parish community of St Monica's for your love and support following the passing of our mum, Judy. Your prayers, Mass cards and presence at her funeral meant so much to us. They reminded us what it means to belong to a parish family, and reflected the faith Mum valued throughout her life. Thank you to Canon Mehall Lowry for leading her funeral Mass with such care, and to everyone who prayed with us, in person or in spirit. We are blessed to belong to such a strong and supportive community. With heartfelt thanks, The Linnane Family.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

**Bible Course Session 5.** Monday 29th June at 7.30pm to 9pm facilitated by Fr Sean in the large hall.

**Mass Bookings for August,** can be made from **10am on Wednesday 1st July** either in person, at the parish office, or by email/telephone.

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

### NEXT WEEKEND

**Baptism Preparation Course:** Sunday 5th July, 3-5pm in the Newman Room. Please speak to one of the priests if you are seeking baptism for your child.

## 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

**Diocese of Westminster, Agency for Evangelisation. Continuing the Journey.** Supporting new adult Catholics along the way. They have a series of events coming up over the next few months. For more information please contact the Agency of Evangelisation. Email: [catadmin@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:catadmin@rcdow.org.uk). Tel: 0207 798 9152 or click the QR Code on the leaflet in the porch.

**New Website.** 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. **Prayer Petitions** will be taken by Anna to the Grotto during the Diocesan pilgrimage. Post your petitions into the office by 14th July. Please do NOT include any money.

## 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.



## 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](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/>

## 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)

## SCHOOLS

**St Michael's Catholic Grammar School:** Vacancy for Administrative Assistant [applications@st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk](mailto:applications@st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk). Closing date Monday 6th July 9am.

## VACANCIES

Diocese Vacancies, for further details, please visit <https://jobs.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](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.