

FROM THE DIARY

<b>SUNDAY 7th June</b> <b>THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)</b>	6pm Sat 7.45am 9am 10.30am 12noon	<i>Thomas Moynihan (Ann)</i> <i>Emilliana Galvez (Ann)</i> <i>Ellen Winters (Ann)</i> <i>Joanna Bernasinska (Ann)</i> <i>Kevin &amp; Margaret Coughlan (RIP)</i> With First Holy Communion Thanksgiving
<b>Monday 8th June</b> <b>Feria</b>	9.30am 7.30pm	<i>Bill &amp; Joan Stripp (RIP)</i> Bible Course (2) (Large Hall)
<b>Tuesday 9th June</b> <b>Feria</b>	9.30am 9.30am-2.30pm	<i>Teresa Magee (Ann)</i> St Monica's School 4Y Retreat Day (Large Hall)
<b>Wednesday 10th June</b> <b>Feria</b>	9.30am 9.30am-2.30pm	<i>Mary O'Farrell (RIP)</i> St Monica's School 4G Retreat Day(Large Hall)
<b>Thursday 11th June</b> <b>Saint Barnabas, Apostle</b>	9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm 3.10pm	<i>Giovanni Di Gesu (Ann)</i> <b>Funeral of Noeleen Fitzgerald (RIP)</b> <b>Funeral of Mario Croci (RIP)</b> Legion of Mary (Newman Room)
<b>Friday 12th June</b> <b>THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS</b>	9.30am	<i>Patsy Donovan (Int)</i>
<b>Saturday 13th June</b> <b>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</b>	9.30am 12noon	<i>Bennie Walsh (RIP)</i> Baptism & Confirmations
<b>SUNDAY 14th June</b> <b>ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	6pm Sat 7.45am 9am 10.30am 12noon 3.00pm	<i>Bridget McCrarren (RIP)</i> <i>Luke, Amy &amp; Roisin (RIP)</i> <i>Phillip Leonard Cavallini (Ann)</i> <i>Brian Loughrey (Ann)</i> <i>Nadeesha Jude Jayawardena (Ann)</i> Welcome Gathering for New Parishioners (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> <i>Parish Mass Bk</i> <i>Pg. 83</i>	<b>FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY BODY &amp; BLOOD OF CHRIST</b>	7th June, 2026
'MY FLESH IS TRUE FOOD, AND MY BLOOD IS TRUE DRINK.'		

This Sunday we celebrate a second solemnity during this period of Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This day was once called *Corpus Christi*, which is Latin for "Body of Christ." In the revised Lectionary the name for this day is expanded to reflect more completely our Eucharistic theology.

Today's Gospel is taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading is part of a discourse between Jesus and a crowd of Jews. The discourse comes shortly after the miracle of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and fishes. In John's Gospel, miracles such as this are identified as "signs" through which people come to believe that Jesus is the Son of God. These signs are followed by dialogue, or discourse that interprets and explains the miracle. In John's Gospel, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves is said to have occurred near Passover, thus linking it to the Exodus story and God's saving action toward the Israelites.

Having seen Jesus multiply the loaves and fishes, the crowd pursues him, perhaps seeking more food but also looking for another sign. Jesus tells the crowd that he is the bread of life. He explains that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. It is in this context that Jesus repeats those words in today's Gospel and tells them again that he is the living bread that came down from heaven.

Jesus' words are not well understood by the crowd; they argue that Jesus is not from heaven but born of Mary and Joseph. The crowd also has trouble understanding how Jesus could give them his flesh to eat. Jesus tells them that when they eat his flesh and drink his blood, they will remain forever connected to him. These are difficult words, but they are important because they seek to show us our intimate connection with Jesus.

This is the mystery that is at the heart of our Eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus' Body and Blood are truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's Body 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:** Pauline Challender, Mario Croci, Dante Sidoli, Christina Joseph, Patrick Gallagher, Kieran Fitzsimons, Judy Linnane, David Pearman, George Williams, Maureen Dundon, Noeleen Fitzgerald and **those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Alex Flannagan, Carmel Charleston, Patrick Lyne, Ruzard Fernandes, Teresa Magee, Ellen Browne, Geoff Hook, Anne Skakalski, Eileen Witcombe, Liliana Gozzani, Elizabeth O'Donnell and Victor Suspiro. **We also pray for all our sick and housebound parishioners especially:** 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

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

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Deu 7: 6-11, 1 John 4: 7-16,  
Matt 11: 25-30

### TODAY

**Corpus Christi Procession and First Holy Communion Thanksgiving Mass.** After the 12noon Mass today we will have a Eucharistic procession led by our First Holy 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.

**Refreshments** in the Newman Room after the gam and 10.30am Masses. All welcome.

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

### SACRAMENTS

**Congratulations** to Leandro, Rafael and Harper who were baptised yesterday. We welcome them into God's church and our parish community.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

**Bible Course Session 2.** Monday 8th June at 7.30pm to 9pm facilitated by Fr Sean in the large hall.

### NEXT WEEKEND

#### Welcome Gathering for New Parishioners.

Sunday 14th June at 3pm in the Newman Room. If you have joined the parish within the last six months we would like to invite you and your family to this gathering so we can meet you and share some hospitality. We hope you can join us in the Newman Room with the rest of the parish team. Please email the parish office and complete one our yellow Census cards.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**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

**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.

### PARISH GROUPS

**St Monica Walking Group.** Regent's Park Rose Garden Walk. Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June. **Meet:** 10:30 Wood Green Underground. A walk through Regent's Park to visit Avenue Gardens, St John's Lodge Garden, Queen Mary's rose garden (famous for 85 single variety rose beds) where we stop for lunch at the café. Then on to visit the new Queen Elizabeth garden, built to commemorate our late Queen Elizabeth 11. The walk is approximately 4 miles.

**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.

### OTHER

**More Human:** Pope Leo has just published a new encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas*. It speaks about what it means to be human in our time, especially with in the age of AI. Join us for these 3 short workshops to introduce and explore aspects of this timely document with input, as well as reflection and prayer. In St Aloysius Parish Hall, Phoenix Rd, London NW1 1TA, Mondays 13 Jul, 21 Sep, 23 Nov, 7.30-8.45pm. All Welcome! Register to attend on <https://tinyurl.com/MoreHuman26>. These workshops will also be online, email [info@fcjecojustice.co.uk](mailto:info@fcjecojustice.co.uk) for more information and see poster in the porch.

**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/gtLUnWHkGG4?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.

### 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](https://www.stmichaelsadmissions.com/). 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/>.

**St. Michael's Catholic Grammar School.** Vacancy for Teacher of Economics. More information on the school website. Applications email to: [applications@st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk](mailto:applications@st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk). Closing date: Monday 22nd June. See porch for more details.

### 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

**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](mailto:palmersgreen@rcdow.org.uk)

## 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 6:30pm** Register here - <https://tinyurl.com/zsfqj8>. Alternatively, contact Rachel Bonnet at 020 7798 908, or [RBonnet@choirschool.com](mailto: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>

**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: [jburridge@me.com](mailto:jburridge@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 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.